

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Dia de los Muertos

Altar building contest

Long Beach Playhouse

Curated by Michael Stearns and Gregorio Luke

Call for artists to participate in altar building competition. This event celebrates the Mexican holiday of Dia de los Muertos, commonly known as Day of the Dead. Art work will be presented in the format of Day of the Dead altars. Altar building is practiced in Mexico and the United States to honor deceased relatives and loved ones.

Altar building and display will take place Thursday October 28 in the Long Beach Playhouse. On the same evening a ticketed lecture on Dia de los Muertos will be presented by Gregorio Luke, former Director of the Museum of Latin American Art.

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Gregorio Luke is an expert on Mexican and Latin American art and culture. Mr. Luke has presented over 1,000 lectures in museums and universities throughout Mexico, Europe and the United States in institutions such as the Library of Congress, The Smithsonian Institution, the San Diego Museum of Art, the Detroit Institute of Art, and Universities such as Harvard, Columbia, UNAM and Georgetown, among others. He is the former Director of the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, former Consul of Cultural Affairs of Mexico in Los Angeles and the First Secretary of the Embassy of Mexico in Washington D.C.

Michael Stearns is an artist, curator, and the former owner of Gallery 33 in Long Beach. He was born in San Diego, California and has traveled extensively throughout Mexico. He served for seven years on the Board of Directors for the Museum of Latin American Art and currently serves on the board of UAM, Cal State Long Beach. Michael is past winner of the Dia de los Muertos competition at 2nd City Gallery in Long Beach. His paintings are now included in numerous private collections across the U.S. and Europe, and in the Long Beach Museum of Art. His current works include paintings, papier mache and mixed media sculptures, reflecting his interest in the southwestern landscape, spirituality and veteran issues.

CALENDAR

Exhibition Runs October 28, 2010 - November 2, 2010

Entries Received by Wednesday October 15, 2010 by midnight

Notification on October 20, 2010

Altar installation will take place on Thursday October 28 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Artists' Reception and Awards ceremony , Oct. 28, 2010 6 – 8 p.m.

Lecture by Gregorio Luke; Dia de los Muertos , Thursday Oct. 28, 8 pm

Altars will remain on display through November 2, 2010

Altar removal Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY

This exhibition is open to all artists. **All entries must be accompanied by examples of previous work (any media accepted).** Please e-mail questions to info@michaelstearnsstudio.com or call 562.434.3175.

AWARDS

First: \$100 Second: \$75 Third: \$50

ENTRIES

Application fee is \$25. Email artist bio and jpeg examples of your work plus entry form to info@michaelstearnsstudio.com.

ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINES

Early submission deadline (discount)

Enter by September 20 - \$20

Entry Fee Sept. 200 – October 15 - \$25

Submission deadline: Midnight, October 15.

Please make checks/money orders payable to **Michael Stearns**. Fees can also be paid via PayPal at michaelstearnsstudio.com/contact.html Entry fees are non-refundable.

Mail entries form to info@michaelstearnsstudio.com or mail to Michael Stearns Studio, 5318 E. 2nd Street, #574, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Dia de los Muertos ENTRY FORM

Please submit this form. Type or print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have read and agree to the conditions set forth in this prospectus. Permission is granted to The Long Beach Playhouse and Michael Stearns Studio to photograph any accepted entry or use the submitted materials for publicity purposes. I hereby release and discharge representatives, employees and assistants from any and all claims occasioned by loss or damages of said work while in the possession of The Long Beach Playhouse. BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, YOU ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IF SELECTED.

Artist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

EACH ENTRY WILL RECIEVE AN 8 FT. X 4FT. AREA TO BUILD YOUR ALTAR