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## West Valley Arts' Annual Día de Los Muertos / Day of the Dead Celebration Returns In-Person After One Year Hiatus

**(SALT LAKE CITY, Utah)** – West Valley's annual Día de Los Muertos / Day of the Dead Celebration returns in-person to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center on Oct. 30, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The celebration includes traditional Mexican dances and music performances, traditional community altar exhibits, complimentary family-friendly hands-on activities and food & drink for purchase.

Día de Los Muertos presented by West Valley Arts is one of the largest gatherings for Día de Los Muertos in Utah. Since 2005, this one-day celebration of Mexican culture has become West Valley Arts' signature event. In 2020 the event was fully virtual and is now back in-person.

"The past year has taught us the importance of community and we at West Valley Arts are ready to bring back an event for West Valley that will bring about healing for our community," said Andrew Wallentine, Manager of the West Valley City Division of Arts and Culture.

West Valley Arts provides the community with a balance between the traditional and contemporary forms of expression and participation of Dia de Los Muertos. We aim to present a community-based, meaningful event that engages and entertains participants while balancing the respect and cultural authenticity that is appropriate for this gathering.

West Valley Arts - The West Valley Arts and Cultural Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization that works in conjunction with the West Valley City Division of Arts and Culture to provide a variety of arts programming for residents of West Valley City and the Wasatch Front. West Valley Arts' mission is to create opportunities to learn, experience and celebrate art, culture and community.