



Flor de Muertos

Featuring Calexico Live in Concert

A love letter to the Sonoran Desert, where life, death and cultures collide

Flor De Muertos is a meditative and celebratory journey into the rich borderlands culture between Tucson, Arizona and the towns of Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico. Director and Tucson native Danny Vinik evokes the power and beauty of the Sonoran Desert and its people in this poetic exploration of life and death along the US/Mexico border.

The film begins with the traditional Day of the Dead celebration in a Nogales, Mexico cemetery and ends with Tucson's 20th All Souls Procession - when 20,000 locals turn out in costume and skull face to honor and dance with their dead. The procession culminates in a spectacular finale by Flam Chen, the world-renowned pyrotechnics troupe known for death-defying aerial feats.

Part documentary and part concert film, Flor De Muertos features a stunning performance by acclaimed Americana band Calexico at Tucson's historic Rialto Theatre, as well as interviews with legendary journalist Charles Bowden, journalist Margaret Regan, and artist Salvador Duran. The result is a striking commentary on failed US immigration policies set to an evocative Calexico soundtrack. A love letter to the Sonoran region, Flor De Muertos will haunt your dreams.

"Flor de Muertos' thrums with the pulse of Tucson, celebrating its unique nature as the confluence of two powerful and confounding cultures. If, ultimately, the filmmakers have cast their nets too widely, there is nonetheless a very impressive catch hauled aboard. Either Lisa Rinzler's stunning and evocative cinematography or Calexico's vibrant and emotional soundtrack could stand on its own as one of the pillars of a mighty achievement....As a concert film, Flor de Muertos is incomparable, and rightly places Calexico's singular "desert noir" regional identity in the context of a nurturing and tight-knit community of kindred musicians, artists and performers."

—Mark Zepezauer, Tucson Sentinel

Feature on Flor de Muertos, Arizona Public Media

<http://ondemand.azpm.org/videosshorts/watch/2011/7/19/1830-flor-de-muertos>

Trailer

<http://vimeo.com/23506398>

Website

<http://flordemuertos.com>

Press Kit: High Res Photos

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