

REDCAT

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Thursday October 29, 8:30 pm

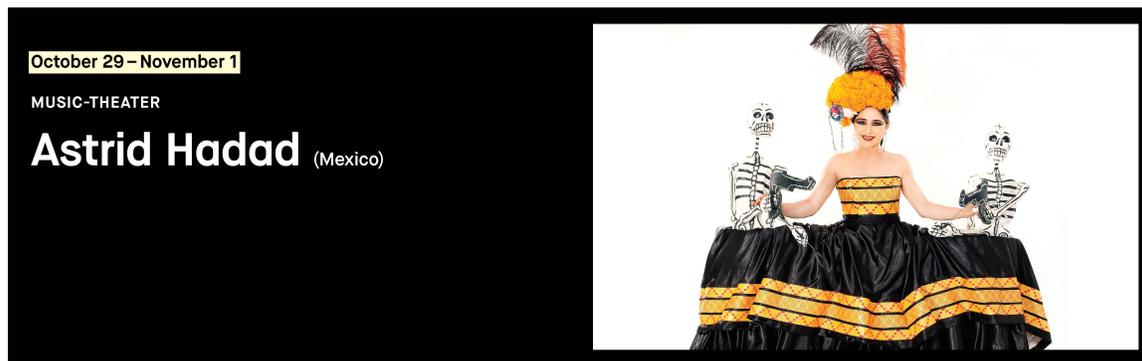
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REDCAT presents Mexico City's Legendary Performer

Astrid Hadad

Thursday, October 29 to Sunday, November 1, 2015



"Songs turned inside out, performance art, political barbs and clothes so surreal they make Salvador Dalí look like Norman Rockwell" – The New York Times

"Astrid Hadad had the effect of a hallucinogen mushroom; she left the audience fascinated and replete." – Francois Xavier Gómez. "Liberation," Paris, France.

REDCAT, CalArts' downtown center for contemporary arts, invites you to spend Halloween and Day of the Dead weekend with outrageous, groundbreaking Mexican artist, vocalist and cabaret star, **Astrid Hadad**, who returns to REDCAT for the first time since our inaugural season, on **Thursday October 29 to Sunday November 1, 2015**.

Described by the *The New York Times* as "one of the most provocative stage acts since the Weimar Republic was in bloom," Hadad is a Mexican cultural icon. A flamboyant and enigmatic cabaret performer, who mixes campy humor and irony with incisive social criticism and activism, her unconventional vocal and visual performance style is filled with music dubbed 'Heavy Nopal' (after the

cactus juice for tequila), combining ranchera, bolero, rumba and rock, and featuring extravagant costumes, akin to portable sets, which are a hallmark of her performances.

Drawing on elements and traditions of Mexican and Latin-American popular culture, Hadad creates unconventional and baroque visual programs that highlight complex social and political realities in an entertaining and enlightening manner. She has written and performed over 30 original shows including *Heavy Nopal*, *La Multimamada*, *La Pecadora*, *Seducida y Abandonada*, *Corazon Sangrante*, and her newest work *Le Cabaret Bizarre de Astrid Hadad*, which recently premiered at the Musée de Quai Branly in Paris in December 2014. Her many public performances in Mexico include an audience of over one million people in Mexico City's Zocalo, and she has headlined numerous US performances including Central Park Summer Stage (New York), The Kennedy Center (Washington, DC) and REDCAT in 2004.

[Artist Website](#) w/Reviews, Photos and Video clips

[REDCAT event webpage w/ ticket link](#)

Dates/Times:

Fri. Oct. 30 8:30 pm

Sat.Oct. 31 8:30 pm

Sun. Nov 1 7:00 pm

Ticket Prices:

General Admission \$20-25

Members and Students \$16-20

CALARTS \$10-12

To purchase go online to redcat.org or call the REDCAT box office 12-6 p.m. T-Sat at [213-237-2800](tel:213-237-2800).

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ABOUT REDCAT | THE ROY AND EDNA DISNEY/CALARTS THEATER

REDCAT, CalArts' downtown center for contemporary arts, presents a dynamic and international mix of innovative visual, performing and media arts year round. Located inside the iconic Walt Disney Concert Hall complex in downtown Los Angeles, REDCAT houses a theater, a gallery space and a lounge. Through performances, exhibitions, screenings, and literary events, REDCAT introduces diverse audiences, students and artists to the most influential developments in the arts from around the world, and gives artists in this region the creative support they need to achieve national and international stature. REDCAT continues the tradition of the California Institute of the Arts, its parent organization, by encouraging experimentation, discovery and lively civic discourse.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For current program and exhibition information call [213-237-2800](tel:213-237-2800) or visit www.redcat.org.

LOCATION/PARKING

Street Address: 631 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

REDCAT is located in downtown Los Angeles inside the Walt Disney Concert Hall complex with a separate entrance at the corner of West 2nd and Hope Streets. Parking is available in the Walt Disney Concert Hall parking structure. \$9 event rate or \$5 for vehicles entering after 8:00 pm on weekdays.

THE LOUNGE CAFE | Open to the public six days a week, the Lounge is a great place to spend an afternoon or grab a drink pre- and post-performance.

Lounge Hours: Tuesdays–Fridays from 9am until 8 pm or post-show; Saturdays from noon until 8 pm or post-show; Sundays from noon until 6pm or post-show.

THE GALLERY | REDCAT's Gallery presents five major exhibitions each year, and publishes artist books and catalogues. Admission to the Gallery is FREE. Gallery Hours: Tuesdays–Sundays from noon until 6 pm and through intermission

THE THEATER | Tickets for programs held in the theater are available through the REDCAT Box Office, by phone [213-237-2800](tel:213-237-2800) or online at www.redcat.org.
Group, member, students and CalArts faculty/staff discounts available.

Box Office Hours: Tuesdays–Saturday from noon until 6 pm or two hours prior to curtain.

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