

LAWNDALE ART CENTER

4912 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
713 528-5858
Fax 713 528-4140

askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
www.lawndaleartcenter.org

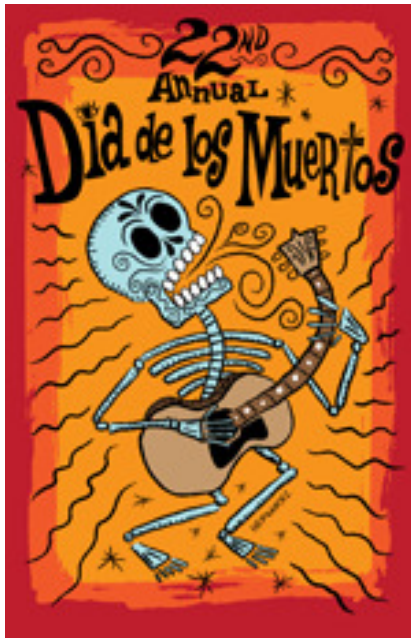
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Dennis Nance
for more information and images
713-528-5858
dnance@lawndaleartcenter.org

	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHAIR	ANITA GARTEN
VICE CHAIR	DIANA HUDSON
VICE CHAIR - MARKETING	PAULA MURPHY
VICE CHAIR - BOD DEVELOPMENT	JENNY JOHNSON
SECRETARY	SAMANTHA SCHNEE
TREASURER	MICHELLE A. LEWIS
PROGRAMMING CHAIR	MICHAEL S. GUIDRY

Lawndale Art Center is pleased to present its 22nd Annual *Día de los Muertos* Events

A celebration of the art and music of Mexico



Retablo Exhibition

October 19 – November 7, 2009

Gala / Retablo Silent Auction

October 23, 2009, 7 - 9 PM

Member and Sponsor Preview, 6 - 7 PM

Musical Ofrenda

October 27, 2009, 6 - 7:30 pm

Papel Picado Workshop

October 29, 2009, 6 PM

Sugar Skull Workshop

November 5, 2009, 4 - 7 PM

Family Day/Fiesta

November 7, 2009, 12 - 4 pm

DANIEL ADAME
CHUY BENITEZ
AMY BLUMROSEN
FRANCES BOSWELL
ELAINE BRADFORD
SASHA DELA
SHARON ENGELSTEIN
KAREN FARBBER
RACHEL HOOPER
JIM JARD
LAUREN KELLEY
JULIA ABBOTT KOIVUMAA
DOUG LAWING
ROBERT RUELLO
MARK SCHATZ
KANEEM SMITH
KAREN J. SOBOTKA
CHRISTINA SOLIS
KEIJIRO SUZUKI
MKINA TAPSCOTT
MIRI WILKINS
ELEANOR WILLIAMS

EMERITUS
GRACIE CAVNAR
TIM CROWLEY
JONATHAN DAY
ANN HARITHAS
CECILY HORTON
KAROL KREYMER
MARSHAL LIGHTMAN
BROOKE STROUD
JAMES SURLS

STAFF
CHRISTINE JELSON WEST
Executive Director

DENNIS NANCE
Director, Exhibitions and
Programming

KAREN OLDS
Administrative Director

ZACHARY GRESHAM
Education and Volunteer
Coordinator

JOANNA BONNER
Graphic Design Intern

BRANDI SCOTT
Gallery Attendant

Lawndale Art Center is pleased to present its 22nd Annual *Día de los Muertos* programs, a celebration of the art, music and practices of Mexico. For over twenty years Lawndale Art Center has presented an annual open call, non-juried exhibition that celebrates the Mexican tradition of *Día de los Muertos* in a contemporary context. This program supports area artists and students by offering them an opportunity to show their works to diverse audiences in a museum quality setting. Over the years additional programming has been developed to educate audiences and encourage dialogue in celebration of Mexican-American heritage in our region. *Día de los Muertos* programs and exhibitions at Lawndale Art Center promote cultural awareness of Mexican folk art practices associated with this celebration of family, life and community.

- MORE -

LAWNDALE ART CENTER

4912 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
713 528-5858
Fax 713 528-4140
askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
www.lawndaleartcenter.org

Exhibition

On view October 19 - November 7, 2009

Lawndale invites Texas artists to create their own interpretation of the traditional tin devotional painting practice in Mexico known as the retablo in this annual series of programs. The exhibition will include works by locally and nationally known artists, including:

Dawolu Jabari Anderson, Ron Arena, The Art Guys, David Aylsworth, Rebecca Bass, Heather Bause, Lee Benner, Jack Boynton, Elaine Bradford, Sean Carroll, Shannon Crider, Kevin Curry, Claire Cusack, Adrian de la Cerda, Janie DeGuerin, Sasha Dela, Nathaniel Donnett, Sharon Engelstein, Carter Ernst, Sean Flournoy, Dixie Friend Gay, Matthew Glover, Woody Golden, Gonzo0247, Candice Goodwin, Michael Guidry, Ann Harithas, Joe Havel, Rachel Hecker, Rachel Hewlett, Hana Hillerova, George Hixon, Deborah Horwitz, Lauren Kelly, Jean King, Kelly Klaasmeyer, Larry Larrinaga, Nicole Laurent, Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Emily Link, Charmaine Locke, Apama Mackey, Stephanie Martz, Ken Mazzu, Nick Meriwether, Penny Morrison, Paula Murphy, Kia Neill, Bexar Olivier, Mari Omori, Aaron Parazette, JoAnn Park, Kelly Pike, Patrick Renner, Anne Robertson, Alex Rosa, Robert Ruello, John Runnels, Charlie Jean Sartwelle, Kay Sarver, Louise Schlachter, Jenny Schlieff, Greg Scott, Beth Secor, Herb Shapiro, Noah Simblast, Tra Slaughter, Emily Sloan, Carole Smith, Al Souza, Annie Souza, Christopher Sperandio, Nicole Strine, James Surls, Keijiro Suzuki, Michael Khalil Taylor, Stephanie Toppin, Randy Twaddle, Monica Vidal, Jerome Vielman, Scott Woodard, Eric Zimmerman

