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Chinati Weekend Open House
In-person gathering will be held in Marfa, Texas from October 8 through October 10, 2021

Musical performance by David Dove and an artist’s talk by Alan Ruiz will be presented in celebration of the reopening of the Dan Flavin installation

Marfa, Texas (September 20, 2021) — The Chinati Foundation/La Fundación Chinati will present its 34th annual Chinati Weekend Open House in Marfa, Texas. From Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, visitors are invited to gather together to celebrate the art and culture of Chinati. During Chinati Weekend, people will experience open viewing of the collection, new exhibitions, and a series of public programs and events.

Entrance to Chinati and public programs will be free for all. Chinati will require visitors to wear face masks. Further health precautions and requirements will be communicated on Chinati’s website as they develop.

Weekend Overview
To welcome visitors to Marfa, Chinati Weekend begins downtown, on Friday evening, October 8 with an open studio installation by Chinati’s Artist in Residence Alan Ruiz and Made in Marfa events organized by makers, purveyors, canteens, and community organizations throughout town.

Entrance to the Chinati Foundation will be free on Saturday and Sunday for open house viewing of the art, architecture, and land that make artist Donald Judd’s vision for Chinati unique.

On Saturday, the Chinati Weekend program features the opening of special exhibitions of works by Donald Judd, Dan Flavin, and Hyong-Keun Yun; a performance by improvisational trombonist David Dove with an ensemble of musicians; and an artist’s talk by Alan Ruiz.

An open house supper will be hosted by the Chinati Foundation on Saturday night in the Arena. Recognizing that this has been a challenging year for many, this gathering will be an opportunity to enjoy community, a meal, and mariachi under the West Texas sky.
Sunday morning starts with sunrise viewings of Judd’s 15 untitled works in concrete and 100 untitled works in mill aluminum, followed by open house viewing of the collection.

The Chinati Weekend 2021 program concludes Sunday afternoon, October 10. To learn more about the weekend schedule, visit chinati.org.

**In a New Light: Dan Flavin’s untitled (Marfa project)**

Dan Flavin’s untitled (Marfa project) (1996) has occasioned four new commissions and a special exhibition. Over the past year, the Flavin installation, one of the foundational works in Chinati’s collection, received significant maintenance, as well as a new set of 336 fluorescent lamps. The reopening of the installation over Chinati Weekend will be marked by the following events:

**David Dove** has composed a new score in response to the installation’s acoustical qualities. As visitors travel through the six buildings of Flavin’s installation on Saturday, October 8 they will conduct their own experiences of Dove’s immersive performance. This work is being presented with special permission from the Estate of Dan Flavin.

**Alan Ruiz**, Chinati’s Artist in Residence, will present new perspectives on Dan Flavin’s art, relative to Ruiz’s own work’s interest in the readymade and networked systems, in a public talk on Saturday, October 8.

The Chinati newsletter (volume 26) will be launched with an essay by Jennifer Burris on Dan Flavin as a collector and curator, and an artist’s project by Leslie Hewitt that reflects on Flavin’s use of natural and fluorescent light.

A special installation of Dan Flavin’s untitled (in memory of my father, D. Nicholas Flavin) (1974) will open over Chinati Weekend. Comprised of discrete modules of circular fixtures and white fluorescent light, the work will offer a historic contrast to Chinati’s large scale installation of colored light.
Chinati Weekend
The Chinati Weekend tradition was inaugurated in 1987 by the museum’s founder, artist Donald Judd as a means to bring together Chinati’s local, national, and international communities. More than thirty years later, the October weekend has grown to be Chinati’s most important annual event and a much-anticipated cultural celebration for the West Texas region, bringing scores of visitors to Marfa for a weekend of free public programs.

Last year, in keeping with worldwide museum closures against the COVID-19 pandemic, Chinati designed its biggest public program to take place entirely online; nearly 5,000 people tuned in from around the globe. The website remains a portal to Chinati Weekend 2020: go to chinati.org/chinati-weekend-2020.

Support
Chinati Weekend is made possible through the generous support of our friends and donors. If you would like to learn more about the Chinati Weekend Benefit Program of events and tickets, or about becoming a sponsor, please visit chinati.org/support.

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