



## Museum of Indian Arts & Culture

At the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, you encounter Native cultures and artifacts from the ancestral to the contemporary. Highlights include Southwestern textiles, pottery and jewelry. A contemporary art collection includes sculpture and works on paper and canvas. You can find collections of Mimbres and Anasazi ceramics. One of the most fascinating items is a 151-foot hunting net made of human hair around the year 1200. The museum's collections, developed through active partnership between Indians and non-Indians, include 80,000 archeological, ethnographic and fine arts objects, plus more than 10 million artifacts from archeological sites across New Mexico. The Laboratory of Anthropology, next door to the museum and founded in 1927, is charged with conserving archeological finds in the state. The museum itself, which opened in 1987 as one of four museums in the Museum of New Mexico system, is an excellent introduction to the complexity and diversity of the Native American cultures of the region. Here, you can listen to the stories and songs that tell of origins and the long history of the Native peoples, and witness the development of new forms of art. Located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the museum shares its extraordinary location with the other museums on Museum Hill. Come to the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture and discover that American Indian cultures are complex, diverse, steeped in tradition, and yet very much alive.

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