

The Annual Día de Muertos or “Day of the Dead” Parade 2019

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Dating back to the Aztecs, the Day of the Dead festival marks a celebration of dead loved ones.

From October 31 to November 2, people play music at cemeteries, dress in ornate, colorful costumes, and make flower-adorned altars to honor the souls of dead family members, whose spirits they believe return to Earth during this time.

In Mexico This year’s parade was dedicated to migrants who have lost their lives in transit. A caravan of approximately 7,000 Central American immigrants are currently marching towards the US border, Far removed from Halloween, Día de Muertos is a time for healing, remembering, and celebrating the lives of those no longer with us.

The actual Day of the Dead is held on November 2 and is Mexican bank holiday.

THE DAYTON DIA DE MUERTOS PARADE

departs and travels east down the middle of Fifth Street through the Oregon District in Downtown Dayton to the Celebration at Missing Peace Art Gallery 234 S. Dutoit St. (at E. 5th). We are excited to have representatives from the Dayton Ballet participating in our parade this year! The Dayton Ballet is preparing their world premiere ballet Dia de los Muertos as part of Phantom Dances! The performance opens 24 October, and runs through the 27th. .

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Let’s talk about entertainment! New this year, Yazz Garcia (MC Matrix) will perform during pre-parade festivities (3:00-3:45 pm) at 5th and Jefferson.

After the parade arrives at the Missing Peace Art Space (around 5:00 pm) the entertainment continues (until 8pm).

The authentic Mexican folkloric Dia De Muertos dancers from ORGULLO MEXICANO, traditional rancheros performed by the father and daughter singing team of LESLIE PEREZ AND THE ALACRAN DE DURANGO, then an appearance of Dayton’s own famed and mysterious original Lucha mask wearing rockers TEAM VOID.

It’s not a party without our very own REV. COOL of WYSO’s Around the Fringe show, serving up high energy traditional and not so traditional Latin dance beats between sets to keep the dance floor hopping.

Be sure to wear comfortable dance shoes! See you tomorrow! (Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!)

About

The Missing Peace Art Space

is a non profit organization operating under the 501c3



organizational structure of the Unitarian Fellowship for World Peace . The mission of the Missing Peace Art Space is to provide an artistic forum for exploring issues of peace and violence in a tolerant, non-commercial environment. In the world’s current polarized environment it is important to recognize that the concepts of “truth” and “being right” can be ideas that drive us apart. Often a “truth” may be only as true as the moment or place that it is experienced in.

Art is an excellent medium for allowing us to experience that moment.

Open Sat & Sun 2-7pm during scheduled shows see website for details.

<http://www.missingpeaceart.org>

