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## **The United American Indian Involvement and the Autry Museum Collaborate to Host the Annual Los Angeles Pow Wow During Native American Heritage Month**

*On November 4, 2023, UAII and the Autry Museum of the American West host the **Los Angeles Pow Wow** which is a special time for Native people and communities to come together and share in Native dancing, singing and celebration.*



**(October 23, 2023 - Los Angeles, CA)**—The United American Indian Involvement (UAII) and the Autry Museum of the American West partner to host the second annual Los Angeles Pow Wow on November 4, 2023. The celebration at the Autry Museum from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. is open to all people who are willing to be respectful of the event and its people.

Pow wows date back to historic times when tribal people came together for a celebration or honoring. These practices continue today throughout Native America. Native participants gather and dance wearing their regalia which were made by the dancers or their families. Dance regalia holds special significance to the owner and should not be replicated or appropriated.

Activities at a pow wow could include special dances, ceremonies and honoring important people in the Native community. The gatherings are a time when Native people can share part of their tribal traditions and culture, but they should not be confused with other tribal activities and ceremonies that are not shared in public gatherings.

“UAII is proud to host their second annual Pow Wow and would like to invite the community to come and enjoy the event,” says new UAII CEO Charlene Harrison. “UAII staff has worked hard to bring this one-day event to Los Angeles, and we look forward to showcasing our culture with the Los Angeles community.”



*Wild Horse Singers and Dancers perform a Native dance at the Autry’s 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. (Photo Courtesy of the Autry Museum of the American West)*

Pow wows are open to the public, but UAII and all Native people ask non-Native people to respect the traditions and practices. This celebration is considered sacred to some Native communities.

During certain ceremonial dances, honor dances or prayers, the announcer may request that no pictures be taken. Please abide by the announcer’s request. It is permissible to take pictures during much of the pow wow. If you are unsure, *always ask* since taking pictures of some activities is prohibited. Please ask dancers for permission before taking their picture.

A first-time visitor can expect music from the drum, performances from Native dancers in traditional regalia, food vendors, musicians and community organizations to highlight the best of Southern California.

For more information, please visit [theAutry.org](http://theAutry.org).

### **About United American Indian Involvement**

UAII will provide quality physical and behavioral health, education, and social support services that promote healthy lifestyles and individual responsibility in order to strengthen American Indian/Alaska Native communities, now and for future generations. All services will integrate

traditions, practices, and beliefs, be culturally sensitive and respectful of American Indian/Alaska Native tribal affiliation.

### **About the Autry Museum of the American West**

The Autry is a museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events and music—and performs scholarship, research and educational outreach. The Autry’s collection of more than 600,000 pieces of art and cultural objects includes one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit [TheAutry.org](https://www.theautry.org).

The Autry Museum of American West acknowledges the [Gabrielino/Tongva](#) peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). We recognize that the Autry Museum and its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples and we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), ‘Ahihirom (Elders) and ‘Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

### **Autry Museum of the American West | Griffith Park**

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### **Museum and Store Hours**

Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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