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The Autry Museum of the American West Love Letters to L.A. Autry Block Party

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Festivalgoers line up for a ride on the Ferris wheel. Photo by Mitokino. Courtesy of Autry Museum of the American West

(September 7, 2026—Los Angeles, CA) The Autry Museum of the American West invites everyone to its Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 26. This special day brings together the community to celebrate everything that makes L.A. so unique! Enjoy a lively carnival atmosphere with music, games, food, and more. Families may explore the museum while participating in hands-on activities, including face painting, plein air painting, and even meeting a favorite PBS character.

The Annual Autry Block Party will feature live music stages, cultural performances and dancing, food trucks, and beverage stations. Watch plein air painting by California Art Club members as they capture the scenes of the Block Party on canvas. Get a horse photo op after a grooming

workshop with Urban Saddles. Enjoy a car show featuring classic cars and hot rods. The Autry Block Party isn't a Block Party without carnival games, bounce houses, a mechanical bull, and a Ferris Wheel.

The Block Party will also feature a Dino Land play area. Dino Land is a dinosaur-filled landscape featuring life-size dinosaurs, containment fencing, broken dinosaur eggs, weathered research crates, themed photo backdrops, and lush prehistoric foliage. The adventure continues into an interactive Dinosaur Land, where families can enjoy Jurassic-themed inflatables, interactive games and challenges, dinosaur crafts, prehistoric races, and a special PBS character meet-and-greet with Nature Cat.

The Block Party will also be the place to view a screening of the documentary *Maara'yam: The Yuhaaviatam Story* in the Autry's newly renovated theater. Come and celebrate the city of Los Angeles and everything that makes it unique! Media members can enjoy up to two (2) complimentary tickets with discount code **DEARMEDIA** at checkout.

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, theater, 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.

Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027-1462

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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