

**CHILDSPLAY**  
presents  
**EL ZÓCALO FESTIVAL**  
in partnership with Cultural Coalition

**LOCAL THEATER, DANCE AND VISUAL ARTISTS  
CELEBRATE LATINX CULTURE**

***DREAMERS***  
PERFORMED BY CHILDSPLAY  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH TEATRO BRAVO

**DANCE PERFORMANCES WITH QUETZALLI BALLET  
FOLKLÓRIO, INDIGENOUS ENTERPRISE AND COATLICUE  
AZTEC DANCERS**

**MUSIC WITH MARIACHI RUBOR AND GUSTAVO ANGELES**

**ZÓCALO PARADE WITH MASSIVE PUPPETS,  
DANCERS, DRUMMERS AND MASKED CHARACTERS**



(PHOENIX, AZ) Beginning April 10th Childsplay, in partnership with Cultural Coalition, will present the **EL ZÓCALO FESTIVAL**, an online celebration and exploration of multiple local Latinx artists. Performances and exhibitions include contributions from a variety of art forms including visual artists and muralists, Folklórico, capoeira, and Aztec dancers, Mariachi music as well as performances of *Dreamers*, a play which follows the hope, dreams and courage of an immigrant's journey.

Presented entirely online **EL ZÓCALO FESTIVAL** events were created in high-definition video, with multiple camera angles, aerial drone footage, and in

variety of environments for light and shadow, shot day and night, and within indoor and outdoor spaces to give families a fresh, creative look at the rich cultural traditions and expressions of Latino culture. Performances will be accompanied by in-depth interviews with artists and performers who will share the origins, inspiration and history of their work. Special features include interviews with local mask and puppet artist Zarco Guerrero, Childsplay's Artistic Director Dwayne Hartford, as well close-up demonstrations of arts and craft projects for families to create together at home.

The **EL ZÓCALO FESTIVAL** is presented free of charge, with content accessible through Childsplay's [website](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Sign up for Childsplay's email alerts or follow their social media channels to be alerted to new content which will be unveiled each week. The EL ZÓCALO FESTIVAL will continue throughout the spring, concluding at the end of June.

## EL ZOCALO FESTIVAL EVENTS



### DREAMERS

Based on the book by Yuyi Morales

Adapted by Ricky Araiza

In Association with Teatro Bravo

**APRIL 10 - APRIL 17**

Limited Engagement

Edades/Ages 5+

Runtime: 25 minutes

*¡Este programa es bilingüe! This show is bilingual!*

A physically poetic adaptation of Yuyi Morales' story that tells of resilience, hope and the courage it takes to find one's voice when navigating a new place. *Dreamers* honors the passion, strength, and hope that is born from the challenges experienced in an immigrant's journey and reminds us that, "Someday we will become something we haven't even yet imagined."



### EL ZÓCALO MURAL

BY EDGAR FERNANDEZ

Chicano Artist Edgar Fernandez' mural created exclusively for El Zócalo. The piece, entitled "The Spirit of el Jaguar," is a detailed "micro-mural" using bright colors and shapes to depicting the important symbol of Aztec and Mayan cultures.

Edgar Fernandez was born in Los Angeles, California in 1990. This young artist then moved to Phoenix where he embraced his Chicano heritage along with a love of street art and hip-hop. These formative years led to him studying art at community college. Since 2013, Fernandez has been sharing his art with the public through gallery showings, public murals, and solo exhibitions as well as providing art workshops for Valley youth.



### **EL ZÓCALO DANCE PERFORMANCES**

Festival includes performances and demonstrations of the rich dance styles found throughout Latino culture.

### **QUETZALLI BALLET FOLKLÓRICO**

### **INDIGENOUS ENTERPRISE DANCERS**

### **COATLICUE AZTEC DANCERS**

### **MARSHALL VOSLER**

### **AXÉ CAPOEIRA**



### **EL ZÓCALO MUSIC PERFORMANCES** **MARIACHI RUBOR**

Mariachi Rubor is Phoenix Arizona's premiere all-female Mariachi group. Brought together by their passion, love, and respect for Mariachi music, they have performed around the Valley and in the U.S., inspiring hearts with the traditions and culture of Mexico.





## GUSTAVO ANGELES MUSIC

Gustavo Angeles is a passionate guitarist, singer, composer and songwriter from Mexico City, Mexico, who can combine a fusion of musical styles in Latin Rock, Flamenco, Blues, Classic Rock. Originally from Mexico City, Mexico, Gustavo has toured the world, opening for acts such as Juanes, Ozomatli, Los Lobos, Arturo Sandoval, and Alejandra Guzman.



## EL ZÓCALO ARTS & CRAFTS

**Arts and Crafts activities with artists Zarco Guerrero, and Carmen Guerrero.**

Learn how to create Zócalo inspired crafts from home and celebrate with us by sharing your work on social media. Tag @ChildsplayAZ, with #ElZócaloFestival

### MASK MAKING

Learn how to create masks with master mask artist, Zarco Guerrero. Using common materials found around the house, families can create their own pieces inspired by Zarco's imaginative style.

### PAPEL PICADO

Learn how to create this festive paper decoration, *papel picado*, with artist Carmen Guerrero.

### GOD'S EYE (Ojo de Dios)

Spanish for "Eye of God," the Ojo de Dios symbolizes the ability to see and



understand unseen things. Created from simple crossed sticks representing earth, air, water and fire then woven with colored yarn, the God's Eye is a votive object commonly found in Mexican and Mexican-American communities.



## EL ZÓCALO MASK AND PUPPET PARADE

In a vibrant display of color and light, put on your masks and join the celebration as festival dancers, musicians, and drummers parade with massive puppets (courtesy of Borderlands Theater,) intricate masks and vibrant color. Parade will process through outdoor spaces of downtown Phoenix and Childsplay, experienced with impressive aerial views and heart-pounding sound and movement.

### EVENT DETAILS:

**WHO:** Childsplay and Cultural Coalition

**WHAT:** El Zócalo Festival – Celebration of the arts

**WHEN:** Immersive performances, interviews and activities to be unveiled throughout the festival: April 10-June 30, 2021.

**WHERE:** Online at [childsplayaz.org/zocalo](https://childsplayaz.org/zocalo)

**COST:** Free

**INFO:** Sign up for El Zócalo Festival alerts at [childsplayaz.org](https://childsplayaz.org) or follow on Childsplay's [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) pages

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