Gala / Silent Auction

Friday, October 23, 2009, 7 - 9 pm

Member and Sponsor Preview, 6 - 7 pm

Event Chair: Steve Hempel and Michelle Aviña

Admission: \$40 / \$30 for Lawndale members

The festivities begin with a silent auction Friday, October 23. The auction of retablos, created and donated by nearly 300 Texas artists, will feature contemporary interpretations of this traditional, devotional art. Guests will also enjoy *Día de los Muertos* exhibitions in the Cavnar and Mezzanine Galleries which feature the works of Houston school children. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided for attending guests by local restaurants along with Latin grooves provided by Mr. Bristle and friends.

- MORE -

LAWNDALE ART CENTER

4912 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
713 528-5858
Fax 713 528-4140
askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
www.lawndaleartcenter.org

Musical Ofrenda

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Performances begin at 6:30 PM

During *Día de los Muertos* families create ofrendas or altars to remember and honor the memory of their ancestors. River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) and Musiqa will present short original contemporary, classic compositions as musical ofrendas. Inprint will also present original readings written in the tradition of making an offering during the *Día de los Muertos* celebrations. Join ROCO, Musiqa, Inprint and Lawndale Art Center for an evening of celebration and remembrance. Admission is free. This event is a partnership between ROCO, Inprint, Musiqa, The Mexican Consulate of Houston and Lawndale Art Center.

Papel Picado Workshop

Thursday, October 29, 2009, 6 PM

Houston art educator and Lawndale supporter, Jean King, will lead a papel picado workshop free and open to the public as part of this year's *Día de los Muertos* celebration. Visitors will not only learn about the traditional art of Mexican paper cutting from one of the best, but will also get to create and take home their own unique perforated paper creation.

Sugar Skull Workshop

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 4 – 7 PM

Stop in for a quick lesson, or stick around and help us make skulls to be decorated at our Family Day Fiesta on Saturday, November 7th. The workshop is free and open to the public. All participants may take home one sugar skull and a printed recipe.

Family Day Fiesta

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 12 - 4 PM

Admission: *Free*

Lawndale's 22nd annual *Día de los Muertos* celebration continues with a Saturday *fiesta* honoring participating teachers and students whose works of art can be viewed in the Cavnar Gallery and Mezzanine Galleries. Sugar skulls, *papel picado*, *papier mache* skeletons, *retablos*, altars and large-scale installations are just a few of the many projects on display. This event is offered FREE to the public. Guests will enjoy hot chocolate and *pan de muerto* and various children's activities, such as decorating sugar skulls and cutting papel picado.

- MORE -

LAWNDALE ART CENTER

4912 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002
713 528-5858
Fax 713 528-4140
askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
www.lawndaleartcenter.org

About *Día de los Muertos*:

Every year, according to Mexican folk tradition, the living honor the return of the souls of dead family and friends on November 1 and November 2. The first of November is reserved for the return of departed children and the second for adults. The living celebrate the return of the dead with elaborate home altars and graveside arrangements composed of the deceased's favorite foods and keepsakes. For more information on *Día de los Muertos* as celebrated in Mexico as well as at Lawndale Art Center, please visit our *Día de los Muertos* Resource page, <http://www.lawndaleartcenter.org/dod/>.

About Lawndale Art Center:

Lawndale Art Center is a non-profit alternative space for the exhibition of contemporary works in all media, unique in its focus on Houston area artists. Founded in 1979, Lawndale has owned its present location on Main Street in Houston's Museum District since 1993. With four galleries in its locally significant Art Deco building, Lawndale includes close to 500 artists annually in changing exhibitions. Over twenty exhibitions, informal talks and special events are offered yearly including annual events such as *Día de los Muertos* /Day of the Dead, the 20th Century Modern Market and The Big Show.

For More Info:	www.lawndaleartcenter.org or askus@lawndaleartcenter.org
Gallery Hours:	Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday
Admission:	Admission is free and open to the public
Viewing Dates:	This exhibition will be on view October 19, 2009 through November 7, 2009.
Press Contact:	Dennis Nance, 713-528-5858, dnance@lawndaleartcenter.org

Programs at Lawndale are supported in part by The National Endowment for the Arts, The Houston Arts Alliance through the Houston Museum District Association and City Initiatives Program, The Texas Commission on the Arts, Houston Endowment, The Brown Foundation, Inc., Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, The Cavnar Foundation, The Cullen Foundation, The Wortham Foundation, Inc., John M. O'Quinn, Cecily Horton, Ann W. Harithas, Jonathan and Barbara Day, Diana Hudson and Lee Kaplan, Anita and David Garten, Mary and Roy Cullen, Karen J. and David A. Sobotka, Daniel K. Dubrowski, Jenny and Mark Johnson, Samantha Schnee, H-E-B, Continental Airlines, Target, Art Colony Association, other contributors, memberships, benefit events and many volunteers.

- END -