

Museum of International Folk Art News

Nuevo México: El Corazón de la Cultura New Hands-On Exhibition in Museum's Lloyd's Treasure Chest

Santa Fe, NM (December 11, 2008)—Tradition , culture, soul, sprit, *arte*. These words have long come to symbolize the ambience of Nuevo México and the abundance of traditions that abound in our region.

Nuevo México: El Corazón de la Cultura, or New Mexico: The Heart of Culture, at the Museum of International Folk Art, showcases the best of Hispano/Latino arts of New Mexico from the early colonial period until the present. This exhibition presents a unique opportunity to view these works of art up close and personal in Lloyd's Treasure Chest while the Hispanic Heritage Wing undergoes renovations. Lloyd's Treasure Chest offers visitors interactive displays about collections and how museums care for collections.

All genres from metalsmithing, weaving, and new media to straw appliqué, tin work, recycled art and the art of the *santero* will be on display. Items traded between New Mexico and Mexico and artifacts that would have come on the Manila galleons are also included. *El Corazón de la Cultura* promises to have something for everyone.

The exhibit offers a chance to see some recent acquisitions or view a favorite piece that has not been on display for a while. The Hispanic Heritage Wing will re-open on June 21, 2009 with the exhibition *A Century of Masters: The NEA Heritage Fellows of New Mexico*. The grand re-opening of the wing promises to be an exciting affair celebrating a century of tradition and art in New Mexico.

El Corazón de la Cultura opens Tuesday, December 23, 2008. There will be no opening reception. The exhibition will run through 2009.

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The Museum of International Folk Art houses the world's largest collection of international folk art, with ongoing exhibitions Multiple Visions: A Common Bond in the Girard Wing. The Hispanic Heritage Wing is undergoing renovation and is scheduled to reopen in June 2009.. Changing and traveling exhibitions are offered in the Bartlett Wing and exhibitions highlighting textiles are featured the Neutrogena Wing. Lloyd's Treasure Chest offers visitors interactive displays about collections and how museums care for collections.

The Museum of International Folk Art is a Division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

Information for the Public

Location: The Museum of International Folk Art is located on Museum Hill™, Camino Lejo off Old Santa Fe Trail.

Contact: 505-476-1200 or www.internationalfolkart.org.

Days/Times: Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Admission: School groups free. Children 16 and under free. New Mexico residents with ID free on Sundays. New Mexico resident Senior Citizens (age 60+) with ID free Wednesdays. Museum Foundation members free. NM Veterans with 50% or greater disability free. Students with ID \$1 discount. Single visit to one museum: \$8.00 for non-state residents; \$6.00 for New Mexico residents. Four-day pass to five museums including state-run museums in Santa Fe plus The Museum of Spanish Colonial Art \$18.00. One-day pass for two museums (Museum of International Folk Art and Museum of Indian Arts and Culture OR The New Mexico Museum of Art and Palace of the Governors) \$12.00. Group rate for ten or more people: single visit \$6.00, four day pass \$16.00.

Please note that on January 1, 2009 new admission prices go into effect. Non-resident admission will be \$9, a one-day pass will be \$15, and a four-day pass will be \$20. There will be no change for New Mexico residents, students, and seniors.