

NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER

Perspectivas Nuevas: Featuring Rebecca Gomez

On June 16, the NHCC Art Museum's newest exhibition, *Aliento a Tequila y el Arte de Agave* (or *The Spirit of Tequila and the Art of Agave*), opened at the NHCC's Visual Arts Museum! This exhibition is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance and The National Endowment for the Arts, and United Way DEI Fund.

Now that the exhibition has opened, we chatted with NHCC Curator Rebecca Gomez about what visitors can expect, and what it was like to curate her very first exhibition at the NHCC! This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

NHCC: What have you learned from curating your first exhibition at the NHCC?

Gomez: Since curating my first museum exhibition in 2006, the NHCC brings a brand-new and unique experience for me because the museum is part of a larger national cultural center. This means that we are provided the opportunity to collaborate across multiple disciplines when it comes to programming.

For example, we have a small exhibition of books related to the exhibit on view in the NHCC Library and we will have a film screening of *Agave is Life* in the Bank of America Theater on Aug. 10. I have learned that the NHCC is a wonderful place to work and to be supported by all the staff in bringing exhibits for public consumption.



NHCC: What excites you about this exhibition in particular?

Gomez: This exhibition brings together a traveling exhibit of photography from award-winning artist Joel Salcido with curated objects from the NHCC Permanent Collection, Museum of International Folk Art, Central Texas Folk Art Museum, and artists Hailey Marmolejo, Arnold Puentes, Lydia Madrid, and Julianna Kirwin. It was a fun challenge to merge together these two exhibitions in a way that told the Aztec legend of agave and history of tequila through art.

NHCC: What do you hope visitors take away from the exhibition?

Gomez: I hope that visitors will learning about the story of the agave and tequila not only through the museum exhibit but take time to visit our library to check out the related books, and come to view our film screening. The NHCC is an amazing institution to work for and I love all the multidisciplinary aspects that enhance learning experiences.



Upcoming Events

The Corazón Collective



El Arte de la Palabra Reading: The Corazón Collective

June 22 | Salón Ortega

6:00 p.m.: Reception & Book-signing

6:30 p.m.: Readings Begin

Join us for a reading and book-signing event featuring members of the Corazón Collective! The Corazón Collective is a collective of female and nonbinary writers, poets, and educators from Texas and California who will be offering workshops and readings in El Paso and New Mexico this June. This event is part of the NHCC's El Arte de la Palabra program.

This is a free community event, generously sponsored by AARP Albuquerque.

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El Arte de la Palabra Creative Writing Workshop featuring the Corazón Collective

June 24 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Salón Ortega

After the reading, head back to the Center on Saturday and hone your creative writing skills at this free writing workshop featuring members of the Corazón Collective!

This event will feature five mini workshops centered on the heart. This event is free and open to all skill levels and genres. Lunch will be provided. This event is part of the NHCC's El Arte de la Palabra program.

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Voces de Latinidad: Joanna Keane Lopez

June 24 | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Hubbell House (6029 Isleta Blvd. SW)

Join us for the third Community Listening Session in a series of 6 for our *Voces de Latinidad* documentary film project, featuring multidisciplinary artist Joanna Keane Lopez. Each gathering in this series will focus on a different cultural aspect of the question: "Who or what is Latinidad?" *Voces de Latinidad* aims to feature unique



voices from our community culminating in a short documentary and digital archive celebrating the rich diversity of our lived experiences.

On June 24, we invite all people of Hispanic, Latina/o/e/x, Chicana/o/e/x, Indigenous, and New Mexican heritage from the communities of Barelitas, Atrisco, the greater South Valley, and surrounding neighborhoods to come and share how you identify culturally and how this shapes your reality and lived experiences. Note: Community Sessions will be filmed and some individuals may be selected for interviews.

This is a free community event, made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Democracy Demands Wisdom. Additional support provided by United Way DEI Fund.

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New Mexico Latino Music All-Stars

June 24 | Albuquerque Journal Theatre

6:00 pm: Doors open, beer and wine service in the lobby

7:00 pm: Performance begins

This fun and vibrant Latin-based music will feature New Mexico Latin artists showcasing Latin jazz, R&B, Cumbias, Boleros, Rancheras and Cha Cha to benefit the NLBHA JTR Scholarship program for Latino college students pursuing a college degree in behavioral health. This large ensemble of New Mexico's musical talent will bring on a fun and live energy performance. Come celebrate the summer season, Father's Day or just a great night of entertainment with your favorite people in one of New Mexico's premier venues.

This music charity event is hosted by the National Latino Behavioral Health Association in partnership with the National Hispanic Cultural Center. This will benefit the NLBHA JTR Scholarship program for Latino college students pursuing a college degree in behavioral health.

Tickets available for the special price of \$29!

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Colcha Community Stitch A-Long

June 27 | 9:30 a.m. MDT
Live on Zoom or in-person

Our Colcha community Workshop is open to all levels of experience in an informal setting. This workshop is instructed by Annette Gutierrez-Turk. Annette has taught this art form to groups internationally and at the NHCC for



many years.

She is also an award-winning artist, most recently recognized in 2019 at Santa Fe Spanish Market. Annette will demonstrate as well as answer questions. Everyone will have a chance to share what they are working on.

Please note this event in the series will take place in the conference room in the NHCC's History & Literary Arts Building.

