

Press Release/Calendar Listing

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RE: Día de los Muertos Celebration, Ghoulish Gastronomique & Trick or Treat

LOCATION: Gourmet Ghetto, Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA

EVENT DATES: October 30, 31 and November 2, 2012

Calendar Listings below

PRESS RELEASE

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION GHOULISH GASTRONOMIQUE TRICK-OR-TREATING IN THE GOURMET GHETTO

Take your ghoulish friend out to dinner at the Gourmet Ghetto's Halloween restaurant walk, **Ghoulish Gastronomique** on Tuesday, October 30, 6-9PM. The haunted tasting menu, available in 20 venues includes devilishly hot chicken wings, headcheese (really?), cringing cornbread, pumpkin samosas, wicked brownies and more. Costumes are encouraged. Tasting tickets are \$25/person at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/279372> or \$30 at the event and a portion benefits M.L. King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley.

Then on Friday, celebrate and remember those who have passed on at a time of year when the veil between the living and dead is thought to be at its most diaphanous. At the fourth annual **Día de los Muertos Celebration**, gather on Shattuck Ave. between Rose and Vine Streets in Berkeley on Friday, November 2, 5-9PM. Food booths, a wine and beer garden, free skeletal face painting, and DIY art projects for kids and adults, musicians and fire dancers enliven the night. Costumes and papier maché giant heads are encouraged.

This year's altar, or *ofrenda*, is being created for and by community members who may bring photos or stories of their loved ones, candles, breads, or flowers to add to the altar. Cuatli Mitotiana Mexica Aztec dancers will bless the altar with drums and dancing then lead a sidewalk candle light procession through the district for about an hour following along a path of strewn marigold petals.

Tricks and treats await the kiddies in the stores on North Shattuck Avenue on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31 from 3-5PM. Wear your most fantastical costume, bring your goodie bag, and have tons of fun collecting candies and other goodies.

These celebrations are sponsored by the North Shattuck Association, Saul's Deli, Vintage Berkeley Wines, Vignette Soda, and East Bay Express. Free valet bike parking by Richmond Spokes. The Gourmet Ghetto is six blocks north of Downtown Berkeley BART. For more info visit www.AnotherBullwinkelShow.com.

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CALENDAR LISTING #1

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CALENDAR LISTING #2

TRICK-OR-TREAT IN THE GOURMET GHETTO, Wed. Oct. 31, 3-5PM in the stores on No. Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. www.GourmetGhetto.org

CALENDAR LISTING #3

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION, Friday, November 2, 5-10PM, No. Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free Admission. Community altar, food booth, beer & wine garden, fire dancers, Aztec dancers, DIY art projects, free face painting, and a candlelight procession. www.AnotherBullwinkelShow.com