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Life in Death Festival Seeks Artists Celebration of El Dia de los Muertos Set for Nov. 1 and 2

Organizers of the Clark County's Life in Death Festival are currently seeking artwork to be displayed during the annual festival created to honor El Dia de los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead," in Mexican culture. The festival is set for 4 to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2 at the Winchester Cultural Center and Park, 3130 S. McLeod Drive.

Works selected for the art exhibit will be on display at Winchester Cultural Center from Oct. 30 to Nov. 20, and entries must be delivered to the center during business hours Oct. 24, 25 or 27. Artists must be at least 14 years old to enter, and although all media are welcome, pieces must fit through a standard doorframe and be ready to hang or exhibit. Each artist may submit up to three works for consideration. The sole juror for the exhibit is artist Miguel Rodriguez.

A \$100 prize will be awarded for the piece judged best of show. All participating artists and the Best of Show Award winner will be recognized at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 during the festivities. Works not entered into the exhibit must be picked up Oct. 29. Artists are encouraged to learn Day of the Dead traditions, which honor the dead but also confront death itself, often with a humorous attitude. Day of the Dead is not to be confused with Halloween.

Festival activities also include a sugar skull crafting workshop, children's activities and indoor and outdoor dance and music performances. The event is free, but there are minimal charges for some activities. Food and craft vendors also will be on site.

Winchester Cultural Center is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Those interested in additional information on the festival or the submission of artwork can call 455-7029 or visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks. For applications, click on "Events" and find the listing for the Life in Death Festival. Clark County Parks and Recreation news and events also can be found on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/l87c4l>.

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