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Sugar Skull! A Día de Los Muertos Musical Adventure
Celebrates Latin Heritage and Traditions
At the Pantages Theater on November 19

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TACOMA, WASH.— Tacoma Arts Live presents *Sugar Skull! A Día de Los Muertos Musical Adventure* at Tacoma's historic Pantages Theater on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. This colorful musical follows a young Latinx American, Vita Flores, who is struggling to find the significance of celebrating her dead ancestors. While at her grandmother's ofrenda (a customary display of offerings), a candied skeleton named Sugar Skull comes to life and takes her on a magical journey. Tickets start at \$12 and are [on sale now](#).

This charming stage production pays tribute to the Latin American holiday, which has been celebrated for hundreds of years. It features vibrantly colored set pieces, traditional Aztec dances and music, elaborate costumes and make-up, creatures from cultural folklore, and even Calavera Catrina, the elegant female skeleton figure that is deeply rooted in this unique holiday. During the show, audiences become immersed in the story and learn about Mexican heritage through a dynamic performance. Actors use both Spanish and English language in songs and will use call-and-response techniques to engage the crowd.

Gayle Schmidt, Director of Public Education at New York Botanical Garden exclaims, "Equal parts artistic and educational, [the show] re-defines the interactive entertaining experience, engaging and captivating audiences of all ages. Each member brings a unique and personal aspect to the stage, creating cohesive, well-balanced, and engaging performances. A pure delight to watch!"

This imaginative stage production is performed by a multi-cultural ensemble of professional musicians, actors, dancers, and teaching artists, called [Mexico Beyond Mariachi](#). Their philosophy is fixed in the belief that art and culture are an integral part in the development of every individual's outlook on life and exhibits in this performance, which makes it the perfect entertainment for audiences of all ages and ethnicities.

To round out the cultural experience, families can register for a hands-on workshop led by experienced teaching artists before the show. Registration is a low price of \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family of 20 or more. Find out more about the Family Workshop [here](#).

Tickets for *Sugar Skull! A Día de Los Muertos Musical Adventure!* are \$12, \$19, \$29, and \$39 and are [on sale now](#). To purchase advance tickets, call Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free at 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District, or online at TacomaArtsLive.org.

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