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Taos to Honor Former Resident & Hollywood Icon Dennis Hopper with Celebration

(Taos, NM) Eagle Thunder Presents, supported by the Hopper Art Trust, have organized a Dennis Hopper Day celebration to honor the life of the late actor, filmmaker, artist and former Taos resident, Dennis Hopper. The festivities will take place on May 17, Hopper's birthday and the day designated as Dennis Hopper Day in New Mexico. This year's Dennis Hopper Day celebration will feature an Easy Rider motorcycle rally and ride, live music and a screening of one Hopper's most famous films.

Activities, festivities and celebrations will take place at the Taos Center for the Arts Auditorium and will kick off at 5 p.m. with the Easy Rider Rally. Following the rally will be an Easy Rider Ride across the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, as well as a post-ride buffalo barbecue catered by Tiwa Kitchen of Taos Pueblo and a commemoration concert. The concert will feature performances by Robby Romero, Robert Mirabal, Gary Farmer, Max Gomez and Special Guests. The Hopper Happening will be emceed by Brad Hockmeyer, the founder of KTAO World Famous Solar Radio. At 7pm The Rebel Film Festival will Screen the 1988 indie film drama, "Colors," directed by Hopper, starring Sean Penn and Robert Duvall.

"Dennis Hopper Day is about celebrating the iconoclastic spirit of one of the most creative, courageous artists of our time in the artistic multicultural community he loved and called home" said Robby Romero, musician and founder of Dennis Hopper Days. "As rumors swirl, no one ever really knows who is going to show up at the Hopper happening. In the spirit of Hopper, you just have to be there."

For more information, please visit: <http://dennishopperday.com/>

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

All events will be at the Taos Community Auditorium (TCA)

5 p.m. - Easy Rider Rally

6 p.m. - Easy Rider Ride across the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge (Ride begins and ends at the TCA)

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Buffalo BBQ hosted by Tiwa Kitchen of Taos Pueblo

7 p.m. - Rebel Film Festival Screening of "COLORS" (1988) with special guests

9 p.m. - Dennis Hopper Birthday Commemoration Concert with Robby Romero and Robert Mirabal with Gary Farmer, Max Gomez and special guests

11 p.m. - Rebel Film Festival Screening "EASY RIDER" with special guests

More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously- inhabited pueblo community, the state's newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico. World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrated scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos. The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views. Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures. Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza. To learn more, go to www.taos.org.

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