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GREEN-WOOD INVITES NEW YORKERS TO GATHER AT LARGEST FREE DAY OF THE DEAD FAMILY CELEBRATION

The annual tradition returns on November 2nd, with live mariachi, Mexican folk dance, and Brooklyn's largest community ofrenda



BROOKLYN, N.Y. [October 9, 2026] — For the ninth year in a row, The Green-Wood Cemetery will host New York City's largest **FREE Day of the Dead Family Celebration** on Día de Muertos, **Monday, November 2, 2026, from 4pm to 7pm**. Join us right after school (and remember the next day is a holiday) for a late afternoon and evening of festivity, including a live *banda de vientos* (brass band), Mariachi band, Mexican folk dancers, food, flowers, and programs for the entire family. Come and view our spectacular *ofrenda* overflowing with decorations and memories. At the end of the evening, take part in a ceremonial dance outside our Historic Chapel.

Rooted in Indigenous Mexican traditions and observed in parts of Latin America, Día de Muertos honors loved ones who have died. At Green-Wood, the celebration centers on a community *ofrenda* in the Historic Chapel: *Reposo y Recuerdo* ("Rest and Remember") by artist [Laura Anderson Barbata](#). Visitors can share remembrances amid handwoven hammocks, *papel picado*, and paper marigold garlands.

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“Green-Wood has been a place of remembrance for nearly two centuries, one that continues to reflect the vibrancy of our city and our surrounding community,” said **Meera Joshi, President of Green-Wood**. “With our neighbors in Sunset Park we have built a strong and growing tradition, rooted in the generations-old observance of Día de Muertos. We want children who come here today to return with their own families, knowing that this is the place where their history and culture is forever remembered and celebrated.”

Key Event Highlights

- **Hands-on activities, 4pm to 5:30pm:** Search for papier-mâché *alebrijes* (Mexican folk art figures) made by local Sunset Park High School students in a scavenger hunt, create Día de Muertos-themed charms Willie Mae Rock Camp; plant marigold seeds with City Growers; and participate in even more crafts hosted by partners from with NIA Community Services Network, Uprose, Genspace, and Latino Outdoors. The Brooklyn Public Library's Kidsmobile will also be here to offer holiday-themed books and on-the-spot library card sign-ups,
- **Free Community Resources:** Visit tables hosted by Mixteca, the Big Reuse, Ponce Bank and the Office of the Borough President, and CUNY Mexican Studies Institute to learn about free programs scholarships and other services.
- **Music and dance, beginning around 5:15pm:** Performances by Mariachi Huella Mexicana, Banda de los Muertos, children’s dance group Folklore Guadalupano Sangre Mexicana, youth ensemble Calpulli Danza Juvenil and Tecuanes, with music from DJ Eddy Emcee.
- **Community ofrenda and closing ceremony:** The Historic Chapel ofrenda will be open from 4pm to 6:15pm. Cetiliztli Nauhcampa will conclude the celebration with a ceremony and dance performance outside the Historic Chapel at 6:30pm.
- **Marigolds and food, 4pm to 7pm:** Zuzu's Petals will sell marigolds from Luna Family Farm, a Mexican-American-owned farm in New Jersey. Local vendors, including Siempre and Maria's Bistro Don Paco Panaderia, and La Snackeria, will sell food and drinks.

“This celebration takes shape through the people who help create it, from students at Sunset Park High School to the artists and local businesses who share their talents,” said **Angeles Perez, Green-Wood’s Manager of Community Engagement and Programs**. “Our role starts with listening to our neighbors and working together on a celebration that reflects what matters to them. We want families to recognize something of themselves here and feel part of what happens next.”

WHAT: Día de Muertos music, arts, crafts, foods, dancing, and a community altar.

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- WHO:** Families from neighborhoods adjacent to Green-Wood.
- WHEN:** Monday, November 2nd, from 4pm to 7pm.
- WHERE:** The Green-Wood Cemetery, near the Main Entrance (25th Street and Fifth Avenue.) This year's event will be on the Cemetery grounds adjacent to the Historic Chapel. This will grant the event attendees access to the art installation *Reposo y Recuerdo*, which is within the Historic Chapel.
- WHY:** Green-Wood embraces the diverse ways that people honor and commemorate those they've lost. This Día de Muertos celebration offers the Cemetery's neighbors an opportunity to celebrate the holiday as a community, with arts, festive crafts, local foods, and a community altar.

Admission and Registration

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is recommended (but not required) so we can gauge attendance. To register, visit: green-wood.com/calendar.

About Green-Wood

Founded in 1838, The Green-Wood Cemetery is as sprawling, diverse, and surprising as New York City itself. A National Historic Landmark spanning 478 acres in Brooklyn, Green-Wood is the permanent home of more than 580,000 people, many of whom left a lasting mark on the city and the nation. As one of the first expansive public green spaces in New York City, Green-Wood helped inspire the creation of Central Park and Prospect Park, and that same spirit still draws people through its gates today. Each year, Green-Wood welcomes half a million visitors, provides educational tours to more than 10,000 students, and hosts public programs for over 30,000 attendees, making it one of the liveliest places in New York City. For more information, visit green-wood.com.

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