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SUMMER 2010 PHOENIX EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer issue of the Above & Beyond Newsletter! Summer in Phoenix is a great time of year to explore surrounding communities and enjoy all of the exciting activities. There is always something fun to do in the Phoenix area. Enjoy!

May 22-Sept. 19, 2010

90 Days Over 100°

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art inaugurates the *Architecture + Art* series with *90 Days Over 100°* by Phoenix-based architects Atherton/Keener. Jay Atherton and Cy Keener will assemble a temporary orchestration of frozen water and channeled sunlight within the context of Museum space over the summer in Arizona, where the temperatures regularly exceed 100° for over 90 days. The project aims to alert visitors to the relationship between water and electricity in this highly constructed desert environment. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, 7374 East Second Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, 480-994-2787, www.smoca.org.

Jun. 11-Jul. 25, 2010

Footloose

Based on the 1984 hit movie that captured the heart of America, *Footloose* bursts on stage with youthful spirit, dazzling dance scenes and electrifying music. *Footloose* has the heart and music to get everyone on their feet! Evenings: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Matinees: Dinner at 12:00 p.m. Show begins at 2 p.m., Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-776-8400, www.azbroadwaytheatre.com.

Jul. 4

Chandler 4th of July 7UP Fireworks Spectacular

In addition to fireworks, the free event will feature live music, a free kids carnival, a bike parade, and food and beverage vendors. Activities include a dunk tank, and assorted water games and interactive amusements for kids. 4 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Tumbleweed Park (southwest corner of McQueen and Germann), 480-782-2735, www.chandleraz.gov.

Jul. 4

Tempe's 4th of July Festival

Tempe will once again celebrate Independence Day in grand fashion this year by hosting the "best fireworks display in Arizona." Gates open at 4 p.m. All ages can celebrate the holiday with live local entertainment, a splash zone, kid's activities and games, rock climbing walls and face painters. Tickets \$5-\$8, 12 and under free, free with military ID. Tempe Beach Park, 480-350-5189, www.tempe4th.com.

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Jul. 4

Freedom Wireless Fabulous Phoenix 4th

This premier family event will feature great local entertainment, a giant misting area, inflatable rides, Kid's World stage, Classic Car exhibit, and one of the biggest fireworks displays in the state! Festival goers also can enjoy food and beverage vendors. The Phoenix Fire Department will be cooling people down in the water spray zone. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Rain or shine*(Fireworks begin at 9:30) at Steele Indian School Park, 3rd Street and Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenix.gov/parks/jlymain.html.

Jul. 4

Gilbert's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration

There is something for everyone to enjoy including contests, games, inflatables for the kids, community exhibits, and our grand finale fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m., Tickets \$3, children under 6 free, 4 p.m.–10:30 p.m. at Mesquite High School, 500 S McQueen Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85233, 480-632-4750.

Jul. 4

4th Of Zoo-Ly at the Phoenix Zoo

Join us for a one-of-a-kind 4th of July celebration! Our 4th of Zoo-Ly guests will enjoy exclusive access to the Zoo, a classic summer BBQ dinner and an evening full of exciting activities for kids and adults of all ages. The highlight of the night is the VIP viewing of the Tempe Town Lakes Fireworks Show at a special area in the back of the Zoo! 6-10 p.m., Adults \$40.00, Children \$35.00 (3-12), Children under 2 are free. Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008 www.phoenixzoo.org.

Jul. 8 – Aug. 28

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's colorful musical masterpiece. Based on the story of Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors, this delightful musical is fun for all ages! Features the songs *One More Angel In Heaven*, *Close Every Door* and *Any Dream Will Do*. Tickets \$18-\$35 Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 5247 E. Brown Rd, Mesa, AZ, 480-325-6700, <http://broadwaypalmwest.com/home.htm>.

Jul. 10

Monsoon Madness

Cool off and have some fun in the sun at Queen Creek's wettest and muddiest event. Slip across inflatable water slides, slide down Queen Creek's signature Monsoon MudSlide, glide along 100-foot Soap & Slide, volley for glory in the Mad Mud Volleyball Tournament, enjoy delicious food from a selection of food vendors, relax in the shade and soak up the summer days! 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Founders' Park, 22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ, <http://www.queencreek.org/Index.aspx?page=482>.

Jul. 10 – Oct. 16

Cars and Guitars

Nothing says summer fun like good music and fast cars. This exhibition features Scottsdale-based Fender Musical Instruments-themed guitars, cars and memorabilia. Visitors will be able to see videos, listen to music, play Wii RockBand® and read books about Fender history. Free. Gallery at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 West Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, <http://www.tempe.gov/TCA/Gallery/default.htm>.

Jul. 10, 24, Aug. 7, 24

Summer Twilight Tours

The Deer Valley Rock Art Center has the largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the Phoenix Valley. Visitors hike a ¼-mile trail to view over 1,500 petroglyphs made between 800 and 5,000 years ago. A guided tour of spectacular rock art, educators tell all about petroglyphs, archaeology, desert plants and animals and Native American cultures. Reservations required, \$2.50-6.50, 7 pm, Deer Valley Rock Art Center, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85308, 623-582-8007, www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac.

