**¡Celebracion! A Tapestry of Culture**

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Natural History Museum of Utah | Rio Tinto Center

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Join us at the opening of [*Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*](http://nhmu.utah.edu/museum/exhibits/maya) as we celebrate the living traditions of the indigenous people of Central America and Mexico. Meet artists and craftspeople as they demonstrate their work. Hear from archaeologists who will share their latest discoveries of ancient Maya life. Enjoy performances by musicians and dancers, listen to Maya stories, and get a taste of traditional food*.*

Members, come visit the Members-only Hospitality Suite, where you'll enjoy activities, refreshments, and a chance to take home an exciting prize.

**Food**

Enjoy Maya Food from the Museum Café: tacos, tamales, soup, and drinks.

**Schedule of Performances and Lectures**

**11:30 a.m.** - David Lindes: storytelling and music performance

**Noon**- Arte Primero: Dia de Los Muertos inspired children dance performance

**12:45** – Alberto Aveleyra: Maya archeological discoveries lecture

**1:30** - Fulgencio Choy: storytelling performance

**2:00**- Malcolm’s Dancers: Guatemalan adult dance performance

**2:00** – Richard Hansen: archeological discoveries of El Mirador lecture

**2:30** - David Lindes: storytelling and music performance

**3:00**- Arte Primero: Dia de Los Muertos inspired children dance performance

**3:15**– Allen Christenson: ethnographic stories inspired by living with contemporary Maya lecture

**3:30**- Fulgencio Choy: storytelling performance

**4:00**- Malcolm’s Dancers: Guatemalan adult dance performance

**Featured Guests and Community Partners**

* **Arte Primero**Displaying children’s art
* **Artes de México**Displaying Dia de Los Muertos altar (Maya altar, contemporary Mexican alter for a group, contemporary Mexican alter for an individual)
* **Astrid Botto & Maria Guachia**Selling contemporary and traditional Guatemalan textiles and displaying traditional Maya dress from five regions
* **Caputo’s** Selling chocolate sourced from Maya regions
* **Cultura Bakery & Café** Selling sweet breads and pastries and a hot corn drink
* **Dulce Rodriguez**Selling Mexican corn husk dolls
* **Family Search**Helping guests discover if they have Maya ancestry
* **JJ Galicia** Selling Maya metal embossing
* **Latin American Studies Department, Univ. of Utah** Discussing their program and facilitating a game about Maya language and culture
* **Consulado de México en Salt Lake City**Facilitating a paper animal art activity
* **Veronica Perez**Selling contemporary paintings inspired by Maya tradition
* **Fulgencio Choy** Displaying cultural objects
* **Cooperative de Hermanas Maya Weaving**demonstrations with three different traditional Maya looms

**Activities**

* **Artes de México**Dia de Los Muertos skeleton masks
* **Corn Grinding** Grind corn using a mano and metate
* **Corn Stalk**Share your favorite food tradition
* **Bul Game** Play a traditional Maya game
* **Rubbing** Color Maya-inspired images
* **Natural Calendar**Discover how Maya used the natural world to create calendars
* **Face Painting**Selling Dia de Los Muertos-inspired face painting

**¡Celebracion! is included with Museum admission. Admission is free for Museum Members, plus University of Utah faculty, staff, and students.**