



**Artefest Altar Contest
Día de los Muertos Celebration
November 1 and 2, 2014**



Dear Potential Participant,

Thank you so much for your consideration in participating in Artefest's first annual altar contest! We are expecting quite the crowd at Artefest this year and are excited that Flaco Jimenez will be headlining the festivities. By participating in the altar contest, you will be highlighting those we've lost and supporting the deep and sacred traditions of Dia de los Muertos. Other participants include: Teatro de Artes de Juan Seguin, TLU's Visual Arts Department, Davila's BBQ, Theatre For Change, and many more!

DETAILS:

To enter the contest is free, as are all of the events at Artefest. Our goal is to connect with the community regardless of income status.

Altar installation may begin as early as 8am on Saturday, November 1st at 8am and go through 3pm. All altars must be ready no later than 4pm on Saturday November 1st and must remain through the show on Sunday, November 2nd. Prizes for the altars will be judged by a panel of three judges. 1st place winners will receive \$100, 2nd place winner will receive \$50, and 3rd place will receive \$25. All altars will be blessed on Saturday, November 1st following the procession at 6:30pm.

INFORMATION:

In order to best organize the event, we will need confirmation by **Monday, October 6th** and the following information:

Name of main contact person(s) _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Are you planning to develop a special theme for your altar? _____

Who will be the people honored in your altar? _____

We kindly ask:

- use vibrant colors
- bring items related to the person being remembered
- bring a framed color photocopy of the person's picture
- do not use black for any of the decorations
- do not bring irreplaceable objects
- do not use open flame candles (electric candles are both encouraged and recommended)

For food items to be placed on the altar, you can bring your own or buy some traditional foods that will be available at the event prepared and sold by Davila's BBQ. In any case, we encourage you to tightly cover all containers with wrapping plastic. The marigold flowers and special bread for this occasion can also be purchased in advance from Davila's BBQ.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday:

Altar set up: no earlier than 8:00AM and no later than 3:00PM

Altar partial removal: 9:30PM – 10:00 PM

Do not leave any valuable items overnight. Organizers of the event will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items!

Sunday:

Altar set up: no earlier than 8:00AM and no later than 1:00PM

Altar removal: 5:00 PM

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:

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Best Regards,
Artefest Organizers
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