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Jul. 17

Winter in July

Lions and tigers and brrrrrs, OH MY! Join us for the *coolest* day of the year at the Phoenix Zoo! Tromp, stomp and play in TONS and TONS of snow! There will be separate snow play areas for toddlers and older children. Watch as lions, tigers, bears and other animals get into the winter spirit as they beat the heat with ice treats and enjoy lots of snow! Enjoy dancing, games and prizes with Radio Disney! Event activities are free to Phoenix Zoo members and included with a paid general admission. 7a.m.-11a.m. at the Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008 www.phoenixzoo.org.

Aug. 6

The DelRayz - Free Summer Concert Series

After tearing up Valley "gin joints" for the better part of two decades in mainly all-female bands, blueswomen Rochelle Raya and Nancy Dalessandro have relaxed their ladies-only policy and launched a new group. Both are inductees of the Arizona Blues Hall of Fame, and both were founding members of Sistah Blue, one of the Valley's most decorated and commercially successful funk-soul-blues acts. The band plays the same mix of classic covers and soul-infused originals. Free-first come first serve seating. 7:30 p.m., Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225, <http://chandlercenter.org/home.html>.

Aug. 6 – Sept. 19

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Whether you're single, dating or married, this show is a must see for anyone involved – or uninvolved – in a relationship. After enjoying one of the longest runs ever off-Broadway, I Love You... has played in over 150 cities worldwide. This hilarious musical comedy says everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws, but were afraid to admit! Evenings: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Matinees: Dinner at 12:00 p.m. Show begins at 2:00 p.m. at Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-776-8400, www.azbroadwaytheatre.com.

Aug. 7

5th Annual Dry Heat Comedy Night

Jay Penn- Back by popular demand! Enjoy clean adult themed humor from some of the southwest's top comedians. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for your comfort. You may bring food and beverages, (no glass containers please), or purchase from our on-site food vendor. Free. 8 p.m. at Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85395, <http://www.goodyearaz.gov/CurrentEvents.aspx?vm=0&month=8&year=2010&lngCalendarID=16>.

Aug. 7-8

61st Annual Navajo Festival of Arts and Culture

More than 70 Navajo artists, storytellers and cultural interpreters from many clans, juried awards for basketry, meet basket makers creating works on-site, join rug weavers, silversmiths, potters, painters and storytellers to learn about the Navajo "Beauty Way" philosophy of living in harmony, hike with a Navajo ethno botanist, Pollen Trail Dancers, activities for kids, \$4-7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 3101 N. Ft. Valley Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 928-774-5213, www.musnaz.org.

Aug. 12

American Idol Live! Tour 2010

The *American Idol Live! Tour 2010* will feature the *American Idol* Season 9 top 10 contestants Didi Benami, Crystal Bowersox, Lee DeWyze, Andrew Garcia, Casey James, Aaron Kelly, Michael Lynche, Siobhan Magnus, Katie Stevens, and Tim Urban. Tickets \$40.50-\$70.50, 7:30 p.m. at US Airways Center, 201 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, www.usairwayscenter.com.

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Aug. 13-14

23rd Annual Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering

More than 40 poets and old-time singers celebrate the oral traditions of the working cowboy, with a blend of traditional and contemporary poetry and music, free multiple daytime sessions, evening shows are \$16 for headline performances. Yavapai College Performance Hall 1101 Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ, 86301, 928-776-2000, www.azcowboypoets.org.

Aug. 19-22

126th Annual Payson Rodeo

The World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo! History shows that the word passed along from ranch to ranch and on the third weekend of August in 1884, cowboys participated in the first Payson Rodeo. Come see what the Payson Rodeo 2010 is all about and join us at the Payson Events Center! For additional information, 928-474-4515, www.paysonrimcountry.com.

Aug. 21

Buffalo Soldier Historic Sites Tour

In Sierra Vista learn more about the renowned Buffalo Soldiers, the All-Black unit in the late 1800s through the turn-of-the-Century, reservations required, \$12, 11:15 am, Sierra Vista, 520-417-6960 or 800-288-3861, www.visitsierravista.com.

Aug. 21

Roller Derby Double Header Playoffs

Arizona Derby Dames has been one of the world's largest and fastest growing all-girl roller derby leagues for four full seasons. With five teams and a roster of over one hundred women, the Arizona Derby Dames held their fourth season in one of the largest venues being used for roller derby in the world, Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum on the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Tickets \$20-\$12, 12 & under are free. 7 p.m. at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. 1826 West McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ, 85007, www.arizonaderbydames.com.

Sept. 4

Phoenix Cooks!

Phoenix Cooks! offers a day of entertainment and interactive culinary experiences with local celebrities and experts. Food and drink tastings, education and demonstrations are offered by the Valley's top chefs, boutique wineries, spirits and specialty kitchen retailers. The annual culinary event features over 50 Valley restaurants. Raffle drawings to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital. 10a.m.-3p.m. Tickets \$75 in advance, \$90, JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort, 5353 E Marriott Drive, Phoenix, AZ, 85054 www.phoenixcooks.com.

