



National Museum of Mexican Art
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the National Museum of Mexican Art, the most important Mexican art museum in the country and the first accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums dedicated to Latino Culture, we invite you to join us in celebrating this world-class museum with a donation in support of the 2019 ***Gala de Arte, themed Noche de Encanto*** (Enchanted Evening).

This year's Gala de Arte takes place on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel; it will be an incomparable black tie evening attended by more than 650 Chicagoans, philanthropists and art enthusiasts. Guests will enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and a delicious dinner. A highlight of the Gala de Arte is our Silent Auction, which includes objects of art as well as an array of creative and exclusive packages.

We would be honored if you would support the Museum by donating an item for auction at the Gala de Arte; there are many opportunities to donate an item or more. Last year, our Gala raised philanthropic support that sustained and bolstered the Museum's 10,000-piece permanent collection, educational programs, and community events. More than 150,000 individuals visit the Museum each year including nearly 52,000 children and families. And, as you probably know, admission to the National Museum of Mexican Art remains free for everyone. Please read more about the Museum's exciting work on the next page.

Please help us celebrate Mexican art, culture and community and donate to the Gala de Arte today. If you have any questions about this opportunity or would like more information about the Museum, please call us! We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eve Rodríguez-Montoya". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

Eve Rodríguez-Montoya
Gala de Arte Chair



About the National Museum of Mexican Art

The National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA) opened its doors to the public in 1987 in the Harrison Park boathouse with less than 100 art objects and a budget of \$900. Today, the Museum is one of the most prominent Latino cultural organizations in the country with 150,000 annual visitors, a 10,000- piece Permanent Collection, and educational programs recognized by the White House.

The Museum is known for its outstanding work in the visual and performing arts and in arts education. In fact, NMMA has exhibited more than 150 shows, including 20 traveling exhibitions. It was the first Latino arts organization in the United States to obtain accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums and remains the only accredited Museum dedicated to Mexican art and culture.

Our Mission

The NMMA stands out as one of the most prominent first-voice institutions for Mexican art and culture in the United States. Our founding mission is to showcase the beauty and richness of Mexican culture by sponsoring events and presenting exhibitions that exemplify the majestic variety of visual and performing arts in the Mexican culture; to develop, conserve and preserve a significant permanent collection of Mexican art; to encourage the professional development of Mexican artists; and, to offer arts-education programs.

Permanent Collection

The National Museum of Mexican Art's permanent collection is the premier repository for Mexican Art in the U.S. Art in the collection includes Mesoamerican artifacts, prints, paintings, textiles, sculptures, and folk art. Key works in the permanent collection are highlighted in *Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection*, the Museum's anchor exhibition.

Visual Arts

NMMA's approach to art exhibitions draws extensively from the Mexican tradition of utilizing the transformative power of visual arts for educational purposes. The exhibitions developed at the Museum utilize a unique framework for examining complex social issues. These exhibitions specifically aim to foster necessary cross-cultural dialogues. Artwork on the gallery walls serves as inspiration for introspection and social change.

Arts Education

The National Museum of Mexican Art offers high-quality programs within three program areas: classroom programs, teacher professional development, and children and family programs. Our knowledgeable and experienced arts education staff serve over 52,000 students, teachers, children, and families annually with the aim of expanding knowledge and appreciation of Mexican art and culture. In addition, the Yollocalli Arts Reach initiative offers arts education and career training opportunities to hundreds of teens each year.

Performing Arts

Various performances, including the annual Sor Juana Festival attract thousands of spectators each year. Honored guests have included author Sandra Cisneros, artist Ester Hernandez, and musicians Eugenia Leon and the Mariachi Divas. In addition, the Museum hosts the Día del Niño Health Walk and Family Festival. This free, day-long festival attracts 3,000 individuals and offers free on-site health screening while also providing live performances, art activities, health and fitness games, and a 2.1-mile health walk.



2019 Gala de Arte Noche de Encanto- Friday, May 3, 2019
Thank you for your silent auction donation.

Donor Name: _____

Company Name (as it should appear in print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Number of Items to be donated: _____ **Item(s) needed by April 19, 2019**

Please check one:

Donor will deliver

NMMA to arrange for pick-up

Contact person: _____ Telephone: _____

Please list each item, its estimated retail value and any conditions, restrictions or expiration dates.

Item	Value	Conditions/Restrictions/Expiration Dates

Please keep a copy for your records and return this form to Lisa@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org, fax to 312-738-9740 or mail to NMMA, Gala de Arte, 1852 W. 19th St., Chicago, IL 60608. Questions? Lisa Polderman 312-433-3964