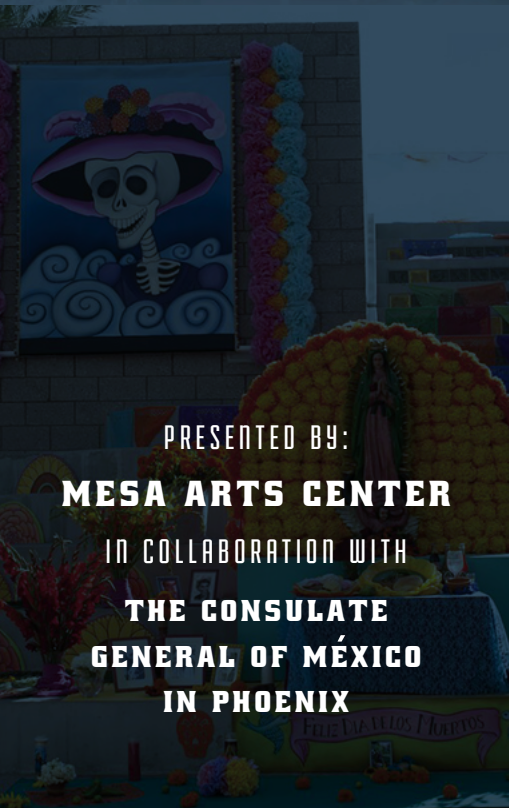




# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

ALTAR CONTEST 2025



PRESENTED BY:

**MESA ARTS CENTER**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL OF MÉXICO  
IN PHOENIX**

## 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 25-26, 2025 | 10 AM - 5 PM**

This invitation is open to the general public until Friday, September 12, 2025 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 tabletop). An 8 ft table and black tablecloth will be provided. *Please be mindful of assigned space limits and boundaries.*
3. **All set-up will take place on Friday, October 24 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. **Tear-down will take place on Sunday, October 26 after 5 PM.**
4. Altars will be displayed at: **Mesa Arts Center - Piper 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 25 at 8:30 AM in the Ikeda 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 12, 2025 [HERE](#)

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL ONLINE INCLUDING:

YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL,  
ALTAR TITLE AND BRIEF SUMMARY

