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NEWCOMER’S NEWSLETTER

First Quarter 2010

Welcome to the Winter issue of the Above & Beyond Newcomer’s Newsletter! We know that as recent Phoenicians you have been busy with new jobs, setting up a new home, and settling in with your loved ones. There is always something fun to do in Phoenix and the surrounding areas. Enjoy!

Nov. 21, 2009 – May 30 2010 Allan Houser: Tradition to Abstraction

The collaborative exhibition Allan Houser: Tradition to Abstraction features 18 large sculptures from the Houser Foundation on the Desert Botanical Garden’s grounds and an extended variety of paintings, drawings, sketches and smaller sculptures by this master artist at the Heard Museum. 8am-8pm at the Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008, 480-481-8188, www.dbg.org

Jan. 5-10, 2010 August: Osage County

Steppenwolf’s August: Osage County is a grand, gripping new play which tells the story of the Westons, a large extended clan that comes together at their rural Oklahoma homestead when the alcoholic patriarch disappears. Winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award® for Best Play, August: Osage County is written by Tracy Letts and directed by Anna D. Shapiro. Tickets; \$19-\$68; ASU Gammage, 1200 South Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, 480-965-3434, www.asugammage.com

Jan. 8-10, 2010 38th Annual Flag Gem and Mineral Show

The show highlight is a rare public display of the Peralta Stones along with other special exhibits. Parking and admission is free, and there will be free activities for children along with free samples for children and teachers. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mesa Community College in the West parking lot which is on Dobson Road between Southern Avenue and the Superstition Freeway (US60)
www.azminfun.com/asp/activities1.asp?level=1100&stope=1

Jan. 15-17, 2010 Maricopa County Home & Garden Show

This is Arizona’s ultimate “one-stop shopping” at its best with over 1200 exhibits filled with the Valley’s most reputable home and garden companies. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ, 602-485-1691 Ext. 117
www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com

Jan. 16-17, 2010 P.F. Chang’s Rock ‘n’ Roll Arizona Marathons

Staged in the Valley of the Sun, the race tours through three of Arizona’s most vibrant cities. With perfect winter running weather and live music every mile, this is an event not to be missed! Sat.: Kids Marathon, Sun.: Marathon Wheelchair 7:30 a.m., Marathon 7:40 a.m., 1/2Marathon Wheelchair 8:20 a.m., 1/2Marathon 8:30 a.m. Marathons start in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza by the State Capitol, and finish twelve miles away in the parking lots surrounding Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. www.rnraz.com to register

Jan. 16-Mar. 28, 2010

20th Annual Celebration of Fine Art

Meet 100 artists creating fine art with painting, ceramics, raku, sculpture, glass, metal, iron, mosaics, gourds, furniture and jewelry. Tickets - Adults \$8.00, Seniors & Military \$7.00, Children under 12 are free. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Big White Tents, N. Scottsdale Rd just south of the Loop 101, Scottsdale, AZ, www.celebrateart.com

Jan. 18-24, 2010

Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction Event

Approximately 1,000 collector vehicles and automobilia will be sold at the historic auction. Lifestyle attractions will also return in the form of luxury vendors, galas and fashion shows. Tickets \$9-\$120, WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, 480-421-6694, or www.barrett-jackson.com

Jan. 22-23, 2010

Vivaldi/Piazzolla: Eight Seasons

Inspired by Vivaldi's celebrated Four Seasons, Argentinean Astor Piazzolla composed his fiery Four Season of Buenos Aires combining jazz, Latin rhythms, and the mighty tango. Hear both composers' distinct take on nature's four seasons as acclaimed baroque violinist Robert Mealy and 2008 Avery Fisher winner, Karen Gomyo, perform these stunning concerti in juxtaposition. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$72, Orpheum Theatre, 203 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ, 602-495-1999, www.phoenixsymphony.org

Feb. 6-Mar. 28, 2010

Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace

A medieval amusement park, a 12-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts and crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast -- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure! 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets - Adult \$18, Children (5-12) \$8, all tickets \$2 more on day of show. Free Parking, 520-463-2700, Renaissance Festival Grounds, 12601 East Highway 60, Apache Junction, AZ, www.royalfaires.com/arizona/

Feb. 11-28, 2010

Mary Poppins

Combining the best of the original stories by P. L. Travers and the beloved Walt Disney film, the Tony® Award-winning Mary Poppins is everything you would hope for in a Broadway musical – and more. Produced by Disney and Cameron Mackintosh, the show includes such wonderful songs as “Chim Chim Cher-ee,” “A Spoonful of Sugar,” “Let’s Go Fly a Kite” and, of course, “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”. Let your imagination take flight at this perfectly magical musical! Tickets; \$19.75-\$130, ASU Gammage, 1200 South Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, 480-965-3434, www.asugammage.com

Feb. 13, 2010

Shen Wei Dance Arts

Shen Wei Dance Arts captivated the world with its imaginative choreography at the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This dynamic young company melds modern dance with theater, Chinese opera, philosophy, art and architecture. Presented as part of the Center's special Destination China series, Shen Wei marks its Scottsdale debut performing selections from The Re-Triptych, including Part I: Tibet, a deeply personal and spiritual dance incorporating traditional Tibetan chants and a stunning, full-stage mandala, and Part III: The New Silk Road, a celebration of China's vast and divergent religious traditions, languages and cultural histories. 8 p.m. Tickets - \$47, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St. Scottsdale, AZ, 85251, 480-994-2787, www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

Feb. 22-28, 2010

Waste Management Phoenix Open

The 2010 edition will mark the 75th playing of the Open, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR. Tickets and packages \$25-\$45,000, Tournament Players Club – Scottsdale, 17020 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, www.phoenixopen.com

