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## **Entertainment at 2021 “A Night In Old San Antonio®”**

*NIO SA® is back in June 2021—better than ever with smaller crowds*

“A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIO SA®) is a four-night festival, that celebrates the city’s diverse cultural legacy, traditionally held during [Fiesta San Antonio®](#). Originally scheduled for April 2021, the festival will now run Tuesday to Friday, June 22-25, 2021, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. nightly. (Gates close and alcohol sales stop at 10 p.m.; food sales and entertainment continue until 10:30 p.m.)

Celebrating its 72nd presentation in 2021, NIO SA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the United States—living up to its motto as a “Celebration for Preservation.” It is solely produced by and benefits [The Conservation Society of San Antonio](#) (one of the nation’s oldest and most active historic preservation organizations). Last year NIO SA was scheduled for April 2020, but was cancelled entirely—along with Fiesta San Antonio—because of Covid-19.

Through the magic of 155+ food, drink and atmosphere booths and entertainment stages; continuous live musical acts (*that are back every night of NIO SA*); decorations; souvenirs; and many dedicated volunteers, NIO SA brings the city’s heritage alive in its 14 cultural areas. San Antonians have consistently voted NIO SA as their favorite event.

***(Scroll down for “What’s New at NIO SA.” [Online media kit available with extensive releases.](#))***

Kicking off the celebration this year at 5:15 pm will be the opening parade with The Conservation Society of San Antonio, NIO SA, Fiesta, city and county leaders. Led by Christopher Wallace (the “Huichol Shaman” of NIO SA), the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers and Brackenridge High School Drum Line, it winds through NIO SA.

### **ENTERTAINMENT AT 2021 NIO SA (By Area)**

The full entertainment lineup for NIO SA 2021 is:

- ❖ **Arneson Theatre - [The Groove Doctors](#) - Disco, Motown, Classic Rock, 80s, 90s,**
- ❖ **Clown Alley - [Passing Strangers](#) - 1st Wave/80’s retro and 90’s Alternative Band**
- ❖ **French Quarter - soft jazz by [Bad Banjo Brown](#)**
- ❖ **Froggy Bottom – [Celsius](#)- R&B/Soul / Dance Band, Disco, Variety Band**
- ❖ **Frontier Town - [Mario Flores & The Soda Creek Band](#) - Country Western**
- ❖ **Haymarket – DJ Joey D**
- ❖ **Main Street USA – TBD**
- ❖ **Mexican Market – [Karizma](#) - Tejano, 60s, 70s, Funk, Country, Latin Rock, Oldies**
- ❖ **Mission Trail - country western sounds of [Mick Hernandez & The Texas Silveradoes](#)**
- ❖ **Sauerkraut Bend - Eurofest Oompah/Polka Band**
- ❖ **Villa España - popular R&B music of the [Dukes of Cool](#)**
- ❖ (Only Chinatown, Irish Flats and South of the Border areas do not have entertainment)

### **MORE ABOUT NIO SA:**

**NIO SA 2021 will still:**

- feature booths run by volunteers making food or beverages; many volunteers are second or third generations of a family.
- serve the foods NIOSA has created or perfected—prepared and served including these favorites: Mr. Chicken, Maria’s Tortillas, Anticuchos, its signature German sausage, Bongo-K-Bobs, Shypoke Eggs, Beignets, Fried Mushrooms, Yak-i-Tori, Steer on a Stick, Eggrolls, Gorditas and Fajitas de Pollo. Click [HERE](#) for map of grounds and list of foods
- sell its popular NIOSA souvenirs [HERE](#) on its website and on the NIOSA grounds, including the 2020 NIOSA medal

**New at NIOSA this year:**

- A limited number of tickets for each night of NIOSA will be sold in advance [HERE](#) on the NIOSA website. This will lessen crowds and allow for more distancing.
  - Entrance e-tickets are available now, ONLY on NIOSA website.
  - Guests must present e-Ticket purchase code by cell phone (or print-out of ticket code) at the entrance gates, where it will then be scanned.
  - No paper entrance tickets will be sold at locations around San Antonio, as in past years.
- All NIOSA guests must purchase [BlastPass](#)—a cashless, touchless wristband that all guests must use to purchase everything onsite at NIOSA (food, beverages and mementos).
  - BlastPass stores credits on the wristband for an easy payment process that is a convenient, cleaner way to pay for items, with no need for paper coupons that can easily get lost.
  - Guests can no longer purchase paper coupons on the NIOSA grounds.
  - BlastPass can be purchased [HERE](#) on the NIOSA website OR on the NIOSA grounds at the many convenient BlastPass stations, marked well with bright blue signs. Those stations will also allow guests to load more money on their wristbands.
  - Many manned BlastPass stations on the NIOSA grounds will help people buy and load their wristband with more money via credit card or mobile phone.
  - More details on [BlastPass FAQ](#) on NIOSA website.
- A few areas and some booths will be in new locations in La Villita this year. Click [HERE](#) to see map and list of foods in each area.
- Children 12 and under are still free when accompanied by an adult. However, there will not be children’s games nor face-painting.
- Covid policies and protocols will be constantly updated [HERE](#) on NIOSA website.
  - NIOSA will not require a mask for guests and volunteers who have been vaccinated; they ask that unvaccinated guests please wear a mask. NIOSA will not require proof of vaccination status.
  - The City of San Antonio and Metro Health will set up three mobile Covid-19 vaccination sites all nights of 2021 NIOSA (June 22-25) from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for the public (starting at 4 pm for volunteers). Clinic sites will be located in Clown Alley (Maverick Plaza), South of the Border (Villita St. near Alamo) and Mexican Market (Assembly Bldg. patio) areas. Interested person will need to present identification. Vaccine suppliers will vary and will not be known in advance.
  - NIOSA will provide additional trash receptacles, recycle bins and hand sanitizer/hand wash stations
  - New food serving procedures for all booths to minimize contact
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NIOSA is sponsored solely by The Conservation Society of San Antonio. Founded in 1924, The Conservation Society is one of the oldest and most active community preservation groups in the U.S. Beginning with efforts to prevent historic structures from being razed and to preserve such unique sites as the city’s Spanish Colonial missions, The Society has been responsible for saving most of the historic attractions that now make San Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in the country. NIOSA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the nation and truly lives up to its motto as a “Celebration for Preservation.” The NIOSA committee is able to present The Conservation Society of San Antonio with an average of more than \$1.6 million annually in NIOSA profits to fund the Society’s preservation of historic properties and parks throughout the city and neighboring counties, as well as education and advocacy programs such as the Heritage Education tours, seminars, scholarships, resource library and house museums.

**INFO:** Visit [www.niosa.org](http://www.niosa.org), contact (210) 226-5188 or [niosa@niosa.org](mailto:niosa@niosa.org) or follow NIOSA on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/niosa.niosa) at [www.facebook.com/niosa.niosa](https://www.facebook.com/niosa.niosa).

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“A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIOSA®) has earned one of the highest certifications every year since the City of San Antonio began its Green Events Ordinance sustainable policies for medium and large-scale events. In 2011, NIOSA earned the “Platinum Status” in the city’s Fiesta Verde program, the first organization in the city to do so.

**MEDIA:** *More comprehensive media materials are available on the NIOSA website [news page](#). High-resolution photos, recipes, interviews with NIOSA Chair Terry Schoenert and more detailed entertainment schedules are available from Jeanne Albrecht at 210-392-9047 or [jca@jeannebiz.com](mailto:jca@jeannebiz.com).*