



# The Newsletter

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Join us for an eventful dinner celebration recognizing two nominees and winner of the New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts!

JOIN US FOR A  
**TAOS ARTS COUNCIL**  
 CELEBRATION!  
**OCTOBER 5, 2023**



**To honor our special guests:**  
**Dora Dillistone:** 2023 Governor's Award Nominee  
**Michael Hearne:** 2023 Governor's Award Nominee  
**Patricia Michaels:** 2023 Governor's Award Recipient

*All being recognized by us in 2023 as part of the NM Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.*

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

at 5:30 PM MDT

**Taos Country Club | 54 Golf Course Drive  
Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557**

\$120 per seat, limited seating

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

**Dora Dillistone, Artist, Writer, Taos, NM**  
 Dora began studying Chinese ink and brushwork to return to spontaneous yet controlled imagery that would blend the Eastern materials with Western thought and application. Emergence and submergence, light and space, mortality and immortality remain the underlying themes of her art. Currently, she lives and works in Taos, NM where her work is also influenced by a new concept of time and the surrounding natural environmental elements of Northern New Mexico.

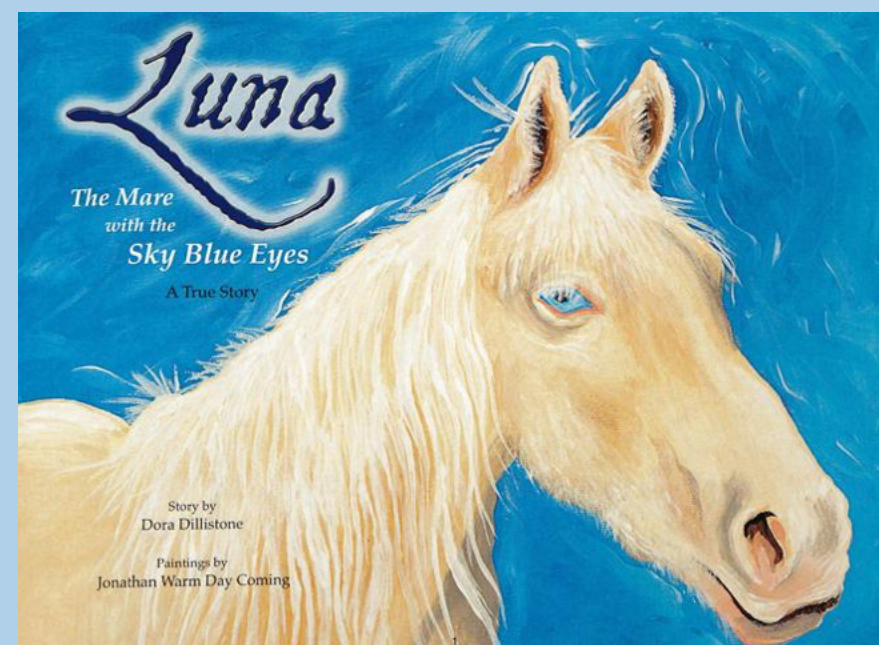
Dora has also authored a book 'Luna, The Mare with the Sky Blue Eyes, A True Story' (2020) winner of five children's book awards for excellence. Illustrated by Taos Pueblo artist Jonathan Warm Day Coming - <http://www.jonathanwarmday.com>

For more information about Dora and her work, please visit: <https://www.doradillistone.com>



154 Degrees SE

Dirt, dry pigment, ink driven by rain on paper



A Guest Reader will read from Dora's book, "Luna, The Mare with the Sky Blue Eyes"

**Michael Hearne's** signature sound on the guitar and beautifully distinctive voice has become an integral part of any two-stepping event in the area. A longstanding local favorite and a multi-time winner of **Taos News 'Best of Taos'** award for performer and singer, Michael has written and recorded some of his best work during his years at the feet of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

For more information about Michael and his music, please visit: <https://michaelhearne.com/>



Micheal Hearne: Musician Taos, NM  
"A Taos Favorite"

**Patricia Michaels** is a world-renowned fashion and textile designer. She studied at the **Institute of American Indian Arts**, and the **Chicago Art Institute**. Patricia has designed and created costumes for opera and theater productions, custom resort uniforms, and red-carpet gowns. Her groundbreaking participation as a contestant on "Project Runway" garnered national awareness and recognition for Native designers.

For more information about Patricia and her work, please see: <https://www.patricia-michaels.com>



Patricia Michaels of Taos Pueblo  
Fashion Designer, Taos, NM  
Photo by Bill Curry.



For more information about **Max Gomez** and his music, please visit: <https://maxgomezmusic.com/>

### Also Announcing Our Special Guest...

Our special guest **Max Gomez** will be attending and performing to add his magic to the evening.

Max Gomez splits his time between his beloved hometown of Taos, New Mexico, and Los Angeles. He received critical acclaim upon the release of his debut album "Rule The World" (2013, New West Records), and his subsequent EP, "Me and Joe" (2017, Brigadoon Records), contained a freshly minted classic, "Make It Me," which gained over two million listeners on Spotify alone.

### Dinner at the Taos Country Club

#### Dinner Menu

Attendees will have a choice between Meat, Fish and Vegetarian entrees with considerations for any dietary restrictions.

\*Cash Bar,  
Limited Seating, Reserve Now!



### SUPPORT THE ARTS TODAY!

Your participation in this event helps support the mission of the Taos Arts Council and the Arts Community of Taos to keep a vibrant, creative and active artistic presence in Taos, including all the arts that enrich our community — visual, dance, music, ceramics, glass, writing and poetry, multi media and more! To learn more, please visit <https://www.taosartscouncil.org>.

The **Taos Arts Council** is very appreciative of the donations and support it receives from the community and beyond. Funds received help to support the administrative, development, and promotional components of the TAC in fulfilling its mission.

The **Taos Arts Council** is a 501c3 non-profit organization.  
 Ticket sales and donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.  
 Please check with your tax advisor if you have questions.

[Donate Today](#)

### Questions?

Please contact us at [info@taosartscouncil.org](mailto:info@taosartscouncil.org).



Founded in 2011, THE TAOS ARTS COUNCIL is a non-profit organization working to ensure that Taos County has a vibrant, vital and active arts environment... [read more](#).

To be added to our listing of Northern New Mexico Artists, or to our quarterly newsletter please send us an email to: [info@taosartscouncil.org](mailto:info@taosartscouncil.org)

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