

gallupARTS is bringing the Blue Desert Tour back to Gallup for a third year. Featuring three nationally-acclaimed Indigenous jazz bands, the Blue Desert Tour will stop in Gallup on April 11 for a free concert at El Morro Theatre at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm).

Headlining the Blue Desert Tour are:

- Delbert Anderson Quartet - Led by Diné trumpeter Delbert Anderson and based out of Farmington, New Mexico.
- Julia Keefe Trio - Led by Nez Perce jazz vocalist Julia Keefe and based out of Brooklyn, New York.
- Indigie Femme - A singer/songwriter duo starring Elena Higgins (Maori/Samoan) and Tash Terry (Navajo/French/Irish) and based out of Santa Fe.

The Blue Desert Tour will also travel to Santa Fe, Farmington and Cortez, Colorado. The brainchild of Delbert Anderson, its purpose is to bring the healing power of music to Indigenous communities. It is supported by a "Presenter Consortium for Jazz" grant from Chamber Music America.

"This is a truly special opportunity for our community," GallupARTS Executive Director Rose Eason said in a press release published on March 4. "These are world-class celebrated musicians, and it means a lot for them to put the time and energy into organizing a tour that connects with places like Gallup. The last time we did the Blue Desert Tour in 2022, it was the first-ever jazz concert for a young person in attendance—he loves the music but had only ever heard it through recordings before."

For more information on Delbert Anderson, visit <https://delbertanderson.com/>.

For more information on Julia Keefe, visit <https://www.juliakeefe.com/>.

For more information on Indigie Femme, visit <https://www.indigiefemme.com/>.

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