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Museum Celebrates Día de los Muertos with Community Art Workshop

Houston (September 23, 2021) . . . Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) will celebrate Día de los Muertos with a community art workshop facilitated by artist Theresa Escobedo on Saturday, October 9 at 11 a.m. Participants at this family-friendly event will have an opportunity to make sugar skulls, paper flowers and create papel picado that will be included in a community ofrenda (altar) to be displayed in the Museum October 18 through November 12.

Theresa Escobedo is a multi-disciplinary artist, curator, and arts administrator active in Houston. As an artist, her work intersects ancestry, history, and spiritualism, and combines elements of the artist's mixed cultural heritage to demonstrate and ultimately represent broad ancestral influences and cosmopolitan spiritual perspectives. On view in HMH's featured exhibition, *Withstand: Latinx Art in Times of Conflict*, her most recent work has its roots in the family history described in the book *Stolen Heritage*. Authored by the artist's third cousin, Abel Rubio, the published tome offers anecdotal accounts of a family's struggle for survival in the Texas/Mexican frontier, participation on both sides of the conflict during the Texas/Mexican revolution, and the post-revolutionary trauma of stolen life and land.

The Community Art Workshop is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Spanish-speaking educators will be on hand to assist in this family-friendly program. For full event information and to RSVP, visit hmh.org/Ofrenda. Face masks are required for all guests above the age of 2. Complimentary masks are available at the Security desk.

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. Located at 5401 Caroline Street, HMH is closed Mondays except Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum's Legacy Café is open on weekends only. Admission is \$19 for adults; \$15 for seniors (ages 65+), AARP members and active-duty military; always free for children and students through age 18; and free to all visitors on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available at the Museum's adjacent lot for \$8 for a four-hour period. Tickets are available exclusively online. For more information, visit hmh.org/visit.

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