

## Stampede Calendar

ern-style block party with a kids' corral with multiple inflatables and mechanical rides, food trucks and beer vendors, merchandise and arts and crafts booths, and multiple stages with live entertainment including concerts from today's popular bands to traditional performers. Featured performers include Raun Alosi, the Herndon Brothers, Mogolon, and Parade Grand Marshal Dan Harkins' band, Union Rock, as well as mariachis and traditional Hispanic dance groups.



### Arizona Indian Festival

\*Saturday, February 5 | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 \*Sunday, February 6 | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 West Lawn of the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall – 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.

Featuring an array of traditional arts and crafts, entertainment, foods, innovations and trends in cultural tourism experiences, this two-day cultural celebration honors the Arizona Indian community that is alive and well in Scottsdale! This inclusive inter-tribal event serves as a platform for tribal tourism to raise awareness about Arizona's indigenous communities through fun and engaging experiences. [www.arizonaindiantourism.org/azindianfestival/](http://www.arizonaindiantourism.org/azindianfestival/)

### Arizona Native Edible Experience

\*Saturday, February 5 | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West Serving as the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association's kickoff event for the Arizona Indian Festival, this incredible event offers guests an opportunity to taste traditional and fusion foods and cocktails prepared by Native Chefs while enjoy Native American arts and artist in a glamorous cocktail party setting. The evening presents a rich tapestry of Native Arizona through its history, food, people, music and culture and aims to bring together multiple Native communities to highlight and celebrate the contributions of Arizona's Native Peoples. Tickets are \$25 with no-host bar and silent auction. Tickets are limited. [www.arizonanativeexperience2022.com](http://www.arizonanativeexperience2022.com)

## Stampede Spotlight: Western Spirit stands as testament to Old West

**W**estern Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West has been an integral part of preserving Scottsdale's heritage and history since it opened its doors in 2015. It has been participating in Western Week for just as long — serving as the arrival destination for the riders of the historic Hashknife Pony Express.

As the City gears up for Western Week 2022 including events such as the Scottsdale Parada del Sol and Trail's End Festival, Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West takes center stage. A 501(c) 3 and a city-owned facility, Western Spirit plays an active role in many of the city's events that are designed to both entertain guests and educate them about Scottsdale's deep cultural roots.

"We represent all aspects of Western culture, and we feel it's very important to share and recognize our heritage and culture as well as the events that took place in Scottsdale and throughout Arizona in the past so we don't lose touch from where we came from," says David Scholefield, marketing and communications director of the museum.

In fact the museum's mission states it serves to celebrate the West and its importance by informing, educating, inspiring and engaging museum guests through high-quality exhibitions, educational programs and community outreach addressing regional history.

"The activities being undertaken with the city align very well with our mission and we hope to become a bigger, stronger partner in the future," adds Scholefield. Partnering with the city for events such as



Western Week and the Hashknife Pony Express also provides an opportunity for the museum to be further profiled within the community, bringing it to the attention of local residents and visitors as well as people all across the valley.

During Western Week 2022, the museum hosts the celebration surrounding the arrival of the 64th Annual Hashknife

Pony Express on February 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The free event includes entertainment such as live music and performances, activities for the kids, food trucks, a presentation about the History of Hashknife at 10:00 a.m., and free admission into the museum. And, of course, the event provides "front row seats" for the arrival of the Pony Express riders

who, at high noon, will end their 200-plus-mile ride from Holbrook with more than 20,000 pieces of U.S. Mail in tow.

In addition to exciting events in collaboration with the city such as the Hashknife Pony Express celebration, the Museum of the West maintains an outstanding collection of both ongoing and limited-time exhibitions. One of the highlights of the museum's rotating exhibitions is most certainly in alignment with Western Week and will be on display through Spring of 2023. This exhibition, titled Light and Legacy: The Art and Techniques of Edward S. Curtis, celebrates the life of photographer, ethnographer and adventurer Edward Curtis and his tremendous contributions to the art and science of photography. Over the course of three decades, Curtis traveled the country visiting more than 80 Indigenous Peoples and creating thousands of images, audio recordings and the earliest motion pictures of Native Americans.

As a result of a partnership with Arizona Highways, the museum recently displayed an exhibition titled The Art of Our Photography, which featured the work of 10 artists that were given access to the magazine's extensive photo archive and invited to select any of the images Arizona Highways has published since 1925 to recreate through their artistic craft. For more information about Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West: [www.scottsdalemuseumwest.org](http://www.scottsdalemuseumwest.org).



A view of the place where the iconic images, keepsakes and hidden treasures of the Old West can be found in Old Town Scottsdale.