

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Día de Los Muertos- Downtown Nacogdoches

(Nacogdoches, TX) – This year's Día de Los Muertos Fiesta will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd from 4:00-8:00 pm in downtown Nacogdoches. Events include performances by Chikawa Aztec Dancers, Son de Mexico Danze Folklorico and Ketzaly Folklorico dance troupes, Los Lenadores Mariachi group, and more. There will also be children's activities, food and craft vendors, a costume contest, and poetry readings.

Día de Los Muertos is a holiday that is celebrated in most parts of Mexico and some parts of Latin America to remember and honor the dead. Different regions of Mexico have different traditions, but the most common are the building of ofrendas (altars), visiting cemeteries, reciting calaveras (short rhyming poems that mock death), and making foods enjoyed by the deceased. The Nacogdoches celebration combines many of these traditions.

Space is still available for anyone who wants to be a vendor, display an altar or a share a Calavera Poem. Anyone wishing more information on participating in the event

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