Sept. 10

Movie in the Park "Up"

Bring pillows and blankets for lawn seating. Third base gate opens at 5:30 p.m. and the movie "Up" begins at 6:30 p.m. Free admission, concessions will be available for purchase. Goodyear Ballpark, 1933 S. Ballpark Way, Goodyear, AZ 85338, <http://www.goodyearaz.gov/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=4206>.

Sept. 10

Lakeshore Series - Bob Ravenscroft Trio

Bob Ravenscroft Trio: Autumn Suite Tickets \$30, 8 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts Studio, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe AZ 85281, 480-350-2884, www.tempe.gov/tca.

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Sept. 10**Friday Night Franks**

Friday Night Franks offers guests a unique outdoor cookout experience in the Sonoran desert. Open to the general public every Friday night. Free admission, live entertainment, Native American storytelling, horseshoes, wagon rides, and an old fashioned wiener roast featuring a full BBQ menu including \$2 hot dogs, \$3 beers, and \$2 S'Mores. 5-10 p.m. Fort McDowell Adventures, 14803 N. Hiawatha Hood Rd, Fort McDowell, AZ 85264, 480-816-6465, www.fortmcdowelladventures.com.

Sept. 10-12**The Music Man**

Our own Music Man Michael Christie kicks off the Pops Season as he leads The Phoenix Symphony's "76 Trombones" for this feel-good, toe-tapping musical. Joined by Artistic Director Michael Barnard and Phoenix Theatre, *The Music Man* is the heartwarming story of an upbeat charlatan "Professor" Harold Hill who promises to teach a small-town marching band how to play instruments by using the "think system." Tickets will go on sale to the general public August 8th. Symphony Hall, 75 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ, 602-495-1999/800-776-9080, www.phoenixsymphony.org.

Sept. 12 – Oct. 16**Childsplay: A Year with Frog and Toad**

This delightful, Tony Award-nominated family musical follows the adventures of two great friends, the cheerful Frog and his grouchy friend, Toad through the four seasons of a year. Recommended for age four and older. Tickets start at \$12. Tempe Center for the Arts Theater, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, 480-350-2884, www.childsplayaz.org.

Sept. 18-26**Arizona Restaurant Week**

More than 100 restaurants in the Phoenix area will offer a special three-course culinary feast at a special prix-fixe meal for either \$29 or \$39 per person. Many of the restaurants participating are considered the finest in the Valley of the Sun. A diverse selection of restaurants are participating, from barbecue to Asian fusion and everything in between. Each participating restaurant will offer a choice of three appetizers, three entrées and three desserts from which to choose. There are no tickets. Call a participating restaurant to make a reservation during the specified week. www.arizonarestaurantweek.com.

Sept. 24**Lakeshore Series - Benny Green**

Many jazz critics believe Benny Green, next to the late Oscar Peterson, is the world's finest jazz pianist. His impressive recording career includes more than 200 sessions. Accompanying are Dwight Kilian on bass and Dom Moio on drums. Tickets \$35, 8 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts Studio, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe AZ 85281, 480-350-2884, www.tempe.gov/tca.

Sept. 25**Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day**

Museum Day is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian Media in which participating museums across the country open their doors for free to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket. Participating Phoenix area museums: Mesa Historical Museum, Desert Botanical Garden, Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, Heard Museum, The Bead Museum, River of Time Museum, Cave Creek Museum and Challenger Space Center. Tickets available July 1st online: <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/index.html>.

Sept. 27 – Oct. 3**Young Frankenstein**

The classic Mel Brooks movie is ALIVE...and it's headed here! You'll have a monstrously good time at this spectacular new production, winner of the 2008 Outer Critics Circle Award and the Broadway.com Audience Award for Best Musical! This wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend

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follows bright young Dr. Frankenstein as he attempts to create a monster--but not without scary and hilarious complications. Tickets on sale Aug. 9. ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave, Tempe, AZ 85281, 800-982-ARTS (2787). www.asugammage.com.



This Quarterly Edition’s Spotlight is on—

Salt River Tubing and Recreation — Tubing down the Salt River is an Arizona tradition. Salt River Tubing (Salt River Recreation) is the company that most people use to tube on the Lower Salt River. You park your vehicle, take a bus to a higher elevation of the river, rent inner tubes, and float down the river. Families, adventure groups, college students--all kinds of people from all walks of life join this floating party. River flow is controlled by releases from Saguaro Lake. Most people go tubing on the Salt River between May and September. It can take anywhere from 2 to 6 hours to tube the Salt River, depending on where you launch, where you stop, and how the water's flowing. One tube rental with bus ride is \$15 plus tax. Salt River Recreation is located in northeast Mesa. 15 miles north of US 60 on Power Road. 480-984-3305, www.saltrivertubing.com.

Phoenix Sports Schedules and Ticket Information:

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| Phoenix Mercury Women’s Basketball | www.wnba.com/mercury/ |
| Phoenix Suns Basketball | www.nba.com/suns |
| Arizona Cardinals Football | www.azcardinals.com |
| Arizona Diamondback Baseball | www.diamondbacks.mlb.com |
| Phoenix Coyotes Hockey | http://coyotes.nhl.com/ |

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