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September in Taos: Global Superstars, Futuristic Festivals and the Arts Event of the Season

Taos brings out all the stops for events every weekend throughout the month

(Taos, N.M.) This September, Taos, New Mexico will celebrate music and art in all of their forms with a variety of events throughout the month. 16-time Grammy Award winner Sting will perform a sold-out show at Kit Carson Park on September 2, before Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance, September 5 – 7, experiential art festival The PASEO, September 13 – 14, and the 45th annual Taos Fall Arts Festival, September 20 – 29.

Music and Concerts

More than 8,000 people are expected to be in attendance at Kit Carson Park as Sting performs some of the biggest songs from his career on Labor Day. Later that week, Thursday through Saturday, Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance will take over Kit Carson Park with three days of folk and Americana music from some of the most well-respected names in the industry, as well as up-and-coming songwriters. Festival events include a Taos Art Gallery Stroll with Michael Hearne, two days of listening room performances, songwriting workshops, dance lessons and Saturday's Big Barn Dance. Three-day and single day passes are sold out, but "Barn Dance Only" tickets are available for entrance on Saturday after 7 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://bigbarndance.com/>.

Art Festivals

Beginning September 13, The PASEO, an interactive art festival dedicated to bringing experiential installation, performance and projection art to the streets of Taos' historic district, will bring more than 30 artists from across New Mexico, the U.S. and the world to Taos as a part of its "Connections" theme. This year's festival will include the *Living Museum of Fetishized Identities*, a large-scale interactive performance/installation from a group in San Francisco, as well as *Waterlight Graffiti*, an interactive installation from Paris that utilizes water and light, among many others performances and installations.

The following weekend, beginning on September 20, the 10-day Taos Fall Arts Festival will begin. The festival works to celebrate the visual art and artists in Taos County, while encouraging the growth of emerging artists. This year's festival will include the Taos Open Exhibition, featuring Taos County artists working in multiple mediums, a two-day, multi-venue symposium with former *Newsweek* art critic, Peter Plagens, and more. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information on The PASEO, visit <https://paseoproject.org/>. To learn more about the Taos Fall Arts Festival, visit <http://taosfallarts.com/>.

More information on the Town of Taos can be found at <http://taos.org>.

More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously-inhabited pueblo community, the state's

newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos. The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off-road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures. Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.

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