This is a free community event. Thank you to the Sandia Mountains-EGA for their continued support of this program.

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Summer Salsa for Seniors

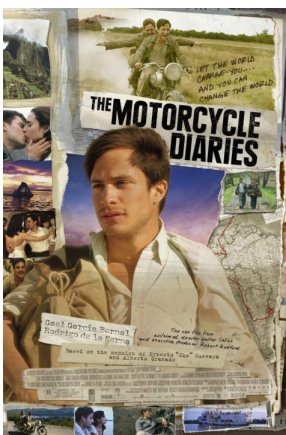
June 28 | 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Salón Ortega

Looking for a way to beat the heat? Join us at the Center our final Summer Salsa for Seniors event next Wednesday! This series is part of the NHCC's Siempre Creativo program, which provides a free multidisciplinary arts program for seniors.

This is a free community event, generously supported by AARP Albuquerque.



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Film Screening: The Motorcycle Diaries

June 30 | Bank of America Theatre

**5:00 - 7:00 pm: Food Trucks | Cash Bar | Pop Fizz |
Motorcycle Show (ends 6:00 pm)
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Live Capoeira Performance
6:30 pm: Pre-Film Talk
7:00 pm: Screening begins**

Head to the Center for the next film in the NHCC's free Summer Film Series: *The Motorcycle Diaries* (2004)!

On a break before his last semester of medical school, Ernesto "Che" Guevara (Gael García Bernal) travels with his friend Alberto Granado (Rodrigo de la Serna) from Brazil to Peru by motorcycle. The two men soon witness the great disparities in South America, encountering poor peasants and observing the exploitation of labor by wealthy industrialists. When they reach a leper colony in Peru, Ernesto's values have changed so much that he sides with the sufferers, forgetting his own comfort.

Directed by Walter Salles | 126 minutes | Spanish with English subtitles | Rated R

This is a free community event, generously supported by Bank of America.

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First Sunday Free Admission

July 2 | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Visual Arts Museum

On the first Sunday of every month, the Visual Arts Museum is free to all New Mexico residents!

If you have a valid New Mexico ID, come explore the Visual Arts Museum's slate of new exhibitions, including *Aliento a Tequila y el Arte de Agave* (or *The Spirit of Tequila and the Art of Agave*), which opened June 16.



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Ozomatli with special guests Nosotros & Baracutanga

July 3 | 5:30 p.m.
Plaza Mayor

Join us for a special free performance on NHCC's Plaza Mayor, featuring Ozomatli with special guests Nosotros & Baracutanga! This free performance of powerhouse Latin musicians is presented by Lencic 360, NM Music Commission and the NHCC.

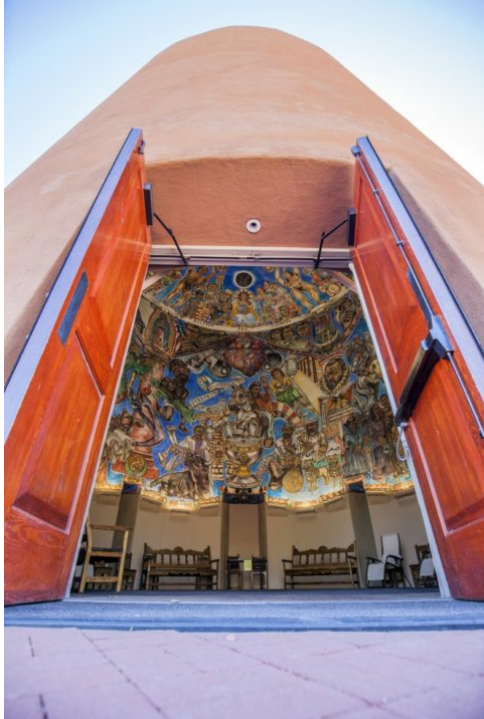
This outdoor event will occur regardless of the weather, so dress accordingly. Blankets, lawn chairs, and low-style camping chairs are welcome. There will be food vendors available but picnics are welcome and free water refill stations will be available. There will be a designated ADA-compliant area with chairs available.

This is a free community event.

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Mundos de Mestizaje: Torreón Tour

The National Hispanic Cultural Center is offering a guided tour of the Mundos de Mestizaje fresco by Frederico Vigil twice a week, Thursdays and Fridays at 11 am. Located in the Torreón on the NHCC Campus, Mundos de Mestizaje depicts thousands of years of Hispanic culture, history, and identity.



Admission for the tour is \$2 and tickets are available for advance purchase below.

Tickets can also be purchased in the New Mexico Mutual Welcome Center, depending on availability. The capacity for each tour is limited.

[Buy Tickets](#)

Mark Your Calendar

Free Community Event: Nexo Entre Raíces / Nexus Between Roots

July 14 | 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Visual Arts Museum

Join us as we celebrate our groundbreaking exhibition *Nexo Entre Raíces / Nexus Between Roots*!

Nexo Entre Raíces / Nexus Between Roots is an exhibition of prints by artists living and working in both Mexico and the United States. Their work traverses themes of culture, tradition, identity, and place, connecting those with Mexican roots across borders. Organized by artist Marco Sánchez and multidisciplinary scholar Claudia Ley in collaboration with the NHCC Art Museum, the exhibition features 32 artworks exchanged for a print portfolio between the participating artists as well as additional pieces contextualizing the artists' work.

This is a free community event, generously sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



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