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# Save the Date—the Autry Museum Announces the Return of its Annual *American Indian Arts Festival*

The Autry renames its "American Indian Arts Marketplace" coming in June 2024.

(November 15, 2023 - Los Angeles, CA)—In celebration of Native Heritage Month, the Autry Museum of the American West announces the expansion of its annual *American Indian Arts Marketplace*, the newly renamed *American Indian Arts Festival (AIAF)*.

On June 8-9, 2024, the Autry hosts its annual American Indian Arts Festival with pow-wow dancing, drumming, food and Native artworks. Los Angeles is home to the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe and an urban population of Native people from over 200 tribes across North America.



The American Indian Arts Festival is a space for Native and non-Native communities to come together and support the local Native artists in the Los Angeles area. (Photo Courtesy of the Autry Museum of the American West.)

Los Angeles County has the highest population of Native Americans and Alaska Natives than any other county in the United States. AIAF invites Native and non-Native people to share knowledge and celebrate Native American culture at a multi-tribal event.

With over 150 elite artists, AIAF showcases some of the best contemporary and traditional Native artwork, including jewelry, Pueblo pottery, sculpture, basketry and beadwork. The Autry encourages guests to buy art in a space where purchasing Native art is an opportunity for collectors to directly support Native American artists.

Admission to the museum is included with the ticket price, where you will find works on display that explore the diversity and excellence of Native American artwork from artists like Cara Romero (Chemehuevi), Harry Fonseca (Nisenan Maidu), River Garza (Tongva) and many more.

For more information, please visit **TheAutry.org/AIAF**.

## **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.** 

The Autry Museum of American West acknowledges the <u>Gabrielino/Tongva</u> 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), 'Ahiihirom (Elders) and 'Eyoohiinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

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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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