

## Day of the Dead: Calavera Costume Contest FAQs

**Who may enter?** Anyone may enter! We have two categories. Ages 13 and up, and Children 12 and under.

**Do I need to look like a traditional Catrina/Catrin?** You may interpret any type of Catrinas/Catrins for the contest, including traditional Catrinas/Catrins modeled after José Guadalupe Posada, the Catrinas/Catrins of a famous icon, or a contemporary interpretation of a Catrinas/Catrins.

**Will any type of costume not be accepted?** Participants must appear to be Catrinas/Catrins and costumes must be family friendly.

**Where do I check-in/register?** Check in takes place from 11 AM until 1:30 PM at the MOLAA Booth in the Viva Events Center.

**What do I need to do to register?** You will need to sign a photo release form and then have your picture taken. You will be assigned an entry number. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR NUMBER.**

**Why do I have to sign a Photo Release form?**

Any photographs that will be taken during the festival may be used for future educational or promotional purposes, in order to illustrate the programs we organize at MOLAA.

**What is my number for?**

The number identifies you as officially registered. Jurors will identify you by your number during the jurying process. We will also use it to line you up for the Catrina/Catrin contest on stage.

**Where do I go for the Catrina/Catrin contest?**

The Catrina/Catrin contest takes place on the garden stage at 2:00 p.m. You are required to meet by the stage at 2:00PM. Line up in numerical order, beginning with number 01. A MOLAA volunteer in a pink shirt will be there to assist you.

**What happens during the Catrina/Catrin contest?**

You will be asked to step up on the stage, walk across it and then line up on the back of the stage. Please do not pause for long periods of time on the stage. You may take pictures after the Catrina/Catrin contest.

**When are winners announced?**

Finalist are announced immediately following the Catrina/Catrin contest on stage and will be called back up on stage by their numbers. The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be chosen by audience cheers and our three judges. The grand prize goes to best overall costume.

**Must I be present to receive my prize?**

Yes, you must be present to receive your prize if you win.

**Can I take pictures with visitors?**

Yes, we STRONGLY encourage you to take pictures with visitors on the day of the event!

**What are the prizes?**

**For the adult contest:** The Grand Prize is a \$500.00 Visa Gift Card. Second Place is a \$250.00 Gift Card and two tickets for the opera *El Último Sueño de Friday Diego* courtesy of the LA Opera. Third Place is a \$100 Gift Card.

**For the 12 and under:** Grand Prize is a scholarship to MOLAA's 2023 Bilingual Summer Camp in July and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place each receive a DVD of the animated film "The Book of Life."

**Is there a male and female category?**

No. There are no gender restrictions.