



# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

ALTAR CONTEST 2023

## CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

Mesa Arts Center invites families, artists, and community organizations to submit altar proposals for competition at our annual Día de los Muertos Festival!

**OCTOBER 21-22, 2023 | 10 AM - 5 PM**

This invitation is open to the general public until Friday, September 22, 2023 at 5 PM. Maximum of 20 altar applications will be accepted.

1. The contest is limited to one altar per family, artist or organization.
2. Proposals should indicate how the theme of death will be represented in their altar design. Participants will; decorate altars, include a brief description for publication on the theme, what or who the altar represents, and names of all participants in creating the altar.
  - The following materials are not permitted in the contest: **burning candles, sound/ amplification, unwrapped foods or open drinks/containers. Nails, staples, thumb tacks and tape are not allowed on walls.**
  - Altars should measure a maximum of 8 ft long by 2½ ft wide and should have no more than three levels or “steps” (from table top). An 8 ft table and black table cloth will be provided. *Please be mindful of assigned space limits and boundaries.*
3. **All set-up will take place on Thursday, October 19 beginning at 10 AM and must be completed by 8 PM.** Spaces are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. **All tear-down will take place on Monday, October 23 between 9 AM and 5 PM.**
4. Altars will be displayed at: **Mesa Arts Center - Farnsworth Studio Theater One E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85201**
5. The costs of materials, transportation, set up and removal are the responsibility of participants.
6. The judges will consider the following criteria:
  - Traditional Approach or Contemporary Approach
  - Written dedication and meaning
  - Creativity and artistic design
7. The altar reception and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 21 at 8:30 AM in the Piper Theater.

## AWARDS

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES INCLUDE  
A SELECTION OF MESA ARTS CENTER GIFT CERTIFICATES.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

ADDITIONAL SURPRISE PRIZES!

**MESAARTSCENTER.COM/DIADELOSMUERTOS**

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 [HERE](#)

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL ONLINE INCLUDING:  
YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL,  
ALTAR TITLE AND BRIEF SUMMARY

PRESENTED BY:

**MESA ARTS CENTER**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL OF MÉXICO  
IN PHOENIX**