Space Cloud Lights Night Skies of Taos
Paseo Project to explore space – both outer and inner space – during outdoor art festival slated for September 14 and 15 in Taos Historic District

Taos N.M. June 11, 2018 – Local, national and international artists will convene in Taos this fall to participate in The PASEO 2018 festival on September 14 and 15, 2018. This year’s theme is “Space.” A series of immersive and participatory art installations will harness art, science and technology as tools for the contemplation of space, offering a view of society in sync with nature and the universe. Artistic Director Agnes Chavez promises, "Festival participants' senses will be activated, curiosities stimulated, and minds transported to a wondrous universe in flux. We are thrilled to once again activate the streets of Taos with our 5th annual PASEO festival that engages our community and visitors in a participatory and multisensory experience.”

The nexus for The PASEO 2018 will be the Space Cloud, an inflated pavilion designed by a Spanish architectural team that will serve as a gigantic illuminated nerve center for the weekend events. Within the Space Cloud a sci-artist will project enlarged animated plankton while a New Mexico-based artist asks the Taos community to come together to explore its world from outer space. Another dozen artists and art collectives to be introduced soon will add thought-provoking and playful art for public sharing.

Meet a few of the artists coming to The PASEO 2018:

Espacio La Nube with Hugo Cifre, Álvaro Gomis García and Miguel Ángel Maure Blesa
Madrid, Spain
This award-winning design team from Madrid creates inflatable architecture. In their first appearance in the USA they will bring Space Cloud, an innovative 10,000 sq.ft. pavilion with an integrated LED lighting system to Kit Carson Park. It will be the site of multiple art installations and performances and a pre-festival STEAM Day for 300 Taos County students. The designers will improvise custom lighting effects throughout the festival to respond to the changing events and installations.

Victoria Vesna in collaboration with Dr. Alfred Vendl and Martina Fröschl
Los Angeles, California
Noise Aquarium spotlights animated 3D models of plankton obtained with scientific imaging techniques. The artist projects the plankton as large as whales inside the Space Cloud. UCLA professor Vesna works with biologists, chemists, nano-toxicologists and an animator toward a common goal – to raise consciousness about the underwater pollution that threatens the biodiversity of our most precious and life-giving resource: the oceans of the world.

Parker Jennings
Santa Fe, New Mexico
This local artist creates social experiments through community participation and communication. Push Pull Turn is an illuminated acrylic box situated in front of a projected video. The video shows planet earth slowly rotating. The box has a handle to push, a handle to pull, and a hand crank to turn. The piece can be activated by no fewer than three participants, causing the video to zoom in or out, eventually zooming in on Taos and the location of the piece itself.
About the Paseo Project
The Paseo Project’s mission is to transform art through community and community through art. The Paseo Project is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that brings projection, installation and performance art to the streets of Taos. Its new community space, The Hub on Civic Plaza Drive, supports events and experiences for the community throughout the year. The Paseo Project is supported by the Town of Taos, Taos County Lodgers Tax Fund and numerous individuals, foundations, and business sponsors.

The PASEO 2018 at a Glance
The Festival: Friday and Saturday, September 14-15, 7-11:00pm, Kit Carson Park, Civic Plaza Drive in Taos Historic District. 100% free.

Space Lounge VJ/DJ Party: Friday and Saturday, September 14-15, 10-11:30pm, the Space Cloud in Kit Carson Park. Free.

PASEO After Party: featuring 'Beats Antique,' Saturday, September 15, from 11:00pm, three stages of music at Taos Mesa Brewing Mothership. Ticketed.

Pecha Kucha: Sunday, September 16, 7:00pm, Taos Community Auditorium. Ticketed.

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Press photos: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fxuz7zdv2uglp0i/AADQ85rcTWK-CXZmG0rwPrpBa?dl=0

Other Fall Art Events in Taos
TAO Studio Tour, September 1-3
Michael Hearne’s Big Barn Dance, September 6-8
NeoRio at Wild Rivers Area, September 15
Taos Fall Arts Festival, September 21-30 (opening events on September 21)
High Road to Taos Art Tour, September 22-23 and 29-30
Taos Pueblo San Geronimo Day, September 30
Taos Wool Festival, October 6-7
See all at taosartcalendar.com