SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

"Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día De Los Muertos" to Honor Loved Ones Through Art, Music, Storytelling, Cultural Traditions and More Than 16 Altars



Gloria Molina Grand Park invites Angelenos and visitors of all ages to ***Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos***, an annual free Mexican celebration honoring departed loved ones through art, music, storytelling and cultural traditions. The 10-day festivity will be centered on the park's programming theme for 2026 "The Power of One -- It Starts with One. One Becomes Many," which explores how individual stories and memories become part of the collective history of a community.

The celebration features public art installations, curated by renowned artist and Día de los Muertos educator **Consuelo G. Flores**. She and other L.A. artists, families and community organizations will create more than 16 altars (ofrendas) displayed throughout the *park for everyone*. This year's program also introduces the inaugural *Downtown* ***Día de los Muertos*** **mentorship program**, bringing together emerging artists with seasoned professionals to learn about the cultural traditions and artistic best practices of altar-making. Eight mentees will create personalized shoebox altars that will become part of the park's larger community altar.

Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos kicks off with an **Opening Day Celebration on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**, as part of the 10th annual ***Grand Ave Arts: All Access***. Hosted by composer, vocalist and educator **Anaís Azul**, the Opening Day Celebration will feature live music and cultural performances by **El Río**, **Mariachi Arcoiris** and **Grupo Bella**. Local youth from **A Place Called Home** will create artworks that will adorn the park's performance stage, and **Ohtli Yollotl Curanderismo Collective** will offer traditional spiritual cleanses. Hands-on activities for all ages include sugar-skull decorating, face painting, a paper weaving workshop, a photography portrait session and more.

Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos culminates with ***Noche de los Muertos*** **Closing Night Ceremony on Sunday, November 1, 2026, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m**. The evening will feature live music, cultural performances and family-friendly activities, including sugar-skull decorating, face painting, a vendor market and other interactive arts experiences. **Los Negrete Fam** and other guest artists will perform.
All events of *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Downtown Día de los Muertos* are free and open to the public.

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 10 days, the *park for everyone* transforms into a healing

space where visitors can explore and view a beautiful collection of altars created by seasoned and emerging artists as well as local community organizations. This year's festivities include an Opening Day Celebration and a *Noche de los Muertos* Closing Night Ceremony.

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

- Saturday, October 24 - Monday, November 2, 2026
  8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Opening Day Community Celebration, as part of the *Grand Ave Arts: All Access* event all along Grand Avenue in DTLA, with dance and music performances and a spiritual cleanse (Block 1, from Grand Ave. to Olive Court)

- Saturday, October 24, 2026
  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 1, 2026
  3:00 - 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).

** Schedule and artists subject to change.*

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