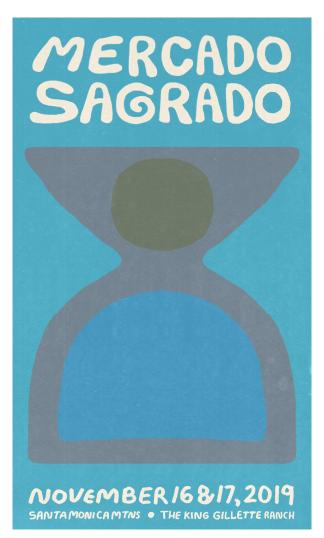
Mercado Sagrado Announces First Programming Line-Up Music, Live Performance, Happenings, Workshops & Talks Annual Fair Held November 16 + 17, 2019 at King Gillette Ranch Tickets On Sale Now <u>HERE</u>

THE COMPTON COWBOYS || NICO GEORIS || BABE RAINBOW || DUBLAB || EVERWILD || JESSICA JACOBSON OF DAMANHUR || LIVING TEA || RICHARD UNGER



Mercado Sagrado returns for its sixth year with a slate of expansive programming designed to inspire a more connected, conscious way of living

Today, Mercado Sagrado unveils the first wave of programming for the 2019 fair. Five areas of unique event programming will feature interpreters of ancient wisdom, stewards of the earth, systems of alternate-technology, art, and design through panels, demonstrations, talks, documentaries, and ceremony. As with prior years, the Nourishment area will be bountiful with organic, whole, and sustainably sourced and produced food & beverage, and an artisan marketplace will showcase art, design, high craft, and wares from our community of Mercado Sagrado vendors.



Mercado Sagrado is pleased to welcome Randy Savvy of <u>The Compton Cowboys</u>, who will be telling the story of the organization his aunt and father founded in the '80s, created to provide Compton youth with camaraderie, respite from violence, healing from trauma, and recovery from incarceration. The small ranch, situated in one of America's most notorious cities, has enabled a generation of Compton kids to defy stereotypes and continue the proud, centuries-old tradition of black cowboys.

Workshops for children rooted in environmental understanding will be hosted by **EverWild**, a Los Angeles–based organization that aims to establish a lifelong connection with the earth through an outdoor learning program for kids and their families.

A federation of spiritual communities with its own Constitution, culture, currency, schools, and uses of science and technology, nestled into the Northern Italian hillside, <u>Damanhur</u> has attracted the attention of scholars, educators, and researchers in the fields of art, social sciences, spirituality, medicine and alternative health, economics, and environmental sustainability. Damanhur representative <u>Jessica Jacobson</u> will lead an introduction to a Damanhur-created healing technology.

Colin Hudon of Living Tea will host an Introduction to the Way of Tea, utilizing native environment old-growth and aged tea. Herbs for the Exhale: Learning to Nourish the Nerves, an herbalism workshop, will be taught by Lauren Haynes of Wooden Spoon Herbs.

Richard Unger, one of the world's foremost authorities on hand analysis, will lead a series of introductory workshops on the practice, offering a window into self-understanding through an examination of your hands. Holistic healing practice <u>Plant As Compass</u> will provide on-site treatments. <u>Megan Wallace James</u> will offer mini Feng Shui consultations. Reiki sessions conducted by <u>Eagle Eye Reading</u>, intuitive readings by <u>Nigel Crook</u>, and herbal consultations by <u>Wooden</u> <u>Spoon Herbs</u> are some of the individual offerings Mercado Sagrado is proud to present.

<u>Nico Georis</u> is a Big Sur-based musician who works with biofeedback instruments to connect a variety of flora to analog synthesizers, letting their biodata create music that is at once strange and breathtaking. This year, Mercado Sagrado features Nico's "Singing Forest"—an interactive sound environment where plants generate the soundtrack. This will be an outdoor lounge space for relaxing and experiencing nature in a new way—a forest of singing plants revealing the living, evolving compositions generated by the forest itself. Watch filmmaker Maximilla Lukacs' short film <u>Shirley Shirley Shirley</u>, about Nico's process, which premiered via <u>NOWNESS</u> recently.

Also on the music front, we are pleased to announce that Australian neo-psych pop band <u>Babe Rainbow</u> (signed to Danger Mouse's label 30th Century Records) will curate a line-up of musical acts to perform, with the band also performing a set from their soon-to-be-released album *Today* (Sept 20th; watch the video for current single "Many Moons of Love" <u>HERE</u>). Additionally, Mercado Sagrado has partnered with legendary long-running Los Angeles radio station <u>Dublab</u>. The station's 20th anniversary this month is proudly supported by Mercado Sagrado, and we look forward to welcoming them to Mercado Sagrado in 2019.

We are excited to bring you more programming announcements in the coming weeks!

-- Tickets --

General admission day passes (\$65 + fees) and full weekend passes (\$120 + fees) include access to all programming, and are on sale now. Purchase tickets HERE.

Children under 12 will be admitted free. Parking is on site at King Gillette Ranch and is also free.

-- On Mercado Sagrado --

Mercado Sagrado was founded in 2014, with the intention to bring together artists, makers, and community leaders who value conscious, earth-honoring practices, and provide them a physical space to connect with a larger community. The fair has expanded considerably in the five years since its inception, and now features a full weekend of programming curated by founder Heather Culp and produced in collaboration with Conscious City Guide—workshops, panels, participatory experiences, live music, an artisan marketplace, children's activities, and food & beverage vendors who all exemplify the core ethos of Mercado Sagrado.

Held in the beautiful Malibu Canyon, Mercado Sagrado offers a family-friendly weekend of learning and experience for an ever-growing demographic of people who wish to find deeper community, embrace personal expansion and deepen their connection to the planet, purchase goods made with reverence, and engage in more joyful and sustainable practices across all facets of their lives. The fair has grown from 500 attendees in its first year to almost 5,000 in 2018—a tenfold increase in just five years—and the 2019 fair promises an abundance of new sights, sounds, and experiences for attendees.

"An artisan marketplace celebrating the spirit and style of Topanga Canyon...it's hard not to draw comparisons between the pair [founders Heather Culp and Carly Jo Morgan] and the characters that have populated Topanga's storied past. Like those who famously lived in the canyon in the 1960s, Culp and Morgan are quietly spiritual, effortlessly feminine and a little bit anti-establishment." - NEW YORK TIMES T MAGAZINE

"We're crazy for Mercado Sagrado, an annual lifestyle fair, featuring music, artisans, great vintage finds, and delicious food." - *REFINERY 29*

"If you're an impassioned lover of the earth, peace, and nature, this two day festival is your new home away from home." -*TIME OUT LOS ANGELES*

Stay tuned via our Instagram, Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Previous years' participants have included:

Awaveawake || Canyon Coffee || CAP Beauty || Carly Stein of Beekeeper's Naturals || Clyde || Cyrus Sutton || Devendra Banhart || Edible Gardens LA || Elliot Bergman performing Peace Bells || Four Sigmatic || Gaia School Of Healing || Healthyish's Amanda Shapiro || Incausa || Kassia Meador || Jay Nelson || Lunch On Me's LaRayia Gaston || Mafalda Pinto Leite || Mama Medicine || Maryam Nassir Zadeh || Mary Lattimore || Milena Silvano || Moon Juice || ONDA Wellness || OSEA Malibu || Peaking Lights || Radiant Human || Shiva Rose || Sun Potion || SüPRMARKT || Totem Home || Waves For Water || Wildtender || Zebulon

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