

## EL OBSERVADOR



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Miracle Theatre Group explores the juncture between our world and the world of the dead in *Raiz*, a bilingual celebration of Día de los muertos on stage at Milagro Theatre in southeast Portland through Nov. 11.

# A Juncture between Worlds

## Theater group celebrates Day of the Dead

Every year, the dead have been commemorated in Portland's longest-running Día de los muertos celebration.

Through music, dance and legend, Portland's premier Latino arts and culture group, the Miracle Theater Group, explores the thin veil that separates our world from the world of our indigenous ancestors.

In *Raiz*, a Celebration of the Day of the Dead, a cabal of Aztec gods have fallen out of favor in the modern world and seek to revive their relevance by reuniting a young clown with his departed partner, Augustina.

Time turns backward as performers unearth the interwoven roots of pre-Hispanic customs and traditions found at the juncture of life and death.

Directed by Arturo Martinini in his first production with Miracle Theatre Group and U.S. debut, the world premiere of *Raiz* is currently showing Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.,

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Nov. 11 at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets can be purchased from [milagro.org](http://milagro.org) or 503-236-7253.

Prior to Sunday's matinee on Nov. 4, beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Los Porteños writers group will present original stories and poetry written for the Day of the Dead.

A free exhibit of Day of the Dead

altars created by local Latino artists will be on display one hour prior to each performance in El Zócalo, a community space adjacent to the theatre lobby.

Martinini began his career at a very young age as actor, director and filmmaker. He has directed and toured with several theatre companies (performing works from Lorca, Pasolini, Shakespeare and Barry), and has

worked as an independent filmmaker for notable organizations in Europe.

The show's ensemble includes Enrique E. Andrade, Sara Fay Goldman, Nurys Herrera, Ed Lyons, Juan Antonio Martinez, Alberto Romero, Zoe Rudman, and Maria Sanchez.

For more than 28 years, the Miracle Theatre Group has been dedicated to bringing the vibrancy

of Latino theatre to the Northwest community.

In addition to its national tours, Miracle provides a home for Spanish and Latin American arts and culture at El Centro Milagro, where it enriches the local community with a variety of community outreach projects and educational programs designed to share the diversity of Latino culture.

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