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MEDIA RELEASE



MILAGRO PRESENTS: POSADA MILAGRO 2018

A festive Christmas celebration for the whole family

FREE and open to the public

Milagro invites the local community to celebrate the wonders of Christmas at [Posada Milagro 2018](#) – a festive, cultural celebration for the whole family. Join us on **Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM in El Centro Milagro** for an afternoon of music, dance, celebration, and joy.

2018 marks the 16th annual Posada Milagro. This community celebration, filled with Latin American traditions and culture, reflects upon the journey of Mary and Joseph in their search for refuge.

Starting at 1:00 PM, the day's activities include something special for all ages. Join us for arts and crafts workshops, Spanish storytelling, two piñatas, and performances featuring long-time favorites Ballet Papalotl, Colectivo Son Jarocho de Portland, and the traditional pastorela, hosted by Noel Alvarez. Performances are at 2 and 4 PM in the Milagro Theatre, tickets are free and will be distributed on a first

come/first serve basis beginning at 1:00 PM. Additionally, delicious authentic Mexican food by Tortilleria Y Tienda De Leon will be available for purchase throughout the day.

As in previous years, Milagro will be partnering with the Oregon Food Bank to collect food for it's hunger relief agencies throughout Oregon and Clark County, WA. Help us make a difference on a local level – **Please bring canned food/non-perishable items to help make this food drive a success.**

Posada Milagro 2018 is made possible by community volunteers, our longtime partners at El Centinela, and a grant from OnPoint Community Credit Union. Celebrate the holidays this year with the familia you love. Join us for Posada Milagro 2018!

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN

Sunday, December 16, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00 PM

WHERE

El Centro Milagro – 537 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR, 97214

ADMISSION

FREE and open to the public.

Tickets for the performances in the theatre are free and will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis, beginning at 1:00 PM.

ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts workshops for children of all ages
- Storytelling for children under 5
- Traditional food for purchase by Tortillería y Tienda De León
- Piñatas
- Original pastorela in Spanish
- Performances by: [Ballet Papalotl](#), [Colectivo Son Jarocho de Portland](#), Noel Alvarez
- Food drive to benefit Oregon Food Bank

SCHEDULE

1:00 PM: Doors open – Guests arrive, and tickets are distributed for the performances.

1:00–5:00 PM: Arts & Crafts workshops for children and families

1:30 – 4:30 PM: Christmas storytelling in Spanish in the lobby

1:55–2:00 PM: Public gathering at the entrance of the Milagro Theatre to sing the Posada song, led by Sherman Floyd.

2:00 PM: Pastorela Session 1 – Performances in the Milagro Theatre (tickets required)

3:15 PM: Break the piñatas in El Zócalo, accompaniment by Sherman Floyd

3:55–4:00 PM: Public gathering at the entrance of the Milagro Theatre to sing the Posada song, led by Sherman Floyd.

4:00 PM: Pastorela Session 2 – Performances in the Milagro Theatre (tickets required)

5:00 PM: Doors close – Feliz Navidad!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

El Centinela, OnPoint Community Credit Union, LAX IdeAL, local educators, students, artisans, and other community members.

MORE INFORMATION

Milagro.org or <https://milagro.org/event/posada-milagro-2018/>

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ABOUT Milagro

As the premiere Latino arts and culture center of the Pacific Northwest since 1985, Milagro provides extraordinary Latino theatre, culture, and arts education for the enrichment of all communities. Milagro MainStage produces a full season of regional or world premieres, including one Spanish language play each year, as well as our long-running Día de Muertos signature production. Teatro Milagro, Milagro's touring and arts education program, presents its original bilingual plays and educational residencies to diverse and underserved communities across the nation. Milagro provides a home for Latino arts and culture at El Centro Milagro, where it enriches the local community with a variety of community engagement projects and educational programs designed to share the diversity of Latino culture. We entertain our audiences; we give them pause to think, feel and imagine; and, through the cultural lens of Latinidad, we reflect the full spectrum of humanity.

For more information about Milagro, visit milagro.org or call 503-236-7253.