



MUSEUM of NORTHERN ARIZONA
Celebrating the Colorado Plateau

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Celebrate Indigenous art and culture: Museum of Northern Arizona Heritage Festival takes place June 22-23

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – Immerse yourself in the vibrancy of the Colorado Plateau at the Museum of Northern Arizona’s annual Heritage Festival of Arts and Culture June 22-23.

Discover the extraordinary talents of 90 Indigenous artists showcasing and selling their unique, handcrafted creations. From fine art and pottery to jewelry, wooden carvings, apparel, rugs, basketry, and beadwork, the festival presents an array of works by Acoma, Apache, Diné (Navajo), Hopi, Laguna, Santo Domingo, Yavapai, and Zuni artists.

Feel rhythm and energy as Tha ‘Yoties take the main stage both days with their signature reggae-rock sound. The festivities include vibrant cultural dances by the Diné Pollen Trail Dancers and the Hopi Living Traditions Hoop Dancers.

Learn about the Hopi language, Indigenous art, and tribal history at festival cultural talks. Long-distance runner Hosava Kretzmann (Hopi, Diné), who made headlines as the first American and sixth overall person to cross the finish line in the 2023 Los Angeles Marathon, will share his insights on running and its cultural significance. Nanibaa Beck, a second-generation Diné jeweler and the creative mind behind Beck Studio, will discuss the pervasive spirit of Indigenous creativity. Her minimalistic jewelry incorporates Indigenous language, offering an uncommon perspective in Native wearable art.

There will be art activities, culture-focused puppet shows, and hoop dancing lessons for children and youths. Grammy-nominated musician Aaron White (Northern Ute, Diné) will give reed flute-making workshops. The flute workshops require advance registration.

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Museum of Northern Arizona, the Heritage Festival is a feast for the senses. Wander through artist booths and enjoy hands-on activities and

demonstrations, all nestled under towering ponderosa pines. Savor offerings from food vendors like Sacred Hogan Fry Bread, Timberline Ice Cream, Tamales USA, and Route 66 Tacos.

Every art purchase directly supports the artists, who receive 100% of their earnings.

Don't miss out on this unique cultural experience. Festival tickets, ranging from \$10 to \$25, are available now and at the festival. Children 9 and under enjoy free entry.

Secure tickets in advance and find more information at <https://musnaz.org/all-upcoming-events/heritagefestival/>.

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See following page for full schedule of events.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL IMAGES

About the Museum of Northern Arizona

Nestled in a forested landscape, the Museum of Northern Arizona sits at the base of the San Francisco Peaks on the road to the Grand Canyon. A gateway to understanding the Colorado Plateau for nearly 100 years, the museum engages visitors with life-enriching knowledge and experiences centered on culture, art and science. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Learn more at <https://musnaz.org/>.

2024 Heritage Festival of Arts and Culture Schedule of Events
Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff

Friday, June 21

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.: Museum members reception with juried art competition award winners, music by Aaron White (Northern Ute/Diné)

Saturday, June 22

10:00 a.m.: Aaron White Reed Flute-Making Workshop

10:15 a.m.: Living Traditions Hoop Dancers (Hopi)

11:00 a.m.: *Mouse Goes to War* Puppet Show

11:30 a.m.: Ramson Lomatewama and Eve Ann Lomawaima (Hopi) Cultural Talk – ***Hopitutukaiqi Language Revitalization***

12:30 p.m.: Tha ‘Yoties perform their unique brand of reggae-rock influenced by the culture and concerns of Native peoples.

1:00 p.m.: Aaron White Reed Flute-Making Workshop

1:45 p.m.: Nanibaa Beck (Diné) Cultural Talk – ***Beyond the Kitsch: The Pervasive Spirit of our Indigenous Creative Community***

3:00 p.m.: Diné Pollen Trail Dancers

Sunday, June 23

10:00 a.m.: Aaron White Reed Flute-Making Workshop

10:15 a.m.: Diné Pollen Trail Dancers

11:00 a.m.: *Goat in the Rug* Puppet Show

11:30 a.m.: Tribal Archaeologist Chris Coder Cultural Talk – ***History of the Yavapai-Apache Nation***

12:30 p.m.: Youth Hoop Dance Lesson with Diné Pollen Trail Dancers

12:30 p.m.: Albert Chase (Diné) Culture Circle

1:45 p.m.: Hosava Kretzmann (Hopi/ Diné) Cultural Talk – ***Running for Survival***

3:00 p.m.: Tha ‘Yoties