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## *Día de los Muertos: the Day of the Dead*

Two events, Twice the Fun!

With the PEABODY MUSEUM & the CONSULATE GENERAL of MEXICO in Boston

### **Featuring**

- **Family event and Fiesta event**
- **Special Altar installation**
- **Traditional Day of the Dead refreshments**

**AND**

**Sample Mexican Restaurant Week fare courtesy of seven area restaurants**

(Cambridge, MA, October 10, 2007) On November 2, 2007, the Peabody Museum and the Consulate General of Mexico in Boston will host their annual celebration of the traditional Mexican holiday, *Día de los Muertos: Day of the Dead* at the Peabody Museum, with two separate events, one especially designed for families and a later evening Fiesta.

The Family event will feature demonstration from carver Ventura Fabian of Oaxaca, Mexico, crafts and sugar skull workshops, and performances from Ballet Folklórico.

The evening event will feature cuisine from Mexico, courtesy of Café Sol Azteca, Tu y Yo, Casa Romero, Ole Mexican Grill, Yucatán Grill, and Jose's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina; music, and calaveras performances.

A special, temporary altar installation (through November) as well as the Peabody Museum's own Day of the Dead altar created in 2002 will be on display. Enjoy live music, Mexican food, and traditional Day of the Dead refreshments including hot chocolate and *pan de muertos* (bread of the dead).

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### Two Events, Twice the Fun

**Family Event**, demonstrations, crafts, workshops, Aztec chocolate, refreshments, and more

**When:** November 2, 2007, 4–6pm

**Cost:** FREE with museum admission

**Fiesta**, Food, music, performance, altars, and more

**When:** November 2, 2007, 7:30–10pm

**Cost:** FREE, Tickets REQUIRED!  
Call 617-495-2269

**Information:** 617-496-1027

Harvard Square T stop, Ⓜ  
limited parking available in the  
Broadway Garage, 7 Felton Street

### ***Sponsors***

*This event is sponsored by the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University; the Consulate General of Mexico in Boston; Dirección General de Asuntos Culturales/SRE; Cuauhtemoc Brewery (Tecate and Sol), Nomad, and Mexican Restaurant Association of New England.*

**Tickets are required for the 7:30 Fiesta only. Family event: first come, first served.**

### ***The Day of the Dead***

Originating with the Aztecs, the Mexican Day of the Dead is a unique blend of Mesoamerican and Christian rituals. The holiday is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints' Day, usually dedicated to children; and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls' Day, dedicated to adults. Traditions vary from region to region, but generally families gather at cemeteries to tend and decorate the graves of their departed loved ones, remember them by telling stories, eating their favorite foods, and dancing in their honor. Many families build altars at home, decorated with flowers and food, especially *pan de muerto*, "bread of the dead." A festive and social occasion, the holiday welcomes the return of those who have died and recognizes the human cycle of life and death.

### ***The Peabody Museum***

The Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world with one of the finest collections of cultural history found anywhere. It is home to superb materials from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania, and, South America in particular. In addition to its archaeological and ethnographic holdings, the Museum's archives hold a small, but important, collection of paintings, prints, and drawings and houses an archive of over 500,000 images.

### ***Location and Hours***

The Peabody Museum is located at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge. The Museum is a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station.

Hours are 9 AM to 5 PM, 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 for children, 3–18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The Museum is free to Massachusetts residents Sundays, 9 AM to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 PM to 5 PM (September to May). Admission includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The Peabody Museum participates in the City Pass Program.

For more information, please call (617) 496-1027, or go online to: [www.peabody.harvard.edu](http://www.peabody.harvard.edu).

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