Autry Museum of the American West Named 2017 Nissan Foundation Grant Recipient

Los Angeles, CA (July 13, 2017) – The Nissan Foundation today named Autry Museum of the American West a 2017 grant recipient, helping fund the Autry’s 2017 American Indian Arts Marketplace and Native Voices during the Autry’s 2017-2018 season. Such generosity will advance the Autry’s overarching goal of bringing together the stories of all peoples of the American West, supporting signature Autry programs that help bring Native arts and theatre to a wider audience.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Nissan Foundation was created in 1992, following the Rodney King trial verdict as a thoughtful response to the three weeks of violent civil unrest that occurred near Nissan’s then U.S. sales and marketing company in Southern California. Nissan established a $5 million endowment to promote cultural diversity within southern Los Angeles neighborhoods. Grant recipients promote cultural diversity across a variety of arts, education, social and public programs in seven U.S. communities where Nissan operates. Learn more about the 29 2017 Nissan Foundation grantees.

The Nissan Grant will go to Native Voices at the Autry, the country’s only Equity theatre company dedicated exclusively to producing new works by Native American, Alaska Native, and First Nations playwrights. The grant also supports the Autry’s annual American Indian Arts Marketplace—the largest Native arts fair in Southern California, featuring over 200 Native American artists representing more than 40 tribes.

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 500,000 pieces of art and artifacts includes the Southwest Museum of the American Indian Collection, one of the largest and most significant in the United States.

Museum admission is $14 for adults, $10 for students and seniors 60+, $6 for children ages 3–12, and free for Autry members, veterans, and children age 2 and under. Admission is free on the second Tuesday of every month.
**Hours**

**Museum and Autry Store:**
**Tuesday–Friday,** 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
**Saturday and Sunday,** 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Crossroads West Cafe:**
**Tuesday–Friday,** 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
**Saturday and Sunday,** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The museum, store, and cafe are closed on Mondays. Visit [TheAutry.org](http://TheAutry.org) for more information.

**About the Nissan Foundation**

Established in 1992, the mission of the Nissan Foundation is to build community through valuing cultural diversity. The Nissan Foundation is part of Nissan North America’s commitment to "enrich people’s lives" by helping to meet the needs of communities throughout the U.S. through philanthropic investments, corporate outreach sponsorships, in-kind donations and other charitable contributions. During its 25th anniversary year, the Nissan Foundation is sharing the powerful stories of the nonprofits it supports in a shared commitment to promoting cultural diversity. Follow along at #NissanCommunity.

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