

# Meet the Artist: Lourdes Villagómez

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In honor of Day of the Dead, or *Día de los Muertos*, we partnered with Mexico City-based artist Lourdes Villagómez to create a special edition [Sugar Skull Skillet](#). Lourdes makes work that is bright, bold, and full of references to her favorite cultural traditions. Whether you celebrate the holiday or simply want to learn more, follow along as Lourdes shares more about her art and her love of Day of the Dead festivities.

Lourdes Villagómez is a contemporary artist known for her bright use of color, bold acrylic paintings, and beautifully decorated skulls. She has shown her work in New York, Italy, and across Mexico City and was highlighted as one of Mexico's most promising new artists in 2016.

Each year, Day of the Dead is celebrated across Mexico on November 1 and 2. During this special time of year, people remember family and friends who have died by making their favorite foods, exchanging edible sugar skulls, decorating with marigolds, and sharing memories of their lives.

"We Mexicans believe that for two days, our dead are able to come back to us," Lourdes says. "We work for days—this time is wonderful. We create offerings and shrines to our loved ones who have passed away. We leave them food or drinks that they used to enjoy while they were alive. And for those two days, we have them with us—enjoying their memory, talking about them, laughing about our experiences with them."



*"Mexico is a country full of tradition and roots and it's worth it to know about these stories..."*