



Mission Cultural Center FOR LATINO ARTS

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Open call to Artists

Exhibition: 2015 Day of the Dead

“The Bones of Our Ancestors: Endurance and Survival Beyond Serra’s Mission(s)”

Curated by Celia Herrera Rodriguez and Theresa Harlan

This exhibition is to give voice and make more visible the endurance and survival of Indigenous Peoples beyond the destructive forces of the California missions. The Catholic Church’s announcement of the plan to canonize Junipero Serra sparked an Indigenous protest movement against the canonization. Serra, the iconic figure of the California mission system, led the building of forts and missions that decimated tens of thousands of Indigenous Peoples in both Mexico and California. Despite Serra’s mission to convert, by force, Indigenous Peoples into an obedient labor force, generations of Indigenous Peoples have continued to follow the ways of the ancestors and know their own languages, cultures and political sovereignty. This Day of the Dead season, we are dedicating time and space to the rights of Indigenous Peoples to tell their own story from their own perspectives and experiences.

You are invited to contribute artwork, photography, film, installation or traditional altars; written work/poetry will also be considered. If you are interested in participating please contact our Gallery Coordinator at bonesofourancestors@gmail.com.

Deadline to send entries: Tuesday, September 1 by 5pm

Selected artists will be notified by Tuesday September 8, 2015

Installation starts Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Entries

Submit:

- Bio
- Contact information
- 3 images of most current work
- Images of the work you want to show. Format .jpeg or sketches of intended work
- All images of artwork should include title, medium, dimensions, and value
- Artist statement including how the work is related to the theme of the show
- Entry fee: \$15 in form of a check or money order made payable to:

Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts at 2868 Mission Street. San Francisco, CA 94110.

If you are sending an installation proposal you must send a sketch of the installation along with pictures of other artwork involved in the installation

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Jury:

The curators and MCCLA's Gallery Coordinator will select the artists. Committee reserves the right to accept/reject artwork submitted for consideration.

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bonesofourancestors@gmail.com or in person to Angelica at:

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Gallery 2nd floor

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Important dates:

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| Tues. September 1, 2015: | Deadline to send entries |
| Tues. September 8, 2015: | Notification of selected artists |
| Fri. September 11, 2015: | Mandatory meeting 7pm. |
| Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2015: | Installation time frame |
| October 16, 2015: | Soft opening (no reception but open to the public) |
| November 2, 2015: | Celebration (formal reception) |
| Fri. November 20, 2015: | Exhibition ends |
| Nov. 24-Dec. 4, 2015: | Artwork retrieval |

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