

October 15 -

November 9

Candlelight

Procession:

November 2

7 - 9 pm

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a woman's  
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# ExVotos y Ofrendas

## Exhibition for Dia de los Muertos: a woman's point of view

### Participating Artists

Cheyenne Garcia

Terry A. Ybanez

Cristina Corrada

Yreina Cervantez

Cristinia Emmanuel

Lissa Jones/Curtis Fukuda

Deborah Semel

Carol Molly Prier

Erin Goodwin-Guerrero

Cristina Fernandez

Esperanza Martinez

Yolanda Lopez

*Eva Garcia Memorial Altar*

Holly Barnett-Sanchez

Amalia Mesa-Bains

Kate Connell

Ester Hernandez

Linda Vallejo

Karen Nunez

Margret Garcia

Friends & Galeria Staff

Mia Gonzalez

*Bryant Street Billboard Mural*

Miranda Bergman

Nancy Hom

Irene Perez

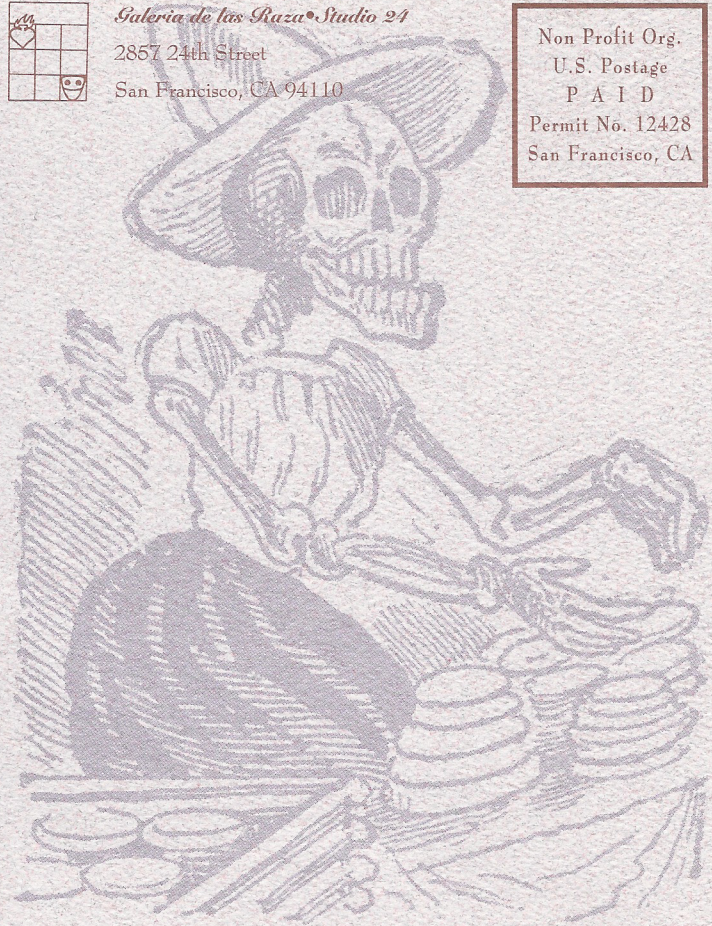


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*Día de los Muertos* is traditionally celebrated in all parts of the republic of Mexico on the eve of All Saints Day, the second of November. It is on this occasion when most catholics, and particularly the indigenous populations, remember the souls of the dearly departed by preparing "ofrendas", offerings of food. In most cases it's the women of the family of "los muertos" who take a leading role in preparing the favorite dishes of those who have died, buying the fruits and flowers of the season and artistically arranging them on tables or altars. Pictures of saints and candles are also often included amongst personal artifacts or photographs of the departed souls.

In some communities, especially in the states of Michoacan and Oaxaca, women and children even to the present day take baskets of food or other offerings to the cemeteries on the eve of all saints day, there they decorate the graves with candles and the yellow flower of the dead (*zempaxuchitl* in native nahuatl) and await in vigil amidst the flickering candle lights, in the belief that the spirits of the dead will come and feast on the offerings of the living.

This year's *Día de los Muertos* exhibition focuses on *exvotos* (votive offerings) and *ofrendas*, and the importance of this custom in the spiritual and cultural life of the community.

Because women play a major role in the manifestation of this tradition the exhibition gives prominence to *the woman's point of view*.

*Guillermo Palido, guest curator*

## *Other activities:*

**Sugar Skull Candy Maker**    *October 15-10, 22, 23*    *1-5pm*  
*Miguel Angel Quintana*, guest artist from Puebla, Mexico demonstrates the art of sugar skull making and decorating. A sampling of his candy art will be available for sale in Studio 24 store. Special thanks to Henry and Rosa of Tzintzuntzan for sponsoring Mr. Quintana visit to the U.S.

**Children's Theater:**    *October 25*    *7:00pm*  
"Colores de las Americas", Bryant School's student production for Day of the Dead. Opening night premier is a benefit fundraiser for the Mission Arts Consortium. For further information call the Mission Cultural Center Theater.    *415/821-1155*    *\$10 adults & \$3 children*

**Candlelight Procession:**    *November 2*    *7-9pm*  
The annual *Día de los Muertos Candlelight Procession* begins at the Mission Cultural Center on Mission and 25th Street and proceeds through 24th Street to La Galeria de la Raza on Bryant.

**Docent Tours of Galeria Exhibit:**  
Guided tours of the Galeria exhibit for schoolchildren and other groups can be scheduled by calling 415/826-8009.    *Fee: \$10 per group*

**Studio 24:**  
Visit the Galeria gift shop and find a wide variety of Day of the Dead folk art, books, and other objects from Mexico for your own home altar.