



PRESS RELEASE

ART ON THE INFIELD!

Albuquerque, New Mexico – In its 27th year, the Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival will again stake its famous big white tent into Expo New Mexico's Fairgrounds! Over the first and second weekends of October, a juried lineup of fine artists and craftsmen from across the nation will gather for a celebration of the arts on the infield; a truly one-of-a-kind Albuquerque experience!

The legendary 'Big White Tent' that encompasses one full acre of space becomes a kaleidoscope of color and activity; perfectly complementing the hot air balloons floating overhead. Festival goers can explore a lively market that features the works of 250 painters, sculptors, potters, photographers, jewelers and more. Artists sell directly to patrons, many of them giving demonstrations and sharing stories behind their pieces. Fall weather in Albuquerque is unrivaled to begin with, and the festival's outdoor pavilion offers a chance to enjoy the day and listen to regional bands like Mariachi Fiesta Internacional, Mezcla Latina and Alpha Blue, while grabbing a bite to eat. Pair an Indian taco with a cold margarita or a local craft beer, or sample specialty foods in the Culinary Arts tent. To top it off - live horse racing surrounds the festival! Don't miss this slice of New Mexican culture! It's as much a part of Albuquerque during the fall as red or green chile!



RANKED #11 '200 BEST ART SHOWS' LIST, SUNSHINE ARTIST MAGAZINE - 2014
'ELITE 100 FINE ART FAIRS IN AMERICA', ART FAIR SOURCEBOOK – 2014
'BEST LOCAL FESTIVAL', ALBUQUERQUE THE MAGAZINE – 2013, TOP 5 FINALIST 2014

DATES: October 2, 3, 4 & 9, 10, 11, 2015

TIMES AND LOCATION: 10a – 5p Friday, 10a – 6p Saturday, 10a – 5p Sunday | EXPO New Mexico's Racetrack Infield – Entrance is located at Gate 8, near Lomas and Louisiana.

TICKETS: \$8.00 Adults | Kids Free | \$15.00 Festival Pass (unlimited admission to both weekends with free return parking) | \$25.00 Grande Pass (unlimited admission to all three Rio Grande Festivals with free return parking).

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