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SEPTEMBER CULTURA GUIDE



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FESTIVALS PARA TI

September gives our comunidad various ways to celebrate cultura, from a Latine Heritage Month mercado rooted in food and tradition to a weekend putting artists, performers and creativity front and center.

🦋 Siete's third annual Juntos Festival returns with a mercado made for shopping, eating and spending time con comunidad on Sept. 13. Browse Latine-owned businesses and makers, grab bites from vendors including Vecinos Tacos and Buen Provecho Coffee, and catch performances by Mariachi Relampago and more. The festival runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fair Market. RSVP here!

🦋 Austin's longest-running arts festival heads to the ESB-MACC for a weekend packed with local arte, música y food from Sept. 26-27. Meet more than 40 artists at the outdoor market and catch performances from Riders Against the Storm, Bidi Bidi Banda, Lesly Reynaga, Los Desechos and more, alongside dance and family activities. Ticket prices vary.

KICKING OFF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Latine Heritage Month officially begins Sept. 15, but festivities have already kicked off in Austin. Throughout September, communities across the city honor their raíces through independence day celebrations, música, dance and traditions carried across generations.

🦋 Sept. 5: Cultura Brasil Austin's annual Brazil Day ATX turns Radio/East into a celebration of Brazilian Independence Day with verde e amarelo pride. Catch performances from Latin Grammy-nominated artists Rogê and Jair Oliveira alongside Frederico7, and an interactive samba percussion experience. The celebration runs from 5 p.m.-midnight; tickets start at \$25, admission free for children 15 and younger.

🦋 Sept. 5: Folklore y Ritmos de Panamá marks 25 years of sharing Panamanian cultura with a celebración filled with music y tradition. Fiesta Panameña invites the comunidad to recognize the group's legacy while keeping Panamá's cultural roots alive. The celebration runs from 7-11:30 p.m. at The Otis Hotel; tickets start at \$65.87.

🦋 Sept. 12: The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center welcomes the comunidad back for its annual free celebration for Mexican Independence Day from 4-9 p.m.. The afternoon features La Sonora Hechicera, Danza Azteca Guadalupana, Ballet Folklórico de Austin, Latin Breed and more before the Consul General delivers El Grito de Independencia.

🦋 Sept. 15: Mexican Independence Day celebrations continue downtown as Republic Square fills with ballet folklórico, mariachi and cumbia for La Fiesta de Independencia de México. Hear El Grito de Independencia, watch Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklórico de Texas and Mariachi Capital, then hit the dance floor with Sonora Dinamita Explosiva while browsing an artisan mercado featuring art and crafts from México. The free fiesta runs from 6-9 p.m.



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MUST-SEE LIVE MÚSICA



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🦋 Sept. 5: Get into the psychedelic sounds of the Peruvian Amazon as cumbia pioneers Los Mirlos take over The Far Out Lounge for a special Cumbiadélica presentation. Austin favorites Money Chicha and Superfónicos join Los Desechos for a night of cumbia, funk and tropical rhythms. Doors open at 7 p.m., tickets \$32.40.

🦋 Sept. 18: Romantic norteño favorites Grupo Duelo bring their "Gravedad Tour 2026" to ACL Live at 8 p.m. Led by singer-songwriter Óscar Iván Treviño, the longtime Mexican group will revisit fan favorites alongside newer música. Tickets start at \$185.68.

🦋 Sept. 20: Carrie Rodriguez's Laboratorio looks to Mexico's Época de Oro for Bolero Inmortal, an evening of classic Mexican boleros, film and storytelling at the State Theatre at 7 p.m.. Rodriguez and the Laboratorio orquesta perform alongside Grammy-winning jazz guitarist Bill Frisell. Tickets start at \$41.00.

🦋 Sept. 26: Salsa takes center stage at Radio/East with Colombia's Las Guaracheras, joined by Los Alcos and wicho. Head to the dance floor for a lively night with music starting at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$19.05.

CELEBRANDO CUBA

"Cuba: Un Colectivo, Tres Miradas" brings together 40 photographs offering three distinct views of life across the island at La Peña Gallery.

Through the lenses of Ayash Basu, Nick Berard and Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Rodolfo Gonzalez, the exhibit captures Cuba's people, streets and everyday momentos while reflecting the historias and spirit woven throughout the country.

The exhibit runs now-Oct. 3.

WHERE TO CATCH BALLET FOLKLÓRICO PERFORMANCES

Austin's folklórico tradition spans generations, from Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklórico de Texas to Ballet Folklórico de Austin's focus on Oaxacan culture. Catch them both this month:

Sept. 19: Take a journey through México with "Estampas de México" by Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklórico de Texas. "Estampas de México" moves through the traditions of Nayarit, Veracruz, Sonora, Guerrero, Hidalgo and Jalisco, accompanied by live music from Mariachi Cielo Azul. The performance starts at 7 p.m. at the AISD Performing Arts Center. Tickets start at \$22.43.

Sept. 20: Ballet Folklórico de Austin explores the many colors of Mexico with "México de Colores," a familia-friendly mix of folklórico, theater and humor making its Texas debut with performances at 2 and 6 p.m. at the ESB-MACC. The production celebrates raíces and individuality. Tickets \$60.54.