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New Mexico Film Office Announces “Bands of Enchantment” Began Filming in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. - New Mexico State Film Office Director Amber Dodson announced today that the music television series, “Bands of Enchantment: Albuquerque Sessions,” began principal photography in September in and around Albuquerque, NM.

“Bands of Enchantment” is a 10 half-hour-episode music series merging incredible international musicians with the best bands in New Mexico. It’s a postcard of New Mexico to the rest of the world. Season one was filmed in Tucumcari, New Mexico at the historic Railroad Museum and now season two comes to Albuquerque.

This season will feature artists such as Latin Grammy winners Flor de Toloache, Grammy-nominated Oliver Wood, blues sensation Robert Finley, Texas rocker Jonathan Tyler, Tiny Desk favorite Y La Bamba, and Albuquerque’s very own Red Light Cameras.

Other featured New Mexico bands include Side Montero, Felix Y Los Gatos, Alex Maryol, and more. Ken C. Peterson, the show’s creator and NMSU Alumni, said “Bands of Enchantment’ is New Mexico’s very own international music television show. This is our Austin City Limits. A show that celebrates diversity and incredible music with the backdrop of beautiful New Mexico.”

Vince Chavez, director and executive producer, added, “We’re beyond thrilled to bring season two and hopefully additional seasons to Albuquerque. We’ve laid the groundwork for an international music festival right here in New Mexico. This show is the commercial for that festival.”

Season two is made possible by support from the City of Albuquerque, Visit Albuquerque, and New Mexico True. Filming began in September at the iconic Albuquerque Rail Yards and other various locations across the city. The production will employ approximately 12 New Mexico crew members and 50 New Mexico principal actors.

Season one premiered on NMPBS, aired nationally on PBS, and streams internationally on PBS, Roku, and Tubi.

“Bands of Enchantment” is made by Elkhorn Entertainment (“Bands of Enchantment Season 1,” “Trucked Up,” “Rug Life,” “Covid Connections”). All live show tapings are free for the public to attend. For more information and show times visit www.bandsofenchancement.com or contact boe@elkhornent.com.

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