



Dear Past and Future Global Villagers,

All of us here at ¡G! HQ hope you and yours have fared healthy and well since the last time we gathered together and that you are emerging safely from these very strange and trying past 16 months.

I am writing to give you all an update on ¡Globalquerque! for 2021. Please forgive me for not reaching out sooner, but we have been trying to figure out the best way to proceed this year.

The good news is that ¡Globalquerque! will return live this year, albeit in a bit of a revised fashion, on September 17 & 18. Which brings me to the not-so-good-news. Due to the pandemic and a long back and forth with the state health authorities regarding what we could and could not do at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (which is a state facility) we had to plan the festival around regulations that we were pretty sure would not be in effect in September. That meant making some changes for this year, particularly since one of the NM Health Department's biggest concern was crowd movement - and ¡Globalquerque! is a very moving festival! By the time the NMHD decided things would be more open in September it was too late to change course, and we decided to stay with our 2021 plan. All this is to say that we will not be having any non-food vendors at the festival this year, and our day programming, to the extent that it happens, will be virtual.

We are also going to reduce the number of nighttime stages from three to two with both being on the Plaza Mayor, firing back and forth.

We are, of course, still be bringing in some very exceptional global acts! Countries represented this year will range from The Ivory Coast to Mongolia to Algeria! We certainly hope you will join us as to celebrate community and cultures from around the planet. We will also be holding a Global Headphone Dance Party on Thursday, September 16.

And we will return to our full-blown madness in 2022!

In closing, thank you all for your understanding. Too many of us in the arts have had a difficult time for too long and I was hoping we could pull off the festival as per usual this year, with the full village, but it was not to be. The *Global Village of Craft, Culture & Cuisine* is a key part of the ¡Globalquerque! experience. The fest will go on this year, but it will admittedly be missing a big part of itself by not having you all there. But the village will return in 2022 in all its glory and community and uniqueness and I sincerely look forward to welcoming you all back then.

Please keep well and stay safe. I hope to see you out dancing under the NM skies this September at ¡Globalquerque!

Peace,

Tom
Founder & Director, ¡Globalquerque!