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15th Annual Caddo Festival 2026 to Feature "From Mounds to Modern: Caddo Art Past, Present, and Future" at First Americans Museum

Event includes educational talks and traditional Caddo songs and dances alongside featured Caddo artists' informational booths.

Oklahoma City, OK — November 15, 2026 — The 15th Annual **Caddo Festival** will take place Sunday, **November 15, 2026**, from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at **First Americans Museum** in Oklahoma City. This year's theme, *"From Mounds to Modern: Caddo Art Past, Present, and Future,"* honors the long-standing tradition of Caddo people creating and sharing art.

"Caddo artistry is found not only in what is made, but in what is made possible," said Lauren Toho-Murrow Haupt, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma citizen and Ph.D. student in Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico. Her talk "explores the art of tending and (re)storying through rivercane basketry and clay pottery, alongside the restoration of the ecological relationships that make these practices possible."

"Through artistry, stewardship, and the revitalization of Caddo cultural knowledge and lifeways, we are creating new possibilities for how our Peoples can continue to live, create, and belong within our ancestral homelands," Haupt said. The Caddo Nation is one of few Tribes that call the state of Oklahoma their traditional homelands which also includes Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

"My pottery is more than art – it is a living connection to ancestral knowledge, a way to ensure Caddo traditions remain vibrant for generations to come," said Jeri Redcorn, internationally

recognized Caddo artist. Redcorn, whose art is permanently displayed at the Obama Presidential Center, is recognized for reviving Caddo pottery traditions.

The festival will also feature artists: Jeri Redcorn, Raven Halfmoon, Bruce Caesar, Amy Heath, Yonavea Hawkins, Colton James, Shannon Freeman, and Mike Shackleford.

This project was funded in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council, which receives support from the State of Oklahoma and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Festival Schedule

11:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. | Presentation: "The Trails that Carried Beauty: Caddo Art, Travel and Exchange"
XCHANGE Theater
Featuring John Zumwalt- Educator / Interpreter at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Presentation: "Tending Caddo Futures: The Art of Restoring and (Re)storying Relations"
XCHANGE Theater
Featuring Lauren Toho-Murrow Haupt- Caddo Nation citizen and Ph.D. student in Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Traditional Caddo Dances and Caddo Artists' Booths
Hall of The People
Led by **Caddo Singers**, songs include the Drum Dance, Fish Dance, Alligator Dance, Stirrup Dance, Swing Dance, Vine Dance, Bell Dance, Duck Dance, and Morning Dance.

All Day (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.) | 39 Café and Restaurant; Food Vendors
Café and Restaurant and Outside in Museum's Festival Plaza

The event is free and open to the public. Price for museum exhibits is additional. Contact First Americans Museum for more details on prices.

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