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Arts Commons and Casa Mexico Celebrate Día de Muertos – Day of the Dead with Colour, Music, and Culture

A lineup of free events includes live performances, family friendly activities, altars, face painting, food, and vendors in the Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby.

October 12, 2023 - CALGARY – In a partnership that celebrates Mexican heritage, Arts Commons and Casa Mexico co-present Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead Festival 2023. A joyful holiday that brings family and friends together to remember those we’ve lost, Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead Festival 2023 is a free event taking place in the **Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby** on **Sunday, November 5**. Learn more at artscommons.ca/ddm.

Flowers, face painting, music, and food, Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead Festival allows Calgarians to experience Mexican culture in a free afternoon hosted by Arts Commons and Casa Mexico. Local musicians, storytellers, and performers bring Mexican culture alive in an accessible way for adults and children of all ages. Traditional Bread of the Dead and hot chocolate will be served, and vendors will be on-site to sell locally-made food and art. Music performances include acclaimed singer-songwriter [Paloma](#), [Mariachi Sol Azteca](#) accompanied by youth performers from [Viva la Danza](#), and Latin singer Gisela Romero as well as a Catrinas Catwalk, showing off the stunning face paint and elaborate costumes of Calgary’s best Catrinas. For families, there will be crafts, face painting, and family friendly programming.

“Día de Muertos is a celebration of great significance due to the beautiful and meaningful cultural universality immersed in the diverse components presented to honour those who are not physically with us anymore,” says Miguel Cortines, President of Casa Mexico Foundation. *“Casa México is proud to continue the partnership with Arts Commons, and thankful for the support of Calgary Arts Development, the City of Calgary, and our amazing artistic community that make it possible to present this universal Mexican tradition to all Calgarians.”*

Arts Commons and Casa Mexico have been collaborating since 2017, elevating events such as Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead Festival to share vibrant cultural events with Calgarians. Casa Mexico focuses on creating space for artistic expression within the Calgary community and since their first year working with Arts Commons, their Día de Muertos, Day of the Dead Festival has grown exponentially in scope and attendance.

“We are thrilled to be supporting Casa Mexico in bringing this event back for another year in the Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby,” says Josh Dalledonne, Associate Director of Social Impact. *“It’s a powerful demonstration of how the arts come to life in how we celebrate – from the professional musicians and storytellers right here in Calgary to the creativity we foster in our own families. I encourage all Calgarians to come down and experience the incredible festivities.”*

Arts Commons and Casa Mexico invite you to book your free ticket today and be entered to win an exclusive Día de Muertos prize package. By RSVPing, you will also receive performer announcements and know-before-you-go details. Tickets are not required for entry to the event.

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What: Arts Commons and Casa Mexico Present
When: Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby, Arts Commons
Tickets: RSVP online for your chance to win! Or visit artscommons.ca/ddm for more information.

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Arts Commons is the steward of Western Canada’s largest arts centre, and the artistic and civic cornerstone of Calgary’s downtown core. For over 35 years, it has been a key contributor to the social, economic, cultural, and intellectual life and well-being of Calgarians. It is home to six resident companies, including Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit, and Theatre Calgary. It houses six gallery spaces, five theatres, and the Jack Singer Concert Hall, and promotes local, national, international, emerging and established artists with a focus on championing inclusion and reconciliation, ensuring the arts’ rightful place at the centre of civic life. In 2024, Arts Commons will be breaking ground on the Arts Commons Transformation project, the single largest cultural infrastructure in Canadian history.

Casa Mexico’s programs and activities are designed to showcase the best aspects of Mexico. Through the year, Casa Mexico works diligently to present Canadian and international audiences meaningful and high calibre events and programs with Mexican related themes. Casa Mexico creates spaces to provide support and opportunities for our artistic, creative, and entrepreneurial community to showcase their talents and skills to broader audiences.

Casa Mexico strongly believes that “the whole is greater than the sum of the parts”. Therefore, the result of our programs and activities is a unique mosaic that is created by putting together the sum of the talents and contributions of our creators, entrepreneurs, performers, artists, technicians, administrators, marketers, community partners, directors, volunteers, staff, and other professionals that contribute their expertise to make Casa Mexico our home.