

THE ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ANNOUNCES ARTIST LIST, LIVE MUSIC LINEUP AND 12 DAYS OF GIVING

December 13 – 24 • 11am – 10pm daily • Palmer Events Center

[The Armadillo Christmas Bazaar](#) celebrates 43 seasons of treating Texans and tourists to a festive, holiday shopping experience for art and live music lovers. This iconic cultural event features 175+ contemporary touring visual artists and local favorites showcasing their work while the Armadillo Bazaar stage entertains shoppers with national touring acts, award-winning bands and Grammy nominated musicians. With lights down low, spirits high, and the music just right, the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar makes holiday shopping fun December 13-24, 11am to 10pm daily at the [Palmer Events Center](#), 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704.

This community-driven institution prides itself on being a family to artists, musicians, and independent local businesses. Each year, a featured artist is commissioned to create a piece to be used as the artwork for the season. This year's featured artist, Christopher Smith joined the Armadillo's artist roster in 2010 showcasing illustrative maps. Smith explains why he loves being a part of the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar, "Its musical/historical significance to Austin and the fact that this show helps support local artists. Without art shows like this I wouldn't be able to continue my full-time art career."

Of the 175+ locally and nationally acclaimed artists, art lovers have the opportunity to meet and buy from more than two dozen carefully curated newcomers this season. New additions include Minnesotan Sam Spiczka, a sculptor inspired by natural bone forms, rural technology and geometric structure, globetrotters and multifaceted artist couple Julie Dwyre and Kevin Zuckerman with mediums from oil painting to sculpture in bronze, pastel and watercolor and fellow newcomer, born in Bulgaria Tanya Doskova is known for her magical surrealism, sociopolitical satire and modern folk tales.

Don't miss the over 150 returning artists such as renowned poster and comic book artist Nakatomi, National Geographic Creative Photographer Greg Davis, beloved local jeweler Limbo, and wood working master David Levy with Harwood Creations. Mick and Paige Whitcomb are thrilled to return to the Armadillo for a second season, they create fine art by converting 19th century mechanical and scientific innovations into light fixtures using Edison and Tesla's original patents in alternating current and the incandescent lightbulbs using glass and copper. "We love the energy and Christmas spirit at the Armadillo. Since everyone involved is either selling their own artwork or buying from a small artist, it is a calmer more pleasant shopping experience for everyone. We fell in love with all the incredible musicians that play every day, and the sense of family the artists have together. Last year was an incredible experience, and one of our favorite Christmases we have had."

[Click here for a full list of artists and a photo gallery of their work.](#)

This art and music festival will delight shoppers of all ages and musical tastes with the 2018 lineup including 37 acts with 10 musicians new to the Armadillo. Featuring the eclectic soul of modern RnB with Armadillo newcomer Mélat, to London Homesick Blues writer Gary P. Nunn who returns to the Armadillo Stage after a decades long absence, to the rockin' sounds of Austin royalty Shinyribs to fiddle prodigy and 2nd generation Armadillo musician, Warren Hood. The Armadillo Bazaar has something for everyone.

2018 Armadillo Christmas Bazaar Music Lineup: Greyhounds, Kalu & The Electric Joint, Dale Watson, Gina Chavez, Jackie Venson, Shinyribs, Eliza Gilkyson, John Fullbright, Ed Jurdi & Gordy Quist from The Band of Heathens, Tomar and the FCs, Peterson Brothers, The Eggmen, Beat Root Revival, Warren Hood, Shane Smith and the Saints, Emily Gimble, Wood & Wire, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Suzanna Choffel, The Watters, Gary P. Nunn, Harvest Thieves, Jeff Plankenhorn, Nakia and the Blues Grifters, Mélat, Charlie Mars, Jesse Dayton, Shelley King, Carolyn Wonderland, Marcia Ball's Pianorama, Redd Volkaert Band, Lou Ann Barton, Blazing Bows, CJ Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band, Albert and Gage, Durawa, and Bill Kirchen.

[Click here for the full 2018 lineup](#)

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar announces "12 Days of Giving"—a 2018 initiative designed to give back to nonprofits in the Austin community. "The Armadillo Bazaar has thrived for 43 seasons because of Austin's deep appreciation for live music and the arts. This year, in addition to our usual charitable efforts, we will partner with 12 organizations, each benefit from a portion of their designated days proceeds." explains Anne Johnson, Armadillo Christmas Bazaar Associate Producer.

ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 12 DAYS OF GIVING BENEFICIARIES:

Thursday, December 13 - [HAAM](#)

Wednesday, December 19 - [Sun Radio](#)

Friday, December 14 - [Art Alliance Austin](#)

Thursday, December 20 - [Black Fret](#)

Saturday, December 15 - [ADAPT](#)

Friday, December 21 - [Almost Real Things](#)

Sunday, December 16 - [SouthPop](#)

Saturday, December 22 - [HOME](#)

Monday, December 17 - [Big Medium](#)

Sunday, December 23 - [Chula League](#)

Tuesday, December 18 - [ZACH Theatre](#)

Monday, December 24 - [Swan Song](#)

Ranging from two to eighty-six years in business, the chosen organizations align with the Armadillo Bazaar's commitment to supporting visual artists, makers, creatives, theatre, live music and musicians, disability rights and preservation of Austin's unique culture.

With roots in Austin's legendary Armadillo World Headquarters, the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar is one of Austin's longest running art and music festivals. From its humble

beginnings in dive bars and music halls to its current 40,000 square feet of pop-up galleries, gift shops, two full bars, delicious local food and an intimate stage you can see and hear all over the show – the Armadillo magic continues to reach long-time fans and newcomers alike.

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Parking is available in the Palmer Events Center/Long Center garage for \$8.

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\$10 for a single day ticket.

\$50 for a Season Pass.

Kids 12 and under free.