



UNIVERSITY OF
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MEXICO WEEK PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 October – Friday 2 November 2018

Following the successes in previous years, the University of Southampton is once again delighted to invite colleagues and friends across the City to participate in our Mexico Week 2018

This programme of events hosted by the University's Centre for Mexico-Southampton Collaboration (MeXsu), in collaboration with the Mexican student society, MexSoc, will showcase contemporary Mexican artistic, cultural and social activities. We are being joined by a range of Southampton cultural organisations who will be staging events, including Turner Sims, John Hansard Gallery, Studio 144, City Eye and the Southampton Film Festival. The Mexican Embassy in London and Southampton City Council have also given us their strong support.

There will be a range of exciting events from theatre productions, jazz music, mariachis bands, lectures on Mexico, films by Mexican directors, Mexican food and drink, and opportunities to practise your (Mexican) Spanish. Our desire is to welcome as wide a range as possible of the Southampton community to these events. The timing of this week coincides with the famous Mexican celebrations of the Day of the Dead, for which there will be Altars set up at the Avenue Campus and the Students' Union.

On behalf of the organising committee, we look forward to seeing you for some or all of the celebrations.

Professor Clare Mar-Molinero
Director of MeXsu

FULL WEEK'S PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 October			
12:00 - 14:00	Mariachi Band	Outside the Students' Union	Free
15:00 - 17:00	Mariachi Band	Opposite West Quay entrance, Above Bar Street	Free
17:30	Official VIP Launch	Hartley Suite, Staff Social Centre	By invitation only
Thursday 25 October			
18:00	<i>Los Invisibles</i> film screening and panel discussion	Room 1177, Avenue Campus	Free
Friday 26 October			
20:00	Alex Mercado Trio	Turner Sims	£10-£20
Saturday 27 October			
19:30 - 21:30	Lucha Libre	Team Southampton Hall, SUSU Building (42)	£10
Sunday 28 October			
13:00 - 20:00	Day of the Dead Family Festival	The Brook, Portswood Road	£2.50 - £4.50
Monday 29 October			
17:30 - 18:30	Set up the Day of the Dead <i>ofrenda</i>	Avenue Campus (65)	Free
Every day from Tuesday 30 October			
All day	Day of the Dead <i>ofrendas</i>	Avenue Campus (65) and SUSU Building (42)	Free
Tuesday 30 October			
17:00	Coco screening	Union Films, The Cube	Free
Wednesday 31 October			
13:00	Special visit for schools to Day of the Dead <i>Ofrendas</i> . Talk by Dr Jane Lavery.	Avenue Campus	Free (must book)
Thursday 1 November			
19:30	Bitter Pineapples production	Studio 144	Free
Friday 2 November			
20:00	Mexican Society Day of the Dead party	The Cube, SUSU Building (42)	£4



Every day

Day of the Dead Ofrendas

The Mexican festival of the Day of the Dead honours and remembers those who have died. Families arrange ofrendas with marigold flowers, pan de muerto, calaveras – (sugar skulls) and alcoholic beverages, and celebrate their loved ones who have passed away. Ofrendas are placed at home, common places or in cemeteries. At both Avenue Campus and the Students' Union we will produce our annual ofrendas in collaboration with students and staff from the University. Come to mark the occasion and learn more about this colourful and joyful celebration.

Join us at 5.30pm on Monday to help set up the ofrenda at Avenue Campus.



Wednesday 24 October, 12:00 & 3:00pm

Mariachi Band

Mariachi goes beyond music and is the sum of the revolution expressed through a group of musicians dressed in traditional “charro” costumes. It encompasses the essence of Mexico and its people and is something cultural, spiritual and traditional that is unique to this country.

Mariachi Fiesta! will be presenting their repertoire of songs in two free outdoors shows, providing a lively start to Mexico Week.

12:00pm Student's Union Concourse

3:00pm Opposite West Quay entrance, Above Bar Street

www.mariachifesta.co.uk



Thursday 25 October, 6:00pm

Los Invisibles film screening & discussion

Every year thousands of mainly Central American migrants travel through Mexico in the hope of reaching the USA with its promise of work and a new life. But all too often their dreams are turned to nightmares as many are kidnapped, raped and murdered in Mexico. The criminal gangs responsible are virtually never held to account. Narrated by Gabriel García Bernal over four parts, Los Invisibles uncovers the reality behind one of the most dangerous journeys in the world and reveals the untold stories of the people who make the journey north through Mexico.

