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## The Autry of the American West Hosts its Annual Block Party on October 6, 2024

*On October 6, the Autry celebrates its Annual Block Party with a carnival on the lawn, family-friendly activities throughout the museum and its latest PST ART exhibitions.*



(September 20, 2024 - Los Angeles, CA)—Celebrate the Autry of the American West's 36th-anniversary celebration at the [Annual Block Party](#) where children's admission is free! Enjoy a day full of family-friendly activities at the museum and a carnival on the lawn with bounce houses, a mechanical bull, a Ferris Wheel and fry bread for sale.

Admission to the museum is included with the ticket price, where you can explore the Autry's [PST ART: Art & Science Collide](#) exhibitions, [Out of Site: Survey Science and the Hidden West](#) and [Future Imaginaries: Indigenous Art, Fashion, Technology](#).

The Block Party will also feature plein air painting by local artists, an interactive horse experience with Urban Saddles, a meet and greet with PBS' Curious George, a School of Rock interactive music workshop and a [Native Voices](#) scene performance. The Autry has something for everybody to enjoy, so make sure to reserve your [tickets](#) today!

For more information, please visit [theAutry.org/BlockParty](https://theAutry.org/BlockParty).

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## Schedule of Events

*Please note the schedule of events is subject to change.*

### Lawn:

#### **9 a.m.-2 p.m. | [California Art Club](#) – Plein Air**

Observe plein air artists from the California Art Club as they paint on the Autry Lawn. Make sure to stop by the California Art Club booths at 1:30 p.m. for their Plein Air Showcase!

#### **10 a.m.-2 p.m. | [Urban Saddles](#) – Interactive Horse Experience**

#### **10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Carnival**

Get ready for a day full of games and prizes, delicious food and adorable animals! From the Ferris Wheel to the mechanical bull and the bouncy houses, it's going to be a day of fun and excitement that you don't want to miss. And don't forget to visit the Autry's Community Partners booths which will have tons of activities for the entire family to enjoy!

### Plaza:

#### **10 a.m.-5 p.m. | [Doreen Villanueva Jewelry](#) | In Front of Museum Store**

#### **10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Photo Booth**

Strike a pose, capture unforgettable memories, and have a blast with your friends and family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to take some amazing photos of your time celebrating the Autry's Annual Block Party!

#### **10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | [Miers Ice Cream Cart](#)**

#### **1-1:30 p.m. | [California Art Club](#) - Plein Air Art Walk**

#### **10:30 a.m. | [Wildhorse Singers and Dancers](#)**

Since 1989, Wildhorse Native American Association has been assisting urban Native American children and adolescents with cultural preservation. Gather around the drum with these talented youths as they demonstrate traditional powwow dance styles and traditional songs.

#### **11 a.m. | Trick Ropers**

Join the Union of Charros Associations of the State of California as they showcase impressive rope tricks and stunts.



## **2:40 p.m. | Trick Ropers**

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## **Theater:**

### **11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Gene Autry Talk and Screening with Karla Buhlman**

### **1:30 p.m. | Soundscape**

Take a relaxing retreat in the comfort of the Autry theater! Come in, close your eyes and let ambient, healing sounds wash over you, accompanied by the video artwork *Gaping Mouth*, Kristina Faragher's artistic interpretation of Yosemite Valley. Our Autry Soundscape will rejuvenate your energy and leave you feeling refreshed, calm and ready to enjoy some more festivities!

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## **Lobby:**

### **10:30 a.m. | Docent Tour: Where the Buffalo Roam with Ken Wollard**

Follow the stories of four iconic animals and how they shaped the history of the American West, as portrayed through paintings, sculptures, and cultural artifacts. The tour begins in the museum lobby and runs 60 minutes.

### **11:30 a.m. | Docent Tour: [Future Imaginaries](#) tour with Sarah Wilson**

This new exhibition, part of the PST ART: *Art & Science Collide* initiative, explores the rise of Futurism in contemporary Indigenous art. Over 50 artworks are displayed, creating unexpected encounters and dialogues by intermingling science fiction, self-determination, and Indigenous technologies across various Native cultures. The tour begins in the museum lobby and runs 60 minutes.

### **11:50 a.m. | Trick Ropers**

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**12:30 | [Cowboy Poetry](#)**

**12:30 p.m. | Docent Tour: The Road West tour with Ken Wollard**

This tour will explore westward expansion in the United States during the nineteenth century, surveying the ways in which transportation and communication technologies enabled rapid social and economic growth, urbanization, and the cultural consequences of these activities on Indigenous peoples. The tour begins in the museum lobby and runs 60 minutes.

**1:30-2 p.m. | [Native Voices](#) Scene Performance**

**1:30 p.m. | Docent Tour: General museum highlights tour with Carl Flood**

Join us for a museum tour led by our knowledgeable docents to gain insights into our exhibitions. The tour begins in the museum lobby and runs 60 minutes.

**2:30 p.m. | [Cowboy Poetry](#)**

**2:30 p.m. | Docent Tour: [Out of Site](#) tour with Sarah Wilson**

Another piece of the Autry's contributions to the PST ART: *Art & Science Collide* initiative, this exhibition focuses on three technological revolutions to examine how visual technologies, artistic interventions, and the workings of state power have evolved in tandem with the Western landscape. The tour begins in the museum lobby and runs 60 minutes.

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## **Heritage Court/Garden:**

**10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | [School of Rock](#) Interactive Music Workshop in the Family Play Space**

**11-3:30 p.m. | PBS' Curious George**

Enjoy a meet and greet with PBS' Curious George in the Autry's Garden! Curious George will be available for 30-minute intervals starting 11 a.m. Educational activities will also be available.

## **Live Music on the Plaza:**

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. | [Friends in Low Places](#)**

**12:10-12:40 p.m. | [Carlos y Charlos](#)**





1-1:40 p.m. | [Johnny Marfa & the Lights](#)

2-2:40 p.m. | [Kimmi Bitter](#)

3-3:40 p.m. | [Satin Dollz](#)

4-4:50 p.m. | [Moonsville Collective & Leeann Skoda](#)



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### Community Partners:

Bill Pickett Invitation Rodeo · Burbank Art Association · California Art Club · Cherry Vintage · Children's Burn Foundation · Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center · Independent Shakespeare Co · LAist · Los Angeles Conservancy · Native Voices · PST ART: *Art & Science Collide* · School of Rock Silverlake · SoCal Moms/Fun Family Brands · Teen Tix LA · Urban Saddles

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*Out of Site: Survey Science and the Hidden West* is among more than 70 exhibitions and programs presented as part of PST ART. Returning in September 2024 with its latest edition, PST ART: *Art & Science Collide*, this landmark regional event explores the intersections of art and science, both past and present. PST ART is presented by Getty. For more information about PST ART: *Art & Science Collide*, please visit: [pst.art](http://pst.art)



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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://www.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.

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