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## fall art festivals

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Six Celebrations From September To November

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Fall is a fabulous time to be in San Antonio. Summer's heat is fading, and the cooler weather invites citizen and visitor alike to be out and about enjoying many opportunities to sample the rich cultural life that drives the heartbeat of this colorful city.

During the Fall Art Festivals, photographs, *calaveras*, accordions, wine, food, mariachis and all that jazz energize and celebrate a very vibrant San Antonio experience. Most of these festivals began as grassroots efforts and expressions by individual artists and organizations. They now define the creative, artistic and cultural character of San Antonio.

Fall Art Festivals® is coordinated by the City of San Antonio Office of

Cultural Affairs. Most events are free and open to the public.

### FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA

Sept. 1-30 | Citywide — Regional

This international photography festival is an eclectic, month-long celebration of the photographic arts. Dozens of exhibitions showing traditional photographs, digital images, photography-based works, photographic installations, funky camera and alternative photographic processes, are presented in galleries, museums, art centers and other exhibition places throughout San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country, South Texas and the Texas Gulf Coast. All exhibits are free and open to the public. For more information

please visit the festival's Web site, [www.safotofestival.com](http://www.safotofestival.com).

### JAZZ'SALIVE

Sept. 16-17 | Travis Park

Jazz'SALive presents the best local, regional, national and international jazz musicians in a two-day outdoor festival in San Antonio's beautiful Travis Park. Local acts perform in the afternoon, and national artists are showcased in the evening. Jazz'SALive also hosts the Starlight Salute Gala and the Jazz'SALive Champagne Brunch, both at the historic St. Anthony Hotel, by the park. Jazz'SALive is organized by the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Parks Foundation. All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information please visit the Web site at [www.saparksfoundation.org](http://www.saparksfoundation.org).

### INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION FESTIVAL

Oct. 13-15 | La Villita

The International Accordion Festival presents richly diverse squeezebox-driven musical traditions from all over the world. The festival also organizes workshops by master accordionists, dance instructors and accordion makers. Open-mike sessions, food booths, and plenty of dancing space make the accordion festival a wonderful opportunity for visitors to inter-

**Ford Motor Company's Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza is the largest mariachi group and vocal competition in the United States.**



Courtesy: Mariachi Vargas de Tecuilan