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Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos Pays Tribute to L.A.'s Immigrant Communities With Vibrant Celebration of Life, Remembrance and Resilience

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 – Sunday, November 2, 2025

Nine-Day 'Day of the Dead' Annual Tradition to Conclude with Performance by Two-Time Latin GRAMMY®-Nominated Artist Lupita Infante

LOS ANGELES (October 1, 2025) - L.A.'s beloved **Gloria Molina Grand Park** will overflow with color, culture and community spirit during its annual *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos* celebration, from Saturday, October 25, through Sunday, November 2, 2025. The theme of the nine-day ancestral experience, which traditionally honors the enduring spirits of loved ones lost, is expanding to also generate

awareness of the lived, traumatic experiences of Los Angeles County's immigrant communities that have been recent targets of federal immigration raids. Bringing hope and joy into the lives of Angelenos, visitors and immigrants, two-time Latin GRAMMY®-nominated artist **Lupita Infante** will perform on the final evening of the annual celebration, known as *Noche de los Muertos (Night of the Dead)*.



All events are free and open to the public.

"The theme of this year's *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos* is a ceremonial response to the everyday struggles and resilience of immigrant families who face displacement, detention and deportation. As we come together in remembrance of loved ones, we must also remind ourselves our roots are not only cultural, but also spiritual," said Robert Gonzalez, director of Gloria Molina Grand Park. "I invite Angelenos, visitors and immigrants to gather, reflect and reclaim joy at this year's *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos*; the park for everyone' will be a healing space for all who are seeking to bridge generations, our communities and our histories."

Curated for the fourth time by local multimedia artist and educator **Consuelo G. Flores**, this year's *ofrendas* (altars) will be created by local artists and community organizations and will showcase vibrant marigolds, candles, photographs and symbolic mementos that honor the memory and legacies of ancestors. The exhibition will not only pay tribute--through art, music and ritual--to those who have passed but will also celebrate the strength and perseverance of the immigrant communities that continue to shape Los Angeles. Altars will be created by artists **Angela Imperial**, **Celina Jacques**, **Marissa Magdalena Sykes**, **Jessica Monares**, **Rose Portillo**, **Antonio Rael** and The Family of Gloria Molina; local organizations **Antioch University Los Angeles**, **East Los Angeles Women's Center**, **Generaciones en Acción**, **German Shepard Rescue of Orange County**, **Indigital Productions**, **Mexican Cultural Institute of Los Angeles**, **Rock Rose Gallery**, **The Wall Las Memorias** and **Vital Strategies**; and community partners **LADWP Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)** & **The American Society of Civil Engineers of Los Angeles (ASCE)** and **Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 1 - Hilda Solis**, among others.

"The federal immigration raids have left me disturbed and in disbelief--that is why this year's altars will be focused on the legacies of our immigrant past. We cannot disregard the many important contributions that immigrants have made to the United States," said Consuelo Flores. "The legacies we honor today are reminders of where we come from and how much we can accomplish. Each altar will pay tribute to those who have passed and celebrate the strength and perseverance of all immigrant communities seeking safety, dignity and opportunity."

The festival will kick off on Saturday, October 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as part of **Grand Ave Arts: All Access**. The day begins with a sacred processional honoring the tradition's Indigenous roots, featuring blessings by Ohtli Yollotl and followed by inspiring performances from local artists. The music lineup includes **El Marchante** (led by cultural organizer Osmar Romero) and **Mariachi Las Catrinas**. A highlight will be a formal acknowledgement and dedication of the park's legacy in memory of former L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina, whose tenacity helped create and complete the 12-acre green oasis. Visitors and families can participate in hands-on activities, such as printmaking, face painting and sugar skull crafting, as well as discover natural remedies from an "alterNative" medicine shop.

Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos will cap off the nine days with a luminous *Noche de los Muertos* festivity, illuminating the path between life and death through light, music and cultural expression. The closing celebration, to be held from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, will feature an Aztec ceremonial dance, a *mercado* (market) featuring wares made by local artisans and art-making activities where participants can create colorful lanterns and play with marigold dye--all reflecting the heart of *Día de los Muertos*. Two-time Latin GRAMMY®-nominated artist **Lupita Infante** will headline the four-hour festival, alongside L.A.-based band **Boleros with Attitude** (BWA) that revives the vintage Bolero sounds of the Golden Era of Mexico by fusing them with the dynamic force of hip-hop. With the warm glow of candles and glowing altars, *Noche de los Muertos* will be a poignant tribute to ancestors and a collective expression of joy in the face of loss and adversity.

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CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT:

Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos

Gloria Molina Grand Park will showcase a public art installation in Downtown L.A. honoring Angelenos' longtime customs and traditions of the Day of the Dead celebration. For nine days, the *park for everyone* will be a healing space where visitors can explore and view a beautiful collection of altars created by professional artists and local organizations. This year's festivity will not only honor deceased loved ones but will also uplift the stories of immigrants who have remained resilient amid recent federal immigrant raids. Two-time Latin GRAMMY®-nominated artist Lupita Infante will perform on the final evening of the annual celebration, known as *Noche de los Muertos*.

WHEN:

Public Viewing of the Altars (Blocks 1 & 2, from Grand Ave. to Hill St.)

- Saturday, October 25 - Sunday, November 2, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Opening Day Community Celebration, as part of *Grand Ave: All Access*, with Dance and music performances, face painting and art activities (Block 1, from Grand Ave. to Olive Court)

- Saturday, October 25, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***Noche de los Muertos* Closing Night Ceremony (The park's Performance Lawn in Block 2, between Grand Ave. and Hill St.)**

- Sunday, November 2, 2025
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WHERE:**Gloria Molina Grand Park**

200 N. Grand Avenue

Los Angeles 90012

MORE INFO: For the latest news about *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos*, visit grandparkla.org or follow the park on social media [@grandpark_la](#) (Instagram, X, Twitch, TikTok, Spotify and Mixcloud) and [@grandparkLosAngeles](#) (YouTube and Meta).

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