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### ***SUGAR SKULL! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure: A Colorful Journey into Mexican Culture***

University Park, IL (September 19, 2023) - Experience the rich tradition of Día de Muertos in the immersive musical – [SUGAR SKULL! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure](#) at The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University (The Center).

The Center's 28th Cultural Season Opener, *SUGAR SKULL!*, is a magical, theatrical ride that encapsulates the essence of Día de Muertos (The Day of the Dead). Perfect for the whole family, this soul-stirring spectacle brings Mexican folklore to life with a heady mix of traditional music and dance, vibrant costumes, and a captivating narrative.

The Center for Performing Arts' staff shares, "If *Coco*, *Encanto*, and *The Book of Life* were combined into a live musical, it would be *SUGAR SKULL!*"

The protagonist, young Vita Flores, embarks on an exciting adventure with Sugar Skull, a charismatic skeleton who helps her understand the true meaning of Día de Muertos. This engaging storyline not only entertains but also explores the cultural nuances of this Mexican tradition.

Developed by Rhythm of the Arts, Gregory Van Acker, Sinuhé Padilla, and Elena Aráoz, with Mexico Beyond Mariachi, *SUGAR SKULL!* is a joyous, heartfelt adventure that delves into the rich, tuneful traditions of Día de Muertos. Featuring a company of gifted musicians and dancers, this colorful stage production is the perfect fall entertainment for youth and family audiences alike.

Show up before the show for **Catrina Calavera's Celebración**, the official *SUGAR SKULL!* Preshow Party hosted by The Center! There will be crafts, refreshments, music, and more! The cost to attend is included with the ticket purchase. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

*SUGAR SKULL!* is supported in part by the ComEd Powering the Arts Grant.

#### **TICKETS**

\$25 - \$54

\$20 for Children 14 & under and Students with i.d.

Discounts are also available for seniors 65+, groups of 10+, GSU faculty and staff, and patrons purchasing tickets to three or

more shows.

To purchase tickets, call (708) 235-2222; visit [www.CenterTickets.net](http://www.CenterTickets.net); or visit the box office.

### **FLEX PASSES**

Flex buyers (patrons who purchase three or more shows) save 15% off tickets, receive priority seating, and enjoy flexible exchange or bank-a-credit privileges.

### **BOX OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.;

Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Open two hours prior to show times.

### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

Parking is free. For best GPS directions, use the location search term “Governors State University.”

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### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

*SUGAR SKULL! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure*

Friday, October 13, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

The Center for Performing Arts

Governors State University

1 University Parkway

University Park, IL 60484

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