OU Art Museum to Host Day of the Dead Street Festival

NORMAN, OKLA. - The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is partnering with University of Oklahoma Student Life to present a Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) Street Festival. The festival will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, outside the museum, on the southeast corner of Boyd Street and Elm Avenue. Admission to the event is complimentary and open to the public, though some activities will have a small fee.

The Day of the Dead is a holiday recognized in many Latin American countries and communities to celebrate the lives of those who have passed away. The Day of the Dead Street Festival combines food, music and art by including remembrance altars, live performances and hands-on art activities. Food will be sold onsite by OU Housing and Food Services, and complimentary art activities include tissue paper flowers and papel picado (paper banners). Sugar skulls and face painting also will be available for an additional charge.

The festival is a one-day celebration for all ages. Children and visitors attending the festival are encouraged to wear Halloween or other traditional Day of the Dead costumes.

“Our Day of the Dead Street Festival will be a great opportunity for families and children of all backgrounds to enjoy this time of year and experience Latin American culture,” said Michael Bendure, director of communication for the FJJMA. “Plus, children can get one more chance to wear their Halloween costumes and have a fun time with their families.”

The Day of the Dead Street Festival is held in conjunction with the museum’s current exhibition Libertad de Expresión: the Art Museum of the Americas and Cold War Politics. The exhibition examines how the Art Museum of the Americas in Washington, D.C., advanced Latin American art and democratic values during
the Cold War. *Libertad de Expresión* opened on Oct. 5 and is on display at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art through Jan. 5, 2014.

Additional information about the exhibition is available on the museum’s website at www.ou.edu/fjjma.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located in the OU Arts District on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus. Admission to the museum is complimentary to all visitors, thanks to the generosity of the OU Office of the President and the OU Athletics Department. The museum is closed on Mondays. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938 or visiting www.ou.edu/fjjma.

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**IMAGE CREDIT**

Norman families are invited to a public Day of the Dead Street Festival at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art Friday evening, Nov. 1. The complimentary event combines music, food and art activities that help celebrate the lives of ancestors. Food and some activities require a fee. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.