

## REDLANDS

# Library plans Día de los Muertos activities

From staff reports

Redlands' A.K. Smiley Public Library plans activities to mark Día de los Muertos on Tuesday in Smiley Park outside the library and at the Contemporary Club.

Family activities from noon-3 p.m. in Smiley Park include crafts, a children's Catrina/Calavera costume contest and live music by Los Plateados Mariachi and Pati Luevano, according to a news release.

Free lunch will be provided by the Taco and Fun-

nel Cake Ladies and Nicho's Ice Cream, while supplies last. The A.K. Smiley Public Library is at 125 W. Vine St., and the afternoon activities will be in the park behind the library.

The 6-8 p.m. event at the Contemporary Club, 173 S. Eureka St., will include altar viewing, vocal and guitar music by Ana Gonzalez Jorgenson and a performance by St. Mary's Ballet Folklorico of Redlands.

Jenna Cortez Aguirre, director of instruction and choreography of St. Mary's Ballet Folklorico, will speak

on "Dancing Our Way to College," and Socorro Contreras, a member of Conversation Helps Adults Transition, will speak in English and Spanish on "The History and Meaning of Día de los Muertos."

There will also be remarks by Rosa Gomez, a member of the library's Board of Trustees; Redlands City Council members; Assembly member Eloise Gomez Reyes; and Mauricio Arellano, Redlands Unified School District superintendent.

Both events are free.

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Inland Master Chorale performs on the stage of the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel in May. The chorale will present "Poetry in Song" on Sunday in Memorial Chapel.

# Inland Master Chorale will present 'Poetry in Song'

From staff reports

The Inland Master Chorale will open its 43rd season with "Poetry in Song," a concert featuring choral settings of poetry, 4 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Chapel on the University of Redlands campus, 1200 E. Colton Ave.

The concert will feature composer William D. Hall's interpretation of three of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" poems, with solos by altos Gabi Ochoa and Jacob Hall, baritone George Becker and tenor Zachary Krug.

Also on the program are Frances Smith Thomas' "My Feet Are Tired, But My Soul is Resting," with

soprano soloist Susan Meinders; and Matt Podd's setting of Sara Teasdale's poem "There Will Come Soft Rains," accompanied by violinist Jace Elliott and cellist Anne Ragni.

The concert also includes choral settings of poems by Robert Burns, Ogden Nash, e e cummings and others, according to a news release.

Inland Master Chorale's director is Joseph Modica, who is also director of the School of Performing Arts and the Conservatory of Music at the University of Redlands.

Assistant director is Zachary Krug, choir director at Vista Murrieta

High School. Sophie Tait, a graduate of the University of Redlands, is the chorale's pianist.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and \$10 for students and children. Season tickets are \$85 for adults and \$40 for students and children. Children younger than 5 are not admitted.

For tickets and information, go to inlandmasterchorale.org.

There will be no coronavirus restrictions in effect for the Sunday concert.

Inland Master Chorale's season will continue with "Messiah and More," Dec. 18; "Ragtime, in Concert," March 5; and "Carmina Burana," May 7.

## JURUPA VALLEY

# Dia de los Muertos event is staged



COURTESY OF REACH OUT

Mexico de Mi Corazón Infantil performs on Saturday, October 15 at Reach Out's Dia de los Muertos event at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park in Jurupa Valley.

Reach Out organized first such event, which drew over 3,500

Staff report

The nonprofit Reach Out recently organized its first Dia de los Muertos event, drawing more than 3,500 people to a Jurupa Valley park.

The Oct. 15, event included dance and music performances, altars set up to remember loved ones, wrestlers, classic cars, vendors and equestrian teams. It was held at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park.

Dia de los Muertos Jurupa Valley was hosted by Reach Out and Division 9 Gallery in Riverside.

The event "provided space for the community to unite in celebrating the lives of their passed loved ones, but also offered resi-



Ballet Folklorico Sol de Mexico performs on Saturday, October 15, at Reach Out's Dia de los Muertos event.

dents a free family-driven local event that commemorates Jurupa Valley's rich history," a news release states.

Reach Out is a nonprofit organization that has been in the Inland Empire for

53 years and works to empower communities to advocate for change on health equity and social justice issues.

Information: 909-982-8641 or www.we-reachout.org

## FUNDRAISER

# Bonnes Meres Auxiliary gala in November to benefit children

From staff reports

The Bonnes Meres Auxiliary of Children's Fund will hold its annual holiday auction 5:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Mitten Building, 345 N. Fifth St., Redlands.

The event, which raises money for the Children's Fund, will feature live entertainment, appetizers, cocktails, a silent auction and opportunity prizes, followed by a sit-down dinner and live auction.

Live auction items include an orthodontics package donated by Diehl Orthodontics, and 18-karat yellow gold and diamond hoop earrings donated by Emerson Fine Jewelry, plus getaways, dinner experiences and more.

Television audience warmup host Roger Lundblade will serve as the auctioneer, according to a news release. Lundblade, whose credits include "Will & Grace," "America's Funniest Videos" and "Dancing With the Stars," has led fundraisers for many nonprofits.

"We wish we didn't have to raise funds so local chil-

dren could have necessities so many of us simply take for granted, but as long as these things remain needed in our community, this will be a focus for our organization," Mandy Parton, event chairman, said in the release.

Last year's auction raised \$132,000, which allowed the Bonnes Meres Auxiliary to donate more than \$140,000 to the Children's Fund for the year, according to the news release.

Tickets are \$125, available at bonnesmeres.org.



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