Costume Contest

Entering the Contest

- Contestants must dress with the Day of the Dead theme.
- Guests may register in one of three categories:
  - Adults (limit 15 contestants)
  - Youth (limit 15 contestants)
  - Group (limit 10 pairs/groups)
- Registration for the contest will take place in the UMB Amphitheater from 12:15-12:45 p.m.
- Anyone can enter the contest; there are no age restrictions. Contestants name(s) will be written on the judging sheet.
  - Contestants then receive a tag with the following info:
    - Category they entered (Adult, Youth, Group)
    - The number that corresponds with their name on the sheet
- Contestants will compete at these times:
  - Adult (age 15 and over): 1 p.m.
  - Youth (ages up to 15): 1:30 p.m.
  - Pairs/Group: 2 p.m.

Judging

Contestants will be judged on:
  - Originality of costume
  - Face make-up resembling La Catrina or El Catrín
  - Headdress/Hat

Each group goes up separately and will be judged accordingly:
- Judges will pick top 5 while contestants line up on stage.
- MC will announce top 5, others will leave stage.
- Top 5 will show off costume.
- Top 3 will be chosen by audience applause.
  - MC will determine the winner based on applause.

Prizes
- First place winners in each category will receive Día de los Muertos bags and $25 Gift Card – thank you to Fitzsimons Credit Union – and a custom Día de los Muertos jean jacket.
- Second and third place winners in each category will receive a Día de los Muertos prize pack.

Rules
- For safety reasons, the following are not allowed: live animals except for service animals, weapons (fake or real), full-face masks for guests over age 17, flames, fake blood, substances that might damage or soil other costumes or the stage, aerosol sprays or projectiles.
- Denver Botanic Gardens reserves the right to disqualify anyone for inappropriate costumes or anything else the judges deem worthy of disqualification.
- All judging decisions are final.