

Expression



Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) at La Mirada High School

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Dia de Muertos

The **Day of the Dead** (*Día de Muertos*) is a [Mexican public holiday](#) that is also celebrated by all people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday focuses on remembering friends and family members who have died, and give support to their spiritual journey.

Prior to Spanish colonization in the 16th century, the *Día de Muertos* originated at the beginning of summer and would be celebrated for three (3) days. However, gradually it blended with the Westernized customs of [All Saints' Eve](#), [All Saints' Day](#), and [All Souls' Day](#) which was on October 31st. Tradition kept it a three day holiday ending on November 2nd. **VAPA** will be celebrating Art works on the traditional theme on:

Friday November 2nd
Matador Art Quad
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years and to an [Aztec festival](#) dedicated to the [goddess Mictecacihuatl](#). The holiday has spread throughout the world, being absorbed into other deep traditions in honor of the dead. It has become a national symbol and as such is taught (for educational purposes) in the nation's schools.

FREE Concert

[The La Mirada Symphony](#) strives to maintain its policy of offering **FREE** quality concerts to the community of La Mirada. **VAPA** students are invited to a FREE concert event on:

Sunday November 18th
[La Mirada Theatre of the Performing Arts](#)
Pre-concert Lecture @ 2:15pm
Concert begins at 3:00pm

Music Director and Conductor [Alan Mautner](#) will be discussing how music can really be story telling through the works of:

[Festival Overture – D. Shostakovich](#)
[Peer Gynt Suite, No. 1 – E. Grieg](#)
[Scheherazade – N. Rimsky-Kosakov](#)

VAPA's Elite Eight

VAPA Band Director *Mr. Robert Stearns* announced that the *La Mirada High School Band* program will have **eight (8) VAPA** students that made it into the **2019 Rose Parade Honor Band** which is more than *Sunny Hills, Troy, La Habra, Norwalk, John Glenn, and Whittier High Schools* all combined! Leading the Elite Eight list with her third (3rd) consecutive year is:

Clarissa Soto –Color Guard (2020)

Returning back for their second consecutive year:

David Carrillo-Tuba (2019)
Jacob Llamas-Ochoa-Trumpet (2020)
Angie Solis-Diaz-Trumpet (2020)

VAPA students selected for their first appearance:

Andrea Garcia-Alto Sax (2020).
Lauren Hurtado-Color Guard (2020).
Liz Ornelas-Tuba (2021).
Bryce Trevino-Trombone (2021).

These talented academic **VAPA** students will begin rehearsing every Sunday in November, December and then all of winter break before the parade on New Year's Day. Also, they will be performing in, [Band Fest](#), and marching down Main Street at Disneyland.

ACT Testing Dates 2018-2019

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
December 8 th	November 2 nd
February 9 th	January 11 th
April 13 th	March 8 th
June 8 th	May 3 rd
July 13 th	June 14 th

www.actstudent.org/register
Closest Test Center is at Norwalk High (Code 05-522)

SAT Testing Dates 2018-2019

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
November 3 rd	October 5 th (LATE)
December 1 st	November 2 nd
March 9 th	February 8 th
May 4 th	April 5 th
June 1 st	May 3 rd

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/register>
Closest Test Center is 05-522 (at Norwalk High School)

Otis Celebrates 100 Years

[Otis College of Art and Design](#) opened its doors in September of 1918. That's 100 years of providing inspiring and transformative art and design education. To celebrate we're hosting a [100% Festival](#) dedicated to creativity and the 100% commitment artists and designers give to their passion. Visit **Otis College** for our annual Open House event!

Saturday, November 10th
9:00am to 1:00pm

<https://admissions.otis.edu/register/openhouse>

At the **100% Festival** you will be able to find out more about the unique **Bachelors in Fine Arts (BFA)** majors and resources through our student-led tours. Meet with department Chairs, faculty and current students to get an inside look into what it's like to go to **Otis College**. If you bring your portfolio, you will even have the opportunity to get feedback on your work so you feel prepared to apply. We hope to see you there!

Pow Wow With Clip Art

As part of **American Heritage month**, come celebrate the arts and crafts of Native Americans who first inhabited the Los Angeles area. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the [Native American Indian Commission \(NAIC\) Pow Wow](#):

Saturday November 17th
Grand Park
200 N. Grand Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90012
10:00am to 10:00pm

VAPA families of **Native American Heritage** can also experience some "Clip" art at:

[Native Americans Cultural Night](#)

Clippers versus Spurs

Thursday November 15th 7:30pm

\$15 Includes game ticket, tee-shirt, watch warm-up

<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

What's VAPA-ining?

Day of the Dead

Friday November 2nd @ Matador Art Quad

Master Winter Class Series

Saturday December 15th

National Portfolio Day

Sunday January 13th @ Art Center College of Design

VAPA Spring Musical

TBA

Steam Punk Festival

Friday April 5th @ Art Quad

Master Spring Class Series

Saturday April 13th

VAPA Expression Extravaganza

May TBA

UCLA Art Museum

The [Fowler Museum at UCLA](#) explores global arts and cultures with an emphasis on works from Africa, Asia, the Pacific, and the Americas—past and present. The Fowler Museum is part of UCLA's School of the Arts and Architecture.

Now on display from public and private collections, [Striking Iron](#) reveals the history of invention and technical sophistication that led African blacksmiths to transform one of Earth's most basic natural resources into objects of life-changing utility, empowerment, prestige, spiritual potency, and astonishing artistry.

Now Through December 30th
310-825-4381

Winter Art Festival

The [Sawdust Art Festival](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public and promoting the art created in Laguna Beach. Designed to both entertain and educate, the [Sawdust Art Festival](#) draws more than 200,000 visitors worldwide each year. Open on five (5) consecutive weekends beginning on:

Saturday November 17th

The Works Of Victor Hugo

Poet, novelist, playwright and critic [Victor Hugo](#) (1802–1885) was a preeminent figure in the social, political and cultural life of nineteenth century France. His works will be on **FREE** display at:

[Hammer Museum](#)

Now Through December 30th

Hugo's drawing practice was largely a private endeavor and although over three thousand sheets by him survive today, they were rarely seen in public during his lifetime. **The Hammer Museum's** exhibition will reconsider Hugo's experimental and enigmatic practice as a visual artist for a new generation of **VAPA** audiences.

African American Museum

Located in Los Angeles' Exposition Park, the [California African American Museum's](#) mission is to research, collect, preserve, the history, art, and culture of African Americans with an emphasis on California and the western United States.

The exhibition [California Bound: Slavery on the New Frontier](#), 1848–1865 includes the well-known but seldom-depicted story of [Biddy Mason](#).

Saturday November 17th
1:00pm to 3:00pm