

## Taos News Item 4

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Taos' high desert, haute cuisine, fine art and creative culture reflect a long history of diverse traditions stretching back across the eons. These traditions embrace centuries of Native American culture, from ruins and petroglyphs that are thousands of years old to contemporary pueblo villages filled with colorful pageantry and resounding with ritual dance and music echoing past eras.

The city's ties to Spanish Colonial culture remain strong, with generations of families devoted to preserving and enriching their ancestral traditions of storytelling, music, dance and art and craftsmanship with wood, tin, silver and other revered artistic mediums.

Taos' adobe-lined streets, many still made of desert dirt, teem with arts and culture. Celebrated across the globe, the city's sophisticated galleries and museums exhibit the work of painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers and other world-renowned and emerging artists. Taos' fame reaches so far, in fact, that the city's art market ranks second in the U.S. only to New York City.