

# **Millicent Rogers Museum Hosts 20th Annual Holiday Fiesta, December 2, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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## **For Immediate Release**

Holiday celebrations are starting early this year at the Millicent Rogers Museum's Holiday Fiesta on December 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's event marks the 20th year the museum has hosted its Holiday Fiesta, and is in line with the museum's mission of sharing and celebrating the arts and cultures of the Southwest with everyone. The museum was founded in 1956 in Taos and the majority of its collection of over 7,000 objects is representative of the diverse Indigenous and Hispanic cultures of the Southwest with particular strengths in the traditional arts of northern New Mexico. The Holiday Fiesta showcases these traditions in an annual event that is offered for free for the community of Taos, but admission will be free for all visitors who would like to join in on the fun.

*Holiday Fiesta*— The Millicent Rogers Museum is committed to building and cultivating a strong relationship with the local community, and this event strives to honor and respect the vibrant artistic traditions of northern New Mexico. This year's Holiday Fiesta will feature face painting, holiday crafts, appearances by the Taos Fiesta Court, and student music and dance performances by Mariachi Jaguar Encantado at 11 a.m., Taos Suzuki Violin School at noon, Los Niños Bailadores at 1 p.m., and the Taos Youth Ballet at 2 p.m. Families will also get a chance to make their own Christmas cards and ornaments, create their own retablos and learn about Hanukkah through fun activities. Santa will be on site from noon to 2:00 pm for photos.

In addition to the Holiday Fiesta, the museum's permanent collection and special exhibits will be on view during the event. The museum's current special exhibits include *Picturing Home: Plants and Animals of the Southwest*, *Corn: Sacred Giver of Life*, *Feast Days: A Cycle of Faith*, *La Familia: Legendary Families and the Legacy of the Millicent Rogers Museum*, and *To Honor Millicent*. For visitors looking to start their holiday shopping, the Museum Store will feature a variety of unique Southwest gifts, such as Pueblo nativity sets, handmade ornaments, Christmas earrings, holiday cards, and 2018 calendars. Year-round, the store carries a wide selection of vintage and contemporary Southwest jewelry, Pueblo pottery, Navajo textiles, and an assortment of items similar to works on view in the museum's galleries.

The Millicent Rogers Museum is open from 10-5 (MST) Tuesday through Sunday from November to March, and is open every day from April to October. In line with the museum's mission to support the local community, admission is always complimentary to Taos County residents and \$5 for New Mexico residents. However, admission to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Fiesta is offered for free to everyone who would like to attend as a gift from the museum. Visit [www.millicentrogers.org](http://www.millicentrogers.org) or call (575) 758-2462 for more information about the museum, events, holiday closures, and exhibits

