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The Fair started as a festival to celebrate the end of the annual date harvest in the desert region, the major commercial dateproducing area in the Western Hemisphere. Dates were an unknown commodity in the desert until 1903 when date palms were transplanted there from Algeria. By the early 1920s dates became a major crop for the area. Date groves in the Coachella Valley also became tourist attractions. With the popularity of the date gardens the idea was planted for the first Date Festival in 1921 to be held in Indio's city park. A

> second festival was held the following year. Some 16 years later a third Date Festival was held, this time under the name of the Riverside County Fair and the Coachella Valley Date Festival. The Indio Civic Club, under contract from the County Board of Supervisors, sponsored the event.



Held between February 15 and 24, this was the festival's 73rd year. Although dates are no longer the highlight, and the fair positions itself like any other county fair with carnival rides, livestock exhibits, and musical entertainment, the festival still incorporates curiously "Arabic" elements, which feel out of place in a region that is 71 percent Hispanic and 25 percent white, with a Muslim population in the mere hundreds.

Atlas Obscura - "Before the Music Festival..." April 16, 2019

One date vendor Two date displays Limited grower integration Limited date usage and variety in food vendors



MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT **VETERAN'S RESOURCES BY MISSION VET**

SPICY PIE • DAD'S BBQ • SPIN-SPUN ARTISAN COTTON CANDY • BULGOGI GRILL TRUCK • SAMMY'S PLACE • NEW LEAF CATERING • MASON'S DEN • LOS REMEDIOS • DELMYS PUPUSAS • LA DONUT • LA STREET KITCHEN • RÓS<u>e on tap</u>













For the Community

- Culinary Tent with Food Vendors each highlighting a date dish
- Beer, Wine and Spirits
- Food trucks
- Main Stage with music acts
- Petting Zoo and Kids Zone
- Local craft vendors
- Chef's Tent with Live Culinary Demos

The Entertainment



For the Industry

- Date Commission Corner
- Local and State Agriculture (USDA, FDA, CDFA, PACA)
- Industry Networking Groups (Women in Ag, Growing CV)
- Meet the packers
- Meet the growers

Site Plan



VIP Tents and Parking Artisan Food Tent Main Stage with Grass Seating Date Tasting and Sales from Local Date farms Coachella Valley History Museum Date Display

Veteran's Services Area

Mission Veteran is a non-profit created by Veterans who understand the barriers Veterans face when dealing with service related trauma, transitional obstacles and common stressors. With over half a decade of experience working with Veterans in mental health the staff has gained an in depth understanding of services, benefits and care that can make all the difference.

- Mission Vet Music Program
- Veteran Services from the VA
- Disabled Vets of America
- Coachella Valley Horse Rescue



Sponsors and Partners











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Booth Mockup



DATE VENDORS



FOOD VENDORS





LOUNGE AREAS

MERCH AND OPEN

Harvest Dinner

Coachella Library and Lawn \$150/ticket \$1000/table 250 seats only All proceeds go to FIND FOOD BANK











City of Coachella Partnership

- Progressive City partner with experience in large scale events
- Permit fast tracking
- "Coachella" is synonymous with festival branding and provides additional draw for out of Valley attendance
- Solid Social Media 7000+ person following and co-branded marketing support
- Ample parking
- The strength of a city partner to event growth
- Permanent and Semi-permanent signage on site



Date Harvest Fest Social Media

Facebook Metrics



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Date Harvest Fest is rammy nominated, oard and ACM



The Inspire

Project





The goals of Date Harvest Festival's social media:

promote the event

promote all vendors, partners and sponsors once committed

share interesting information on the date industry #communityovercompetition is KEY to the social media strategy

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