



EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS TAPETE COMPETITION & DISPLAY PARTICIPATION FORM

Take an active role in Cheekwood's 10th annual El Día de los Muertos cultural celebration by creating a colorful *tapete* design. Being a part of this festive event is easy! Cheekwood provides the materials and space and you provide the creativity! Develop a cultural awareness, encourage group unity and participation, and display your talent and enthusiasm to over 3,000 event visitors through this interactive and fun competition! Just fill out the following registration form and return to the contact listed on the bottom of the page. Space is limited, so don't delay!

Registration forms must be returned by Friday, September 25, 2009.

A few reminders:

- Tapetes must be designed with a family friendly theme.
- Small groups and individuals are encouraged to participate.
- All individuals/groups are responsible for their own transportation to and from Cheekwood.
- Please review the activity description, details, and FAQs prior to registering to participate.

INDIVIDUAL or GROUP

LEADER NAME: _____ **GROUP NAME:** _____

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____ **PRIMARY PHONE:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ **# in GROUP (if applicable):** _____

TITLE / NAME OF DESIGN: _____

BASIC DESCRIPTION OF DESIGN: _____

Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. Please return form as soon as possible to guarantee participation.
Please return form by email, fax, or mail to:

Hillary Steinwinder | Manager of Public Programs
hsteinwinder@cheekwood.org | 615.353.6972 (phone) | 615.353.9829 (fax)
1200 Forrest Park Drive | Nashville, TN 37205

**Please note: Individual/Group Leader's signature is agreement to participate in event, space permitting, and to adhere to terms and conditions outlined by Cheekwood Staff.*





TAPETE DISPLAY & COMPETITION

WHO

The Tapete Display and Competition is open to students, community groups, and individual artists. Group size is limited to 15 participants*. Space at the festival is limited, so groups/individuals will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If a group is bringing participants under the age of 18, there must be 1 adult chaperone for every 5 students. *Some exceptions may apply, contact the Public Programs Manager for details.

WHAT

Tapete is the Spanish word for carpet. Usually made with colored sand, these "carpets" are a tradition for Día de los Muertos because, like life, they are temporary. At Cheekwood, we will use a similar temporary medium, chalk, to create the large-scale colorful murals to honor the deceased. While the chalk will wash away, the memory of the experience will last a lifetime for your students.

WHERE

The Dia de los Muertos festival takes place on Cheekwood's campus at 1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205. The tapete area will be located at the entrance to the marketplace/Mercado in Parking Lot B*. Each group/individual will be assigned a 8ft x 10ft area on the asphalt for their drawing. *The location may change in the event of rain or inclement weather.

WHEN

Saturday, October 24th

Competition/Display Schedule:	9:30 am	Participants begin drawing
	11:00 am	Event opens to public
	1:00 pm	All drawings completed
	2:00 pm	Awards Announced
	5:00 pm	End of 2009 El Dia de los Muertos

Is there a fee to participate?

There is no cost to participate in the Tapete Display and Competition and the event admission fee is waived for all registered participants. Passes, parking permits, and directions will be mailed to the individual or group leader prior to the event.

What awards are given?

Unique awards for a unique event! While there will be no conventional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners announced, award categories will include (but are not limited to) :

Most Colorful	Best Team Spirit & Enthusiasm
Best Original Design	Most Creative Calaveras
Visitor's Choice	

How do I decide on a topic or theme for my design?

From Jose Posada's lively compositions to a one-of-a-kind design – there are many ways to highlight the El Dia de los Muertos spirit in your drawing! To learn more about the holiday and gain inspiration for your design, visit the following website.

<http://www.azcentral.com/ent/dead/>

Do we need to bring drawing materials?

Cheekwood will supply all chalk and drawing materials. Because the drawings will be done on an asphalt parking lot, participants may want to bring kneepads or cushions to kneel or sit on.

Will food & drink be available?

Cheekwood will provide water for all participants. Food and snacks will be available for purchase from on-site vendors throughout the day. However, participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages if needed.

When is the deadline to register?

The deadline to register is **September 25, 2009**. Please complete the participation form and mail or fax it to the address listed.

Any other questions? Please contact:

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