Feb. 26, 2010

LakeShore Jazz: Mose Allison Trio

Allison is a living legend and is often called "the William Faulkner of Jazz." His music and insightful lyrics have influenced many blues and rock artists, such as The Rolling Stones, John Mayall, J. J. Cale and The Who. Accompanying are Dennis Sexton (bass) and Pete Magadini (drums). 8 p.m. Tickets; \$30. Tempe Center for the Arts Lakeside, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe AZ 85281, 480-350-2TCA (2822), www.tempe.gov/tca

Feb. 26-Apr. 11, 2010

Cats

It's an all-singing, all-dancing spectacle based on T. S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber that has been translated into over 20 languages. With mega-hits like "Memory," *Cats* won seven Tony awards in 1983, including Best Musical, and went on to become one of the longest-running shows in Broadway history. Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-776-8400, www.azbroadwaytheatre.com

Feb. 27-28, 2010

46th Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games

The Caledonian Society of Arizona is proud to host the *46th Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Gathering!* Visit the Genealogy tent and trace your own family roots. Artists will entertain throughout the day with their traditional and modern Scottish tunes. The wee lads & lassies area boasts Celtic arts & crafts, sports & bouncy "moon" jumpers both days. They will also showcase competitive highland dancing, pipe bands, heavy athletics, country dancing, re-enactment and vintage British car exhibitions. Tickets: \$12 ticket is part of a package with the performance of the Band of the Irish Guards at Symphony Hall at 8:00 pm., 9a.m.-4p.m., Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, 602-495-1999, www.phoenixsymphony.org

Mar. 6, 2010

Ronnie Milsap

Country music legend Ronnie Milsap returns to the Valley for the first time since his sold-out 2008 performance. Making music since the early 1960s, Milsap has earned several awards, including six Grammys, as well as having 40 singles hit the number one spot on the charts. Tickets \$38-\$54, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 4132 E. Pecos Road Gilbert, AZ 85295, 480-279-7190, www.higleyarts.org

Mar. 11, 2010

Generations Band

Generations Band featuring Jimmy Cobb and Jimmy Heath, is a multi-generational jazz band formed at San Francisco State University's International Center for the Arts. The legendary jazz musicians and brightest young stars of today each contribute a unique element of jazz to the performance. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$32-\$39, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St. Scottsdale, AZ, 85251, 480-994-2787, www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

Mar 12-27, 2010

Indivisible

Adam awakes one morning to find himself alone and locked in a strange, sterile room with four beds. One by one, three more people join him - but nobody knows why they are there. The play deals with how people respond to heartbreak and adversity in a world that seems callous and indifferent. Where greed and avarice are rewarded and violence is a fact of life-whether it is America, the world as a whole or a single, sterile room with four beds. Tickets \$16-\$20, Performance Outreach Theater, Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 258-9481, www.herbergertheater.org

Mar. 19-14, 2010

Avenue Q

AVENUE Q is Broadway's smash-hit, Tony Award® winner for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. AVENUE Q is about trying to make it in NYC with big dreams and a tiny bank account. Called "one of the funniest shows you're ever likely to see" by *Entertainment Weekly*, AVENUE Q features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way. Adult content and language; discretion is advised. Tickets; \$19.75-\$66, ASU Gammage, 1200 South Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, 480-965-3434, www.asugammage.com

Mar. 25-Apr. 11, 2010

The Glass Menagerie

In the 1930s in a small tenement apartment in St. Louis, the Wingfield family awaits your visit. The mother, Amanda, lives in an illusion of recapturing her faded Southern Belle glory, her daughter Laura lives in a fantasy world of delicate glass figurines, and her son Tom dreams poetically of a world beyond the back stoop. Considered by many to be Tennessee Williams' greatest play, *The Glass Menagerie* is an achingly beautiful story of longing and love that has touched generations of theatergoers with its sparkling, delicate radiance. Contact the Arizona Theatre Company at www.aztheatreco.org or 602-256-6995 for ticket information. Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, AZ.

Mar. 26, 2010

LakeShore Jazz: Eliane Elias Quartet

World renowned pianist, singer, songwriter Eliane Elias is known for her distinctive and immediately recognizable musical style which blends her Brazilian roots, her sensuous, alluring voice with her impressive instrumental jazz, classical and compositional skills. 8 p.m. Tickets; \$25-\$40, Tempe Center for the Arts Lakeside, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe AZ 85281, 480-350-2TCA (2822), www.tempe.gov/tca

Mar. 26-28, 2010

Symphonic Star Wars

With his lightsaber in hand, Valley favorite Robert Moody returns to Phoenix to conduct John Williams' magnificent scores from the Star Wars films. Join Stormtroopers, Wookies, Ewoks and Rebel Fighters as you travel at hyper speed through this musical galaxy of delights. The Force will be with The Phoenix Symphony and Phoenix Symphony Chorus as they perform highlights from the legendary films, including *The Imperial March*, *The Battle of Heroes* from *Revenge of the Sith* and of course, the iconic main theme song! Tickets; \$26-\$76, The Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 North Second Street Phoenix, AZ 85004, 602-495-1999, www.phoenixsymphony.org



This Quarterly Edition's Spotlight is on—

The Grand Canyon - For genuine jaw-dropping grandeur, you just can't beat the Canyon. After all, it's one of the seven natural wonders in the world - *in the world* - and it's right in our back yard. You can experience the Canyon in so many different ways, from watching a sunset from a rocking chair on the porch of the lodge at the North Rim to hiking the trails or riding mules at the South Rim, rafting the Colorado River or strolling above it on the glass-bottomed Skywalk. 928-638-7888 or nps.gov/grca; 702-220-8372 or www.grandcanyonskywalk.com.

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