

ASU Museum of Anthropology

in collaboration with **CALACA** Latino Cultural Arts Collective

Ancient Ofrenda

Elements of an Altar

9th Annual Día de los Muertos Festival Exhibit

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Participants accepted until September 30, 2007

Artwork installed October 13 - 24, 2008

2008 Guidelines

For the past nine years, the ASU Museum of Anthropology has hosted an annual ***Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival Exhibit***. Traditionally, the museum has featured a gallery filled with individual altars. This year, the gallery will be transformed into **one altar** through individual works of art. Each piece of art in the exhibit will represent one of the many offerings that compose a traditional altar. Emphasis will be placed on the **four elements** (earth, wind, water and fire) found on traditional altars that tie this celebration to its Aztecan roots.

We ask for artists and community members to create works of art that embody one offering of the traditional altar. Offerings include but are not limited to: representations of **water, fire, earth** (stones, plants), **wind** (movement, papel picado), calaveras (skeletons, calacas, sugar skulls), traditional foods (chocolate, corn, chilis, squash, pan de muerto), flowers, butterflies, alcohol (tequila, mescal, tesgüino), tobacco, incense and the four directions. Though the subjects are ancient, we encourage artists to work in a variety of traditional and contemporary media. Artists are welcomed and encouraged to incorporate personal and symbolic imagery into their work. Anyone may submit a digital photograph honoring the dead that will be projected in a slide show in the gallery.

The altars will be on display at the **Museum of Anthropology** located on the ASU Tempe campus from **October 27, 2008 through January 23, 2009**. An opening celebration will be held on **October 30**, and will include music and food.

Help us celebrate ***Día de los Muertos*** this year by creating art for the exhibit. Individuals and groups are welcome to submit pieces. **Everyone is welcome!**

If you would like to participate, contact Catherine Nichols (Catherine.Nichols@asu.edu or 480-965-6224) at the ASU Museum of Anthropology by Friday, September 30th. Visit <http://shesc.asu.edu/asuma> and www.calaca.org for additional information and to see photos of past exhibits.

The 9th Annual Día de los Muertos Festival Exhibit is a joint collaboration between the ASU Museum of Anthropology, the CALACA Latino Cultural Arts Collective, and the community.