



Calendar Listing

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## FREE DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION AT THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER OCTOBER 30, 2004

**What:** Where can you make a skeleton out of pasta, paint a sugar skull and hear mariachis playing? At the California Science Center's *Day of the Dead Celebration!* Originating in pre-Hispanic Mexico as a native tradition, the *Day of the Dead* observance has changed through the years to become known as a time when families remember their dead and celebrate the continuity of life. Sumptuous meals, colorful decorations and the exchange of small gifts, such as sugar skeletons, among friends and family members are several traditional highlights that mark the celebration annually held on the second day of November.

*Day of the Dead* activities, geared for families and children, will include: decorating calaveras (sugar skulls and skeleton pasta art projects); creating paper marigold flowers (one of the traditional *Day of the Dead* flowers); painting skull masks; and video screenings on the historical and cultural elements of *Day of the Dead*.

In addition, specially commissioned, larger-than-life *Day of the Dead* works of art by local artist Tony Dominguez will be on display throughout the Science Center and serve as a vibrant reminder to visit BODY WORLDS: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies. Some of the artwork will include colossal paper maché calaveras (skeletons), colorful piñatas, marigolds and authentic altars as used in *Day of the Dead* ceremonies.

Guests will also enjoy live mariachi music and performances by Aztec and folklorico dance groups.

**When:** Saturday, October 30, 2004  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Where:** California Science Center  
700 State Drive – Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA 90037  
Admission to *Day of the Dead* festivities is **free**. Admission to the BODY WORLDS exhibit: \$12 /adults, \$9.50/seniors & students 13+ with I.D., and \$5.75/children 4-12. Enter visitor parking on Figueroa Street at 39<sup>th</sup>/Coliseum. Parking is \$6 per car.

**Who:** The event is held with the support of the BODY WORLDS: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies and the Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Assembly Member, 48<sup>th</sup> District.

### General

**Info:** Visit our web site: [www.californiasciencecenter.org](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org) or phone (323) SCIENCE. Both the Science Center and IMAX Theater are wheelchair accessible.

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