SUMMER IN THE CITY DIFFERENT

New, Timeless & Special Festivals Highlight Santa Fe Season

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, June 18, 2015: Summer in Santa Fe has been a favorite of travelers around the world for centuries because of its pleasurable day and night temperatures, big western blue skies, pure mountain air, incredible sunsets and nightly starfields. This sets the stage for months of the country’s most thriving and vibrant performing arts and festival scene.

Santa Fe has scheduled a diverse lineup for 2015 to provide travelers with a cultural immersion like no other as they explore The City Different. Visitors can find a full calendar of summer events on www.santafe.org, which includes:

**Summer Of Color** (May 25 – September 7)
From Memorial Day to Labor Day, “Summer Of Color” unites the city’s top museums and galleries with joint exhibitions, programs, and individual efforts from each centered on a specific color. The “Summer Of Color” also unites Santa Fe multiple art districts as members of the citywide Santa Fe Gallery Association present an array of exhibitions, explorations and artist talks to celebrate life’s spectrum of colors. Hotels and restaurants also have special offers and packages in color. www.summerofcolorsantafe.org.
**Santa Fe Opera** (July 3 – August 29)
The Santa Fe Opera, surrounded by the Sangre de Cristo and Jemez Mountains, is one of the most iconic venues in the world. The 2015 season welcomes performances such as *Cold Mountain*, *The Daughter of the Regiment* and *Salome*. The Opera also hosts “Opening Night Dinners” with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and an elegant three-course seated dinner with wine on the Opera’s lush grounds. For a complete list of shows and information, visit [www.santafeopera.org](http://www.santafeopera.org/).

**Santa Fe Art Trifecta** (July 9 – 19)
Santa Fe is recognized around the world for its quality and depth of art, and the Santa Fe Art Trifecta stands out as one of the most memorable showcases as it combines three major festivals during one ten-day summer stretch. **ART Santa Fe** (July 9-12) is an established international art fair that features contemporary and modern art from the finest galleries in Europe, Asia and the Americas. The festival was just voted #4 *Best Art Festival In America*. **The International Folk Art Market** (July 10-12) was just voted #1 *Best Art Festival In America* and is a colorful outdoor event that brings master artists from around the world to show and sell their handmade creations. **SITE Santa Fe** (July 13-19) celebrates its 20th anniversary with 20 Years/20 Shows and new, large-scale installations. [www.santafetrifecta.com](http://www.santafetrifecta.com).

**Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Summer Season** (July 10, 31 and September 4)
The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet (ASFB) unleashes an innovative program by international choreographic heavyweights featuring the world premiere of a commissioned work from Alejandro Cerrudo of Spain. ASFB will also present *1st Flash* by Finnish superstar Jorma Elo and the return of fan favorite *Beautiful Mistake* by the Spanish Cayetano Soto. Performances take place July 10, July 31 and September 4 at The Lensic Performing Arts Center. [www.aspensantafeballet.com/index.php](http://www.aspensantafeballet.com/index.php).

**Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival** (July 19 – August 24)
Since the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival was founded in 1972, it has become one of the world’s preeminent music festivals. The event attracts numerous artists to create music together, ranging in style from pianists, clarinet quintets, trumpets, percussion and beyond. Concerts take place in the intimate, historic St. Francis Auditorium at the New Mexico Museum of Art, The Lensic Performing Arts Center, and at Simms Auditorium at Albuquerque Academy. The capstone of the festival is the Music & Wine Gala, which takes place at La Posada de Santa Fe on July 21. Tickets are $600 per person and all proceeds benefit the festival. For a complete list of performers and more information, visit [www.santafechambermusic.com](http://www.santafechambermusic.com/).

**Contemporary Hispanic Market Arts & Crafts** (July 24 – 26)
The show features non-traditional works in many styles by area Hispanic artists. The market is held in the heart of the cultural center of Santa Fe on Lincoln Avenue. [www.contemporaryhispanicmarketinc.com](http://www.contemporaryhispanicmarketinc.com)

**64th Annual Traditional Spanish Market** (July 25 – 26)
Over 250 adult and youth Spanish Market artists exhibit handmade artwork for sale along the streets surrounding the historic Santa Fe Plaza. Bandstand entertainment is featured throughout the weekend and a Food Court sells Hispanic cuisine, cold and hot drinks, and dessert items. [www.spanishcolonial.org](http://www.spanishcolonial.org)
**Santa Fe Yoga Festival** (August 6 – 9)
Well-known instructors and local yogis lead more than 108 classes and workshops at this festival that features daily meditations, dharma talks, hikes, farm to table dinners, cutting edge musical acts and daily DJ-hosted pool parties in the city. [www.santafeyogafestival.org](http://www.santafeyogafestival.org)

**Whitehawk Annual Antique Indian & Ethnographic Art Shows** (August 13 – 18)
These art shows have become “must attend” events for anyone interested in buying and collecting tribal art from the Americas. The show features over 100 dealers and live entertainment at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. [www.whitehawkshows.com](http://www.whitehawkshows.com)

**Indigenous Fine Art Market** (August 20 – August 22)
More than 400 acclaimed indigenous artists show and sell their contemporary and traditional art at the second annual Indigenous Fine Art Market at the Santa Fe Railyard. Participants include Leonard Peltier, Patricia Michaels, Jesse Monongye, Darryl Dean and Rebecca Begay, J. Nicole Hatfield, Ric Charlie, Evelyn Fredericks and Vernon Haskie. [www.indigefam.org](http://www.indigefam.org).

**Santa Fe Indian Market** (August 22 – 23)
Visitors celebrate Native arts and culture in the largest and most prestigious intertribal fine art market in the world. The market features over 1,000 of the “best of the best” Native artists, crafts-person and designers. Friends can savor the fun, fashion, music, dance, food and more of the Native American culture. [www.swaia.org](http://www.swaia.org)

**Santa Fe Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival** (August 28 – 30)
Local and national acts on three stages plus a barn dance, jam with the artists, and other events are featured in this 39th annual event at the Santa Fe County Fair Grounds.[www.southwestpickers.org](http://www.southwestpickers.org)

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