

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

MATTIE RHODES ART GALLERY

Presents

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

October 2 – November 14, 2015

Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery is excited to announce the seventeenth annual Día de Los Muertos exhibition! This show celebrates the rich color and history of the Mexican holiday and as always we would like to invite artists and community members to create traditional, contemporary, experimental, and personal altars or Day of the Dead inspired artwork for installation at the Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery. We encourage families and artists to create works and altars with new themes so that we don't repeat previous exhibitions. Please join us by participating with either artwork or an altar and be a part of this wonderful tradition.



EXHIBITION AND FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

- **Opening Reception: Friday, October 2nd, from 6:00pm-10:00pm**
- **Day of the Dead Street Festival: Saturday, October 3rd, from 1:00pm-10:00pm**
- **2nd Reception and Calaca Parade: Friday, November 6th, from 6:00pm-10:00pm**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE & Drop-Off INFORMATION:

- **EXTENDED DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 19th, 2015**
- **Artwork Drop Off Dates: August 31st - September 19th (Monday – Friday from, 10am- 5pm or by appointment.) Please call 816-221-2349 before you arrive or set up a time for delivery.**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Artwork must connect to Día de Los Muertos theme, imagery and/or related concepts. *Please remember that our gallery is family friendly and school-age children will view the exhibits. We reserve the right to make curatorial decisions.*
- Applicants can submit 1 - 4 artworks for the exhibition. Please send 1 MB jpeg, or pdf image files to artsinfo@mattierhodes.org. Include your Artist Statement/Bio with artwork submissions via email. Emails with links to websites will not be considered.
- Medium is open, and/or size can be exhibited – larger works must be approved by Cultural Arts Coordinator.
- All artwork must be framed and/or ready to hang with appropriate hardware. Unprepared artwork will be removed from the show or the artist will be asked to correct the piece.
- Artwork must be original and signed by the Artist. Please have details prepared when artwork is delivered: Artist Name, Title of Artwork, Media, and Price (see attached)
- You will be asked to fill out a consignment form at time of delivery. *Please note the sale price includes a 40% commission to be given to Mattie Rhodes Center and a 60% profit to the artist.*



NEW ALTAR SPECIFICATIONS!

Altar Proposal Deadline: September 4th

All artists must communicate with Anthony Marcos Rea, Cultural Arts Coordinator to ensure adequate installation space is available. This can be done via phone, **816-221-2349** or email:

artsinfo@mattierhodes.org. Spaces are limited & available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Altars are a \$30.00 non-refundable donation towards gallery expenses, Workshops and promotional materials.

All Applicants must submit a proposal to create a traditional or contemporary altar in the exhibition. Applicants must also attend one of the Altar Making Discussion Workshops.

Please include the following information in your proposal:

1. Name & Contact Information
2. Dimensions of the work (height, width, depth). *Indoor altar spaces range from 2'x2' to 4'x4' of floor space, and up to 10' high on the wall. Outdoor spaces also available. We have some pedestals available only upon request on a first-come-first-serve basis.*
3. Materials which will be included in the work (paper, plastic, etc.)
4. Technical needs (extension cords, electrical plugs, etc.)
5. Title of Altar and/or Short Description (1 sentence)
6. Description (1 paragraph) explaining the idea/concept and/or person altar is intended for.
7. A visual image or sketch of the proposed piece or visual inspiration for your proposal.
8. Which Altar Making Workshop you will attend. *(Fee is included in the donation price.)*

Submission deadlines for all proposals are by close of business Friday, September 4th, 6:00pm.

Proposals will be reviewed and artists will be contacted by Thursday, September 10th. Please email all proposals and/or questions to Anthony Marcos Rea at: artsinfo@mattierhodes.org or call (816) 221-2349

ALTAR INSTALLATION DATES: September 21 - 26

Monday, Sept. 21, 10:00 – 5:00 pm.

Tuesday, Sept 22 – Friday, Sept 25 from 10:00 to 6:00pm.

Extended hours on Saturday, Sept., 26 from 10:00 – 6:00 pm.

All altar installation must be completed by Saturday, September 26th at 6:00 pm.



COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOPS

Altar-Making Discussion

Saturday workshops are open to the public, and required for all artists and families that are creating an altar in the exhibition. Please be on time, and enjoy a Saturday afternoon of fun & tradition with friends and family. Artists and friends will participate in an artist talk in order to provide insight into the inspiration behind the display. This discussion will be led by Jenny Mendez, Director of Cultural Arts. Jenny will be talking about the unique challenges of outdoor altar making as well as discussing traditional symbolism and processes surrounding creating a Day of the Dead altar. All are invited to attend regardless of participation in Mattie Rhodes' Day of the Dead exhibit. The discussion will be informal so feel free to bring your questions.

- Workshop #1 09/09, 6:00 – 8:00pm ~ Cost: \$30.00
- Workshop #2 09/19, 1:00 – 3:00pm ~ Cost: \$30.00
- Workshop #3 10/17, 1:00 – 3:00pm ~ Cost: \$30.00

***all materials provided, this fee excludes all persons that have paid for an altar in the exhibition.**

Each Workshop will include a Traditional ofrenda/altar presentation, followed by demonstrations on how to make sugar skulls, Flores de Papel/Paper Flowers, and Papel Picado/Mexican Cut Paper banners.



PARADE WORKSHOPS – FREE!

Join us for a fun filled afternoon as we prepare for our annual Calaca Parade during the second reception on November 6th. We will be making paper mache procession calacas, Maracas, and other noise makers to awaken our ancestors. Workshops are free (including materials) as we ask our community to make one for you and one for another so all attendees can celebrate and welcome our ancestors together!



- Parade Workshop #1 09/05, 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Parade Workshop #2 09/12, 2:00 – 4:00pm
- Parade Workshop #3 10/24 2:00 – 4:00pm

To Register for Workshops please contact
Anthony Marcos Rea, Cultural Arts Coordinator at (816) 221-2349 or artsinfo@mattierhodes.org