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The Autry Museum of the American West National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl

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Festival goers enjoying line dancing on the Autry Plaza during the 2025 celebration. Photo by Mitokino. Courtesy of Autry Museum of the American West

(July 1, 2026—Los Angeles, CA) The Autry Museum of the American West invites you to its annual celebration of National Day of the Cowboy and Cowgirl. Dust off your boots, grab your cowboy hat, and head to the Autry for a day full of fun for the whole family!

Attendees can enjoy trick ropers, cowboy poetry, live music, country line-dancing lessons, film screenings, docent-led tours, and more. Live music, including Cowboy classics, will be provided all day by the Wandering Wranglers, The Tone Slingers, and Emily Rose and the Rounders. Kids can enjoy an Urban Saddles pony photo-op and grooming workshop, cowboy-themed crafts and music workshops in the Family Play Space, and Lil' Buckaroo Trick Roping Lessons.

Take a break from the heat and tour the Autry's newest exhibition *Life, Liberty, and Los Angeles*, view an Annie Oakley short film, and enjoy a curator-led discussion in the

newly renovated Autry Theater. Explore the rest of the museum through themed docent-led tours focusing on firearms, women of the West, cowgirls and cowboys, and museum highlights. Partake in a Los Angeles Cowboy Poetry Gathering performance and writing workshop or try your hand at Old West card games with Pico Pistolero in our saloon. You can even learn Morse code by participating in an interactive telegraph workshop.

The Autry will host extended hours until 7 p.m. as well as a Street Food Cinema movie night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Autry Lawn. Food Trucks and a cash bar will also be onsite. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, with free admission for children ages 12 and under. Autry Members receive free admission and early access, plus a members-only picnic area with live music, food trucks, and a petting zoo.

Please contact Brendan Whitt (bwhitt@theautry.org) for the press kit or press/media coverage by July 24, 12 p.m. PST.

About the Autry Museum of the American West:

The Autry Museum of the American West is 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—in addition to scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry’s holdings comprise more than 600,000 artworks and cultural objects, including one of the largest and most significant collections of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit <https://theautry.org>.

The Autry Museum of the 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.

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Museum and Store Hours:

Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Closed Mondays

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