The film will be followed by a panel of academic researchers from the University's Modern Languages & Linguistics departments who will discuss the key issues raised.

Avenue Campus, room 1177.



Friday 26 October, 8:00pm

Alex Mercado Trio

A pianist with astounding technique and boundless imagination, Alex Mercado is Mexico's most successful jazz music export, and tonight makes UK debut with this special one-off gig. Acclaimed for his ability to write striking compositions and create vibrant sonic landscapes, tonight's performance will showcase music from his most recent album Paisajes, recorded in Mexico City, and reflecting nine of the most beautiful Mexican landscapes through music.

Turner Sims Concert Hall, Highfield Campus

www.turnersims.co.uk/events/alex-mercado-trio

Box office: 023 8059 5151

Email: info@turnersims.co.uk



Saturday 27 October, 7:30pm

Lucha Libre

Lucha Libre (Spanish for "free fighting") is a Mexican style of wrestling where fighters enter the ring in flamboyant capes and outlandish suits, wear mythical and colourful masks, perform acrobatic moves and fly from spectacular heights. These are not regular wrestlers, these are the iconic legends and superheroes of Mexico and they are coming to London to perform in "The Greatest Spectacle of Lucha Libre".

Join us at the Team Southampton Hall as we transform it into a Mexican Arena, transporting the audience to a time when legendary Lucha Libre stars staged epic live confrontations of Good vs. Evil.

Team Southampton Hall, SUSU Building (42), Highfield Campus.

Tickets £10 from SUSU Box Office

www.luchalibreworld.co.uk



Sunday 28 October, 1:00-8:00pm

Day of the Dead Family Festival

Join us for a full day of celebrations, workshops, activities and food and drink to celebrate all things Mexican on this special festival. Day of the Dead is a beautiful ritual when Mexicans honour the lives of departed ancestors, so make sure you join us to celebrate the day with our own flamboyant Mexican fiesta!

You'll be entertained by Mariachi bands, DJs, Mexican games, and documentaries on the Día de Muertos festival. Young and old will have the opportunity to paint traditional alebrije figures, create lanterns and papier mache piñatas, decorate festive biscuits and have your face painted! Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Entry £4.50 (£2 child). Please buy tickets in advance at **www.the-brook.com** or on the door.



Tuesday 30 October, 5.00pm

Coco screening

This film is based on the Day of the Dead festival and is the first to feature an all-Latino cast. The wonderful story of Coco will please adults and children alike.

Free entry

Union Films, The Cube, Highfield Campus



Wednesday 31 October, 1.00pm

Special visit for schools to Day of the Dead ofrendas.

We will be welcoming groups of school students to visit the ofrendas and take part in our activities and quiz. Students will also learn more about the history and culture of Mexico's Day of the Dead in a special talk by Dr Jane Lavery.

Free entry. Booking essential.

Email: MLOutreach@southampton.ac.uk



Thursday 1 November, 7:30pm

Bitter Pineapples

This production is the result of an intensive collaboration between dancer Gabriel Galvez-Prado and artist film maker Anna Cady which conveys the role dance has played for Gabriel in coming to terms with trauma.

In the first section of the film, Gabriel's Dance, Gabriel tries to make sense of his memories. He (and his shadow) dance in front of a projection of stills and 'found' video footage - of himself, dancing in his aunt's house in Mexico some years ago. The narration wanders through memories, which are at times of a normal happy childhood but increasingly reveal a world of violence and death.

The second section, Anita's Dance, is about the silence which prevents, or protects them from talking about the violence and abuse they have experienced and the freedom dance gives them to overcome fear.

Studio 144, Above Bar St, SO14 7DU

Presented by City Eye in partnership with John Hansard Gallery.

Book at www.city-eye.co.uk/bitter-pineapples-screening-dance-and-conversation.html

Jose Guadalupe Posada



Friday 2 November, TIME

Mexican Society Day of the Dead party

A way to remember all those who have passed away, celebrating the return of their souls from the netherworld. Join us at The Cube in the Students' Union building on Highfield campus from 8:00pm.

Entry £4

www.facebook.com/groups/mexsocsoton/events

Email: mexsoc@soton.ac.uk

USEFUL INFORMATION

To find out more about Mexico Week and to secure a place at these events, please get in touch with:

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www.facebook.com/MexicoWeek

Turner Sims

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John Hansard Gallery

www.jhg.art
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The Brook

www.the-brook.com
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