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## **Harbourfront Centre celebrates life and legacy at Day of the Dead festival, November 5–6**

**TORONTO, ON (October 11, 2016)** – Harbourfront Centre is excited to announce the return of **Day of the Dead** (*Día de los Muertos*), a festival of reverence for those who have left the world of the living. Presented by Scotiabank, the two-day festival will explore Mexico’s most popular cultural celebration with live music, theatre, art installations, family activities and more.

The festival begins Saturday afternoon with the Canadian premiere of Mexican collective Colectivo Cuerda Floja’s captivating show **Post mortem**, a witty western gothic about death using puppetry (*títeres*). *Post mortem*, supported by AMEXCID and the Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto, tells the story of a man seeking his way back to his beloved with only death standing between them. Later, audiences are in for a treat as **Viva Mexico Mariachi** gives an explosive concert of Mexico’s most beloved traditional music, featuring the powerful vocals of Cecilia Guerrero. In addition, over the course of the weekend, visitors can feast their eyes on stunning **ofrendas**, altars to the departed and a key part of the celebration, which will be on display throughout the site.

“This year’s Day of the Dead festival examines the duality of life and death through a contemporary lens,” says Marah Braye, CEO of Harbourfront Centre. “We will be celebrating the memories, achievements and legacy of those who came before us, while observing their influences on our present. This year’s festival is a can’t-miss event.”

For the full schedule of Day of the Dead events, visit <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/festivals/dayofthedeath/> or call Harbourfront Centre at 416-973-4000.

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### **ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE**

Harbourfront Centre is a Canadian charity operating the 10 prime acres of Toronto’s central waterfront as a free and open public site. We celebrate the multiplicities of cultures that comprise Canada and enliven the city through the creative imaginations of artists from across the country and around the globe.

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