Branching out at Joshua Tree

A less-celebrated music scene in the California desert offers a vibrant, affordable option

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hree years ago, I took a music-themed trip to the Mojave Desert with a photographer friend and his

brother. We set up camp in the desert and played music, but instead of jamming with friends, we

were jamming with locals. The owner of the inn we stayed at, and the local musician who books

campfirestorms of experimental music; imagine pots and pans and con-
ty — largely Americana,” he said. “Now, it’s not

as little as $363!

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IS CONVENIENT. And now two

additional festival, Stagecoach, in

2017. That year, Cuesta Bella

held April 14 and April 29 (in

April 29 date. But it wasn’t until

May 2019. The two events are

in 36 or 42 microwatts of local

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