

30TH ANNIVERSARY RIO GRANDE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

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Rio Grande Celebrates 30 Years in the Duke City!

DATES: March 9, 10, 11, 2017

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

TICKETS: \$8 Admission | \$11 Festival Pass | Kids Free

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Albuquerque, New Mexico – This March, the Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival Spring Show will ring in 30 consecutive years in Albuquerque! True to tradition, artists will hail from all corners of the USA to show and sell their work at Expo New Mexico. This year's colorful lineup of 185 juried artists and craftsmen will represent a wide range of original fine art, sculpture, photography, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, wood, metal and glass art! A few artists have been with the show since the very first year, while many others are venturing to New Mexico for the first time to sell their work. Rio Grande strives to offer festival patrons a unique cross-section of traditional craftsmanship and contemporary arts – while creating a top-notch festival experience for attendees. From listening to live music, talking directly to artists, to sampling specialty food and watching artists demonstrate their crafts; attendees can expect a 'New Mexico True' experience...3 decades in the making!

LOCALLY LOVED, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED! *Rio Grande hosts the top-rated art festivals in the state, attracting over 50,000 visitors annually. Rankings conducted by Art Fair Sourcebook and Sunshine Artist Magazine, 2017.*

FAMILY FUN! *The Kid's Creation Station celebrates the smallest artists with free craft activities. 'Culinary Row' features food sampling, and musicians perform in both halls throughout the weekend. Attendees have the chance at winning an art shopping spree of \$300 in honor of 30 years.*

