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## **The Autry Museum of the American West Celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Block Party in Griffith Park**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m.**

**Admission: \$4.75 Adults | \$2.00 Child | \$3.50 Senior | FREE for Autry Members**



**(September 12, 2023 - Los Angeles, CA)**—The Autry Museum of the American West hosts its 35th Anniversary Celebration with a carnival, Native performances, live music, food trucks and so much more. Join the Autry for a day full of fun celebrating its 35th anniversary with ticket prices the same as when the Autry opened in 1988.

Local artist Laila Asgari hosts a trunk show in the Autry Museum Store. Her collection includes wall hangings, wall tiles, plates, picture frames and coasters. Using a glass fusing technique, Asgari has developed her passion for the West into functional art by creating pictures with glass. Each glass piece is handmade and kiln-fired, creating unique pieces available for purchase.

Focus tours with Autry docents will be available to guests in the museum's galleries from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Docents will lead guests through an exploration of stories found within the Autry's vast exhibitions. Each tour offers new themes, topics and stories including *Firearms*, *Go West with Art*, *Reel or Real Cowboys?* and *Transportation Across the West*. Additionally, there will be basket-weaving workshops available for guests.

During the celebration, the Autry welcomes its guests to gather around the drum with Wild Horse Singers and Dancers as they demonstrate traditional powwow dance styles and traditional songs in the plaza at 10:30 a.m. Since 1989, the Wildhorse Native American Association has been assisting urban Native American children and adolescents with cultural preservation.

Additionally, admission includes a [Native Voices](#) performance of *Where the Summit Meets the Stars* by Frank Henry Kaash Katasse (Tlingit) in the Wells Fargo Theatre at noon. *Where the*

*Summit Meets the Stars* is an ethereal Alaska Native story driven by music, dance and the culture of the Tlingit people. Make sure to reserve your tickets online as there are limited seats available for the performance.

A special meet-and-greet will be in the Autry's Ethnobotanical Gardens with PBS Social Daniel Tiger. Photo-ops and time with Daniel Tiger will start at 1 p.m. for half-hour visits until 5 p.m. Educational activities will also be available in the Family Play Space for kids and families.

Admission to the museum is included with the ticket price, where you will find the Autry's **exhibitions** including *Sherman Indian School: 100+ Years of Education and Resilience*, *Imagined Wests*, *Waterways*, *Art of the West*, *California Road Trip*, *Human Nature* and *Investigating Griffith Park*.

On the lawn, there will be a carnival with a petting zoo, a Ferris wheel and fry bread for sale. Live music, a photo booth and a game lounge with corn-hole, Jenga and shuffleboard will also be available for guests in the plaza. The Autry's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has something for everybody to enjoy.

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

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**10 a.m.-6 p.m. | Trunk Show with Laila Asgari | Museum Store**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m. | Focus Tours with Autry Docents | Museum Galleries**

- **Firearms | 10 a.m.**
- **Go West with Art | 11 a.m.**
- **Reel or Real Cowboys? | 12 p.m.**
- **Transportation Across the West | 2 p.m.**

**10:30 a.m. | Wildhorse Singers and Dancers | Plaza**

**12 p.m. | Native Voices Performance | Wells Fargo Theater**

**1:30-5 p.m. (half-hour visits) | Daniel Tiger Meet and Greet | Ethnobotanical Garden**

- **1:30-2 p.m.**
- **2:30-3 p.m.**
- **3:30-4 p.m.**
- **4:30-5 p.m.**

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### **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://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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