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TAMALES 101

La Tamalada, the holiday tradition of tamale making that's celebrated throughout Texas, is a Latin American custom dating back thousands of years. At San Antonio's Witte Museum, you can learn about the origins and traditions of tamales, get a hands-on lesson, and make your own tamales at a La Tamalada class from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on December 11. Participants will be provided with two recipes and ingredients to create a dozen tamales, as well as their own tamale pot and seasonings to take home so they can host their own Tamalada. Central to the tradition is family togetherness. "One of the best parts of making tamales is the *chisme*, the gossip," says Joshua Segovia, special programs and gallery theater manager at the Witte. "If you haven't seen your family in a little while, the Tamalada is a perfect time to catch up on all the family drama. It's about community, at its heart." *Reservations required. $85. wittemuseum.org.*

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