



MUSEUM of
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Mexican heritage shines during Celebraciones de la Gente Oct. 25-26 at Museum of Northern Arizona

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Experience the vibrant traditions of Mexican heritage during the 22nd annual Celebraciones de la Gente (Celebrations of the People) at the Museum of Northern Arizona Oct. 25-26.

Held in partnership with Flagstaff Nuestras Raíces, Celebraciones honors the spirit of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with heartfelt remembrances and joyful festivities.

Festival highlights include colorful ofrendas (altars) set in honor of departed family and friends, traditional dances, live music, and cultural presentations. Visitors can enjoy sugar skull decorating, face painting, Día de los Muertos crafts, calaveritas (short poetry), Mexican loteria (lottery) and authentic food from Arizona vendors. Mariachi Agave of Tucson and Ballet Folklórico de Colores of Flagstaff will fill the festival with vibrant sound and movement.

As the sun sets on Saturday, candlelight illuminates the museum's Jaime Major Golightly Courtyard for Courtyard After Dark—a spirited evening complete with sweet treats and beverages.

On both days, Flagstaff Nuestras Raíces will offer presentations on Día de los Muertos traditions, and Northern Arizona University assistant professor of ethnic studies P. Antonio Cuevas, Ph.D., will give a talk titled, "Reclaiming Our Roots: The Untold Stories of Latinx Pioneers in Flagstaff."

Celebraciones tickets are available in advance and at the door—\$20 general admission, \$10 MNA members, \$8 youths, kids 9 and under are free. Tickets are good for the entire weekend and include admission to the museum.

See the full schedule of events and links to tickets at <https://musnaz.org/event/celebraciones-de-la-gente>.



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About the Museum of Northern Arizona

Founded in 1928, the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) preserves and celebrates the natural and cultural heritage of the Colorado Plateau. Through its exhibitions, educational programs, research, and community events, the museum fosters a deeper understanding of the region's art, science, and people. Located near the foot of the San Francisco Peaks at 3101 N Fort Valley Road in Flagstaff, the museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours until 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

For information about current exhibitions and programs, visit <https://musnaz.org>.