

A portion of my ceramic work has recently been dedicated to creating figures of *La Calavera Catrinas*: Mexico's mythological Grande Dame of Death. This image was originated by famed Mexican artist & printmaker, Jose Guadalupe Posada, later portrayed by Diego Rivera, and has become a prevalent symbol within **El Dia del Muerto**. This figure follows in the Mexican tradition of coping with the Spector of death by laughing at it.

—Mary Tartaro