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## The Latino Cultural Center presents *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration and Altares Opening*

November 1, 2008

5:30pm to 8:30pm



The Latino Cultural Center presents its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Día de los Muertos Celebration and Altares Opening. The Latin American tradition lives in the Day of the Dead "altares" (altars) exhibition, created by talented local artists and honoring loved ones who have passed away. The artists featured in this year's exhibition are Ricardo Paniagua, Ivonne Acero, Diana Marquis, Mirtha Aertker, Loretta Gonzalez, Santiago Lopez, Art Garcia, Sal Barron, Maria Teresa G. Pedroche and Humberto Saenz. Festivities include a Mola exhibition from the collection of Rev. Isaac V. Perez and Mrs. Alicia C. Perez, Latin American music selections in the plaza with Maestro Lorenzo Gonzales on Paraguayan harp and Maestro Ricardo Paz on violin. This musical performance not only presents samples of Latin American folklore but also sublime and classical pieces.

The celebration culminates with a special theatrical performance by Teatro Flor Candela of "Casi Vivo...Muerte", an adaptation from "La Muerte de mi Abuelo" (The Death of my Grandfather). Written by Francisco de la Cruz and based on research by Mariana Fresán, the play touches on "Nierika," a window to the world of the ancestors. Teatro Flor Candela presents a journey through the underworld of the "Huicholes," which are one of the many ancestral people of Mexico. It is said that the center of the universe gave birth to Fire, the great-grandfather, who dwells in a cave called "Teakata", which is the symbol of creation and the gateway between this world and the next, and the sacred place to which we will return. Traditional refreshments will be available for the public.

**The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs.** The mission of the Latino Cultural Center is to serve as a catalyst for the preservation, development and promotion of Latino arts and culture in Dallas. The Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204.

LCC hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information please call 214-671-0045 or visit our **web site at, [www.dallasculture.org/latinocc](http://www.dallasculture.org/latinocc).**