

Introducing Our Summer Exhibit  
June 25th - November 9th



Experience the rich history and iconography of La Catrina through colorful and joyful large-scale sculptures throughout Columbus Botanical Garden. Discover nine eight-foot-tall skeleton sculptures created by Los Angeles-based artist Ricardo Soltero sited throughout the living galleries of the gardens. Organized by Denver Botanic Gardens, the exhibition is on view from June 25th through November 9th .



## About *La Calavera Catrina*

La Catrina appears as part of the celebrations of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) held throughout Mexico, where death is not treated with mournful commemoration but as a colorful celebration of life. Families create altars with photographs of the departed along with offerings, including candles, incense, marigolds, and bread baked in the shape of skulls.

Depicted as an elegant female skeleton, La Catrina was originally born out of Mexican social satire. In 1913, Mexican artist and illustrator José Guadalupe Posada created the very first version of La Catrina. She was intended as a parody, mocking the high-society European obsessions of Mexican president Porfirio Díaz, whose corruption led to the Mexican Revolution of 1911.

La Catrina remains a light-hearted and well-loved part of Mexican culture. Visitors to this exhibition will explore popular La Catrina iconography, including Frida Kahlo, Mexican actress Maria Felix, Mictēcacihuātl, the Aztec queen of the underworld, and more!



## This summer's *La Calavera Catrina* Themed Events

### Members Only - First Harvest!

June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30pm

Members are invited to the opening reception to get a **first look at the catrinas** and celebrate CBG's **summer vegetable harvest** with samples of fresh produce from the Garden!

**FREE FOR MEMBERS**

### Meet *La Calavera Catrina* - Family Day!

June 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 2:00pm

Welcome these larger-than-life Catrinas to the Garden and learn about their history through art stations and presentations for all ages! Come design your own Catrina figurine, make a floral crown, and more!

## Seed to Salsa

July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 11:00am

Bring your young gardeners and chefs for a lesson about vegetable gardening and making salsa from our harvest!

## Family FriYAYs

Every Friday from July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Drop in for Friday night programs around a new theme centering on the Catrinas each week! Learn about Mexican culture and participate in a craft.

**FREE FOR MEMBERS**

## Catrinas at Night!

September 3rd, 10th, and 17th 6:30 - 9:00pm

An immersive evening experience for adults featuring food, drinks, and music set among the illuminated sculptures and the summer sky.

## CBG MEMBER BENEFITS

- Free entry into the Garden for a full year to see what's blooming in all seasons.
- Attend the Members Only First Harvest event and meet the catrinas first.
- Free or reduced admission to special events, classes, and programs.
- Discounts at local nurseries.
- Free or discounted admission to 340+ gardens nationwide.

Become a CBG MEMBER

## Regular Garden Hours:

**Tuesday - Sunday**

9:00am - 5:00pm, last entrance time at 4:00pm

**(CLOSED on Mondays)**

**We hope to see you at the Garden!**

### **La Calavera Catrina Photo credit:**

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Photo 1: Ricardo Soltero, *La vendedora de frutas*, fiberglass and paint, 2017.

Photo 2: Ricardo Soltero, *Lady Mictlán*, fiberglass and paint, 2017.

Photo 3: Ricardo Soltero, *La Catrina vestida de mariposas*, fiberglass and paint, 2017.

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