

December 11, 2019

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Dear CHAC Family and Friends,

As the holiday season is approaching, we want to share what we have accomplished this year and let you know we appreciate your support! CHAC's mission to hold a space for Chicano/Latino artists to present their work and preserve Latino/Chicano art forms through education is successful due to community support.

CHAC's exhibits aim to reach diverse audiences and represent the diversity of the Latino/Chicano and Denver population. This year some of our special exhibitions included; *Lowrider Culture in the Mile-High City* and *Dia de Los Muertos*. These two exhibitions allowed families to share in the art experience together and celebrate their culture. For the first time ever CHAC'S exhibition *Amor es Amor*, celebrated the LGBTQ artists. This exhibit was paired with *Celebrating Indigenous Cultures*, giving Latinos/Chicanos of indigenous heritage representation. This December CHAC is celebrating the Santos tradition in *Saints... A Connection Between Heaven and Earth*. This exhibit is paired with *Our Lady de Guadalupe* and *Sacred Women*, honoring the connection Latinos/Chicanos and the Denver community have to the Lady de Guadalupe and all the women who empower and nurture their community.

CHAC is very proud to have its education program expanding. This fall CHAC artists have taught over 500 students, helping them to learn traditional Chicano/Latino art forms. Most classes are held at CHAC, giving students a full art experience, where they get to see artwork from master artists while they are exploring their creativity.

As you plan your donations for this year, please consider donating \$100.00 or what ever is possible for you. Your financial support ensures that CHAC will be able to continue to serve the community.

To donate please use the enclosed donation envelope.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Lucille Rivera



**CHICANO HUMANITIES AND  
ARTS COUNCIL**

**2019 Sponsored  
Community Events**

*Lowrider Culture in the Mile-High  
City*

*Dia de Los Muertos*

*Amor es Amor*

*Celebrating Indigenous Cultures*

*Cuentos "Stories" de La Llorona*

**UP COMING EXHIBITS**

Dec. 6th - Jan. 25, 2020

*Saints...A Connection Between  
Heaven and Earth*

*Our Lady de Guadalupe and Sacred  
Women*

**Christmas Markets**

Dec. 13, 2019 3-8pm, Saints Artist

Dec. 21-22, 2019 11am-4pm, All  
CHAC Artists

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## YEAR 2020

CHAC is excited about what the New Year brings! In February, CHAC is hosting its annual heart fundraiser where participants donate hand painted hearts that are sold to raise money for the education department. We are excited about our Cien por Cien event, participants pay \$100 dollars and get a piece of artwork ranging between \$50.00-\$500.00 chosen by drawing.

CHAC's education department is expanding and will start to offer even more workshops for youth and adults. We believe arts education is important for all ages. Sip and Paint workshops for adults are coming soon. To support our artists members, we will soon have marketing workshops to make sure they are reaching their audiences at all angles.

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*“CHAC Education Director Arlette Lucero had enthusiastic students eagerly painting sugar skulls to honor their relatives who have passed”*

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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

CHAC's education department had a busy year! Each season CHAC master artists offer workshops to students of all ages. During the fall, sugar skulls and tiny skeleton workshops drew in elementary through college students to CHAC. This winter CHAC is offering workshops on Alebrijas, Chicos Nichos, Retablos and God's Eyes. Students are delighted with the opportunity to work with master artists. CHAC is proud to help nurture and guide the next generation of artists through their workshops and continue to preserve the rich legacy of Chicano/Latino art.





*Dia de los Muertos Celebration 2019 and Community Altar*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHAC holds community events through out the year to give the community a space to celebrate and participate in art and culture together! Here are a few of the community's favorite events.

CHAC is proud to continue their annual Dia de los Muertos celebration and is proud to be among one of Denver's earliest organizations dedicated to this ancient custom. Aztec dancers presented their ancient traditions and led participants on a processional down Santa Fe Drive. CHAC created a community altar called "Somos Familia" so the community could display pictures of their loved ones who have passed on.

"Cuentos "Stories" de La Llorona" showcased master story-tellers Geraldine Lawson, Angel Vigil and Karen Gonzales. A special showing of "La Llorona" by the late Lalo Delgado was also shown. The audience was in awe as these storytellers told their tales of La Llorona, a legend that dates back over 500 years in the Southwest and Mexico. The night ended with a La Llorona costume contest and the contestants had to give their best La Llorona cry.

Amor es Amor: Celebrating LGBTQ in Chicanisma/o/x, CHAC was honored to hold this exhibit recognizing the LGBTQ artists and community. This exhibit not only had an opening, but several events that allowed the topics of this exhibit to be explored more in depth. This exhibit was in coordination with the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and World Pride.

## Message from the Executive Director

CHAC is grateful to be settled in its new location. While moving from CHAC's home for over 20 years presented challenges, it also gave CHAC the chance to get ready for the future and growth that is occurring in Denver. CHAC's commitment to having a space where Chicano/Latino artists can showcase their art and nurture the next generation of artists and creatives is stronger than ever. I want to express my gratitude to CHAC's members and community for supporting CHAC through this transition. With the challenges and opportunities that Denver's economic growth presents, in order for CHAC to continue to serve the community your steadfast support is needed. Please reach out to me to see how you can help CHAC continue for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lucille Rivera

Executive Director