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**INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Albuquerque, NM — February 5, 2026 — In 2026, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (IPCC) marks its 50th anniversary, commemorating a legacy of sharing Pueblo culture with the world. IPCC's year-long celebration will include new exhibits, an anniversary event, and a look back at the Cultural Center's history and impact.

IPCC first opened its doors in 1976 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization owned by the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico, marking a historic moment of collective vision and cultural leadership. In its early years, IPCC included a museum, library, research center, and the Institute for Pueblo Indian Studies, creating a foundation for cultural preservation, education, and community engagement. Established as a multipurpose cultural center, IPCC was created to present the history, accomplishments, and contributions of Pueblo people while ensuring that Pueblo voices remained at the center of that storytelling. From its beginning, IPCC was envisioned as a place where visitors could both learn about Pueblo history and experience living Pueblo culture.

"From the first year to the 50th, respectfully sharing our Pueblo history, art, and culture has been at the core of our work, and we invite you to be a part of our journey in this milestone year," said IPCC President and CEO Monique Fragua.

Since its beginning, IPCC has expanded beyond the original cultural center. The campus now includes the Indian Pueblo Entrepreneur Complex, as well as Avanyu Plaza across 12th Street. IPCC also offers cultural and educational programs that allow visitors to connect with Pueblo culture and traditions and see how they persist in present-day New Mexico.

"For 50 years, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center has been one of Albuquerque's most powerful cultural tourism anchors," said Tania Armenta, President & CEO of Visit Albuquerque. "Every visitor who walks through its doors supports not only a world-class cultural institution, but also Pueblo artists, local employees, small businesses, and surrounding neighborhoods. IPCC's presence strengthens our tourism economy while ensuring that Pueblo culture, stories, and traditions continue to thrive for generations."

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2026 will be marked by special events celebrating this milestone anniversary. IPCC will host a special anniversary event in late August, the month of the Cultural Center's opening in 1976. Additionally, *Grounded in Clay: The Spirit of Pueblo Pottery*, an exhibition of Pueblo pottery, will open at IPCC in March.

"*Grounded in Clay* opened in Santa Fe in 2022 on the 100th anniversary of the School for Advanced Research's Indian Arts Research Center Collection. Now it comes full circle in its return home from its four-year tour in 2026 on the 50th anniversary of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center," said IPCC Head Curator Dr. Michelle Lanteri.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is also a time to reflect on IPCC's economic impact. In addition to presenting creative and cultural experiences, one of the original goals of IPCC that continues in the present day is providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Along with supporting Indigenous artists and business owners, IPCC has become a tourist destination that draws visitors to Albuquerque.

"Roughly one out of every four trips that visitors took to New Mexico this past year featured a Native and Indigenous experience," said Acting Tourism Department Secretary Lancing Adams. "We understand that many prospective travelers are motivated to take a trip to New Mexico to experience our Native and Indigenous culture, and establishments like the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center contribute significantly to our capabilities of delivering those great experiences."

As IPCC celebrates its 50th anniversary, we honor the vision of our founders and the strength of the 19 Pueblos whose leadership made the vision of the Cultural Center possible. Guided by shared values and a deep respect for Pueblo culture, IPCC continues to be a place of learning, pride, and connection—preserving the past, celebrating the present, and inspiring future generations.

#### **About the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:**

Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The Mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages, and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit [www.indianpueblo.org](http://www.indianpueblo.org) or follow @IndianPueblo on social media.

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