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JUNE CULTURA GUIDE



Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center to reopen. Photo by Brianna Chavez/Austin Vida

MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IS BACK

After nearly three years of renovations and expansion, the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center will welcome the comunidad back home with a grand reopening celebration on June 6 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 600 River St.

The free event showcases the center's new spaces with live música, dance performances, art, comida and familia-friendly activities while honoring the generations of advocates who fought to create and preserve this cultural home for our comunidad. The newly expanded MACC now features new classrooms, galleries, performance spaces, a teaching cocina and enhanced programming areas designed to serve future generations.

Check out some upcoming eventos all through the month:

🦋 Starting June 6: Three new exhibits debut as part of the grand reopening. “Loteriafest” by Courtney Enrique reimagines Lotería icons through contemporary portraits, “Mitote” highlights works by Chicano artists from the Gilberto Cárdenas and Dolores Carrillo Garcia Collection, and “Imagination Knows No Borders” traces the history and community activism behind the creation of the MACC.

🦋 June 9–July 14: Reconnect with movement, mindfulness and ancestral teachings during “Movimiento Ancestral.” Held Tuesdays from 5–6 p.m., this all-levels series draws inspiration from Indigenous Mesoamerican traditions, inviting participants to explore wellness, balance and cultural connection through guided movement and breathwork.

🦋 June 13–July 25: Explore the sweet side of cultura at “Dulces a Través del Tiempo,” a six-week workshop series where participants will learn baking and decorating techniques while creating desserts inspired by Latin American traditions, with each session blending hands-on instruction, storytelling and community connection. Classes meet Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MEMORIAS PROJECT

Head to Dadalab (2008 Alexander Ave.) for “The Memorias Project,” an immersive multimedia experience exploring the history of Mexican Americans in Austin through music, archival materials and digital art.

Directed by Claudia E. Zapata, the work traces historias of migration, community-building and resistance while drawing from local historical collections and East Austin memories. Performances take place June 20 at 7 p.m. and June 21 at 1 p.m.; admission is free!

FRUTOS DE LA MUERTE

Visit the Ground Floor Theatre for “Frutos de la Muerte,” a bilingual performance blending puppetry, movement and storytelling inspired by Guatemalan culture, Indigenous knowledge and the natural world.

The play, which runs from June 4–13, follows a young woman and her tía as they search for guidance through political uncertainty. Tickets start at \$25, with flexible pricing available.



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MUST-SEE LIVE MÚSICA



*Adrianna Rosso to perform at Hole in the Wall Latin music showcase.
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🦋 June 11: Check out the Latin@ Alternativ@ Showcase at Hole in the Wall for a 21+ night of genre-blending música. The lineup includes local Peruvian artist PES, Guatemalan rapper and singer Adriana Rosso, and Wicho, a Salvadoran songwriter. Doors open at 8 p.m.; music starts at 9 p.m. Tickets start at \$12.76.

🦋 June 13: Chicana singer-songwriter Irene Diaz brings her “Fools Only” Summer Tour to Flamingo Cantina at 9 p.m., sharing a mix of fan favorites and new música. Known for her soulful vocals and rich songwriting, the LA artist delivers an intimate performance at this 21+ event. Tickets start at \$25.31.

🦋 June 19: Lisa Morales and Los Texmaniacs share the stage at 04 for a noche that blends folk, Americana, Tejano and conjunto traditions. Morales brings storytelling shaped by her heritage, while Grammy-winning Los Texmaniacs deliver accordion-and-bajo sexto-driven sounds. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$28.59.

🦋 June 26: Music Under the Star closes out its summer concert series with Austin favorites Alejandro Escovedo and Vallejo at the Capitol Mall Amphitheater from 7–9 p.m. Enjoy a free evening with música that spans rock, Americana y Latin influences.

COOKING WITH VERACRUZ ALL NATURAL

In honor of Immigrant Heritage Month, join Reyna and Maritza Vazquez at BookPeople at 2 p.m. on June 21 to celebrate the release of “Veracruz All Natural,” a cookbook that shares the flavors, memories and journey behind the iconic local restaurant.

The hermanas, who built Veracruz All Natural from a small trailer to a multi-location icon, will discuss the book and their path from Veracruz, Mexico, to becoming the influential voces in Austin’s culinary community. RSVP for free!

HEALING CON PRIDE

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, reminding us that celebration and healing can go hand in hand.

Healing Haus at allgo (701 Tillery St.) offers a free monthly gathering created for queer BIPOC community members to connect, recharge and find support. Every first Monday of the month, from 6–9 p.m. expect wellness offerings, creative activities, guided conversations, a restorative sound bath and access to resources in a welcoming space centered on care, reflection and collective healing.

CELEBRANDO JUNETEENTH

As we honor Juneteenth, Austin’s celebrations create space for community connection, recognizing the many ways Afro-Latinidad has shaped our culturas, historias and traditions.

On June 13, Freedom Fest returns to Turner-Roberts Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a full día of live music, local vendors, food trucks and familia-friendly activities. From dominoes and spades tournaments to dancing, performances and community resources, this free event brings generations together to celebrate Black culture, history and freedom in East Austin.