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FAVORITE BARS, RESTAURANTS,
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Continuum of Cool

Art & Entertainment

While taking in Santa Fe's various delights by category is all well and good, sometimes it's difficult to make sense of it all—which is why SFR decided to offer its own reorganization of this year's Arts & Entertainment winners. They're classified according to coolness (a highly scientific combination of rankings, voter comments and that unfathomable *je ne sais quoi*) and handily plotted on the continuum below.

The Singing Bowl, Joan Logghe

**3rd Best Locally Authored
Book of the Year**

"Beautifully written,
thoughtful, gentle and
smartly sassy."

LewAllen Galleries

**3rd Best Contemporary
Art Gallery**

National Dance Institute of New Mexico

**3rd Best Local
Performing Arts
Group**

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

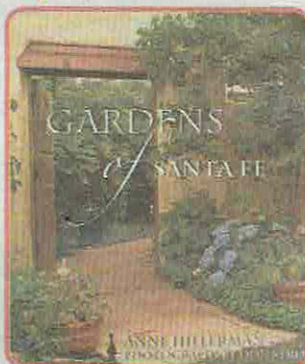
**2nd Best Local
Performing Arts
Group**

"As good as the best
in London or NYC."

Gardens of Santa Fe, by Anne Hillerman

**1st Best Locally Authored
Book of the Year**

"Both she and the gardens
are lovely, graceful."



Joe West

**2nd (tie), Best
Local Country or
Alt.Country Band**



Anthony Leon and the Chain

**3rd Best Local
Country or
Alt.Country Band**

DJ Automatic

**3rd Best
Club/Live DJ**



Felix y Los Gatos

**3rd (tie), Best Local
Rock Band**

less cool



New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors

3rd Best Local Museum

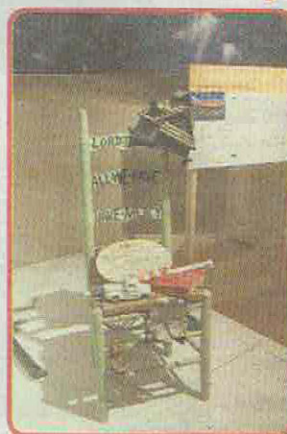
"Surprisingly great local museum."

Julie and the Jettz

3rd Best New Band

Gerald Peters Gallery

**2nd (tie), Best
Contemporary Art
Gallery**



Museum of International Folk Art

1st Best Local Museum

**3rd Best Art Openings/
Events**

"Best place to feel optimistic
about the world!"

Bill Hearne

**2nd (tie), Best
Local Country or
Alt.Country Band**

"The grand old man!"



Santa Fe Opera

**3rd Best Alternative
Music Venue
(not a bar)**

"Where the acoustics
blend with the environ-
ment."

Lensic Performing Arts Center

**1st Best
Alternative Music
Venue (not a bar)**

Tiny's Restaurant & Lounge

**2nd Best Place for
Karaoke**

Second Street Brewery

3rd Best Bar for Live Music
2nd Best Locally Brewed Beer
"Cream stout mmmmm."

Santa Fe All-Stars

1st Best Local Country or Alt. Country Band



Please Bandstand

2nd Best Alternative Music Venue (not a bar)
"Open and free."

El Farol

1st (tie) Best Bar for Live Music

2nd Best Place to Dance

La Junta

2nd Best Local Rock Band
"By far the most Santa Fe."

Rouge Cat

1st Best Place to Dance



Wise Fool New Mexico

1st Best Local Performing Arts Group

"Something for everybody. Great energy."

Broomdust Caravan

1st Best New Band

"An über all-star collection of musicianship and coolest vibe people around."

"They rock me soxx."



Stephanie Hatfield and Hot Mess

1st Best Local Rock Band

"Do you have to ask?"

über cool

SITE Santa Fe

2nd (tie), Best Contemporary Art Gallery
"Big shows, important artists from around the world."



Harvest the Rain, by Nate Downey

2nd Best Locally Authored Book of the Year

"Water catchment in NM is the ONLY choice!"

Drama Kings

2nd Best New Band



Sol Santa Fe Stage & Grill

2nd Best Bar for Live Music

"Seriously, this is the only venue for a real show."

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

2nd Best Art Openings/Events

2nd Best Local Museum

"Always worth the trip."

DJ Dirt Girl

1st Best Club/Live DJ



Meow Wolf

1st (tie), Best Contemporary Art Gallery

Center for Contemporary Arts

1st Best Art Openings/Events

1st (tie), Best Contemporary Art Gallery

"Always experimental and fun."

Cowgirl

1st (tie) Best Bar for Live Music

3rd Best Place to Dance

1st Best Place for Karaoke

"Made for karaoke. The place rocks."