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### Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival's Spring Show – New Mexico's Premiere Art Event of 2016!

**DATES:** March 11, 12, 13, 2016

**TIMES AND LOCATION:** Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4 | EXPO New Mexico's Lujan Exhibit Complex

**TICKETS:** \$7 Admission | \$10 Festival Pass | Kids Free | Free Parking for Grande Pass Holders, Free Return Parking for Festival Pass Holders

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**Albuquerque, New Mexico** – This March, the Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival Spring Show will celebrate its 28th consecutive year in Albuquerque! True to tradition, artists will hail from around the country; this time representing 25 different states and dozens of different mediums. This colorful lineup of 180 juried artists and craftsmen will represent a wide range of original two-dimensional art, sculpture, photography, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, wood, metal and glass art – all available for purchase directly from the artists! Rio Grande strives to offer festival patrons a unique selection of works that showcase both traditional craftsman skills and contemporary arts ... all under one roof!

While art and handmade works are the focus of the show, this festival features something for everyone! Music, entertainment and food are also integral parts of this Albuquerque favorite. Attendees can expect a well-rounded and entertaining festival experience. From talking to the artists and listening to live music, to sampling specialty food and watching artists demonstrate their crafts – this is a must-attend event for locals and visitors!

**LOCALLY LOVED, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED!** *This is the top-rated indoor festival in the state, attracting thousands of visitors annually. It is ranked amongst the best fine art events in the U.S. by Art Fair Sourcebook and Sunshine Artist.*

**FRESH WORK!** *Approximately 25% of participating artists are brand new to Rio Grande Festivals' Spring Show!*

**FAMILY FUN!** *The Kid's Creation Station celebrates the smallest artists with free craft activities. 'Culinary Row' features food sampling, and multiple musicians perform in both halls throughout the weekend.*



*About Rio Grande Festivals: Founded in 1988 with one small festival, Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festivals now bring Albuquerque three annual juried art shows, each with their own distinct flavor. All are ranked among the top 100 in the nation. For more information, please visit [www.riograndefestivals.com](http://www.riograndefestivals.com).*