Yes, we have made a few changes! The ABRS Newsletter is now called Phoenix Happenings. And the look of our Phoenix Happenings is new and fresh, but still includes fun, interesting and exciting things to do.

This Edition’s Spotlight is on – The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area stretches along five miles of the Salt River just south of downtown Phoenix. Once a dump site, the area is now a lush riparian corridor with five miles of paved and dirt trails dotted with unique design and user features. Bird watchers have spotted more than 200 species of birds (and counting...) in Rio Salado’s varied habitats from wetland ponds to mesquite bosque to cottonwood/willow forest. Hike, bike, wheelchair, jog, horseback – anyone can access Rio Salado and experience the Salt River’s rich and varied wildlife as it once was – all in the heart of the nation's fifth largest city.

https://riosalado.audubon.org/.

Ongoing: WalkPHX
Step out and activate your local park, community, and fitness journey by joining FitPHX’s Walk PHX program. Enjoy getting outdoors, being physically active, spending time with family, and meeting new friends by taking a walk in one of our beautiful local parks. Each park location has a mapped walking path with signage that lets you know exactly where to start and just how far you go! You also have the opportunity to earn a City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation pass that will give you and/or your family access to multiple City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation programs, activities, and resources to stay healthy and active. Free. Throughout the City of Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx/walkphx.

Ongoing: First Fridays
What started as a small event with no more than a handful of participating galleries in 1993 has since grown into a staple on the Phoenix nightlife and events scene. First Friday in downtown Phoenix has more than 80 galleries and art-friendly businesses that stay open later to peruse at no cost. Join 10,000 of your closest friends and take in the sights and sounds of street vendors, live music and exhibit openings. First Friday of the month from 6–10 p.m., Downtown Phoenix (check website for participating businesses), (602) 256-7539, www.artlinkphx.com.
Ongoing: Bisbee After 5
Bisbee, already famous for its rich history, vibrant art scene, wonderful amenities and friendly people, also has a town-wide Art Walk. Enjoy more than 30 shops and galleries, special sales and promotions, live entertainment and refreshments. Second Saturday of the month. Bisbee, AZ, www.bisbeeafter5.com.

Through December 29: The Sound of Music
Just in time for the holidays, wrap yourself up in the musical that has inspired and delighted generations. Rodgers and Hammerstein’s romantic epic overflows with the indomitable spirit of survival—and includes some of the most iconic songs of all time. Warm, funny, and inspiring, The Sound of Music reminds us all of the sustaining power of family. Phoenix Theatre’s Mainstage Theatre, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 254-2151, http://phoenixtheatre.com/.

Through December 29: Elf The Musical
Based on the 2003 film starring Will Ferrell, Elf The Musical is the hilarious tale of Buddy, who, as a baby, mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. When his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find The World’s Greatest Dad and discover his true identity. Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember There Is a Santa Claus. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf! Arizona Broadway Theatre Mainstage, 7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria AZ 85382, www.azbroadway.org.

Through December 29: Ella Enchanted: The Musical
Not every princess needs rescuing. Based on the Newbury-honor book, this Cinderella twist follows Ella, a princess who is given the “gift” of obedience at birth. As she grows up, the strong-willed little girl must defeat her evil stepmother, a hungry ogre, and this troublesome curse to find her own voice and live happily ever after. This charming musical adventure is the perfect fairy tale for the holiday season! Tickets: $12-$35. Recommended for ages 5+. Herberger Theater Center, Center Stage, 222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, (602) 252-8497, www.herbergertheater.org.

Through December 31: Las Noches De Las Luminarias
Celebrate the spirit of the season with Las Noches de las Luminarias. Stroll the Garden’s trails lined with 8,000 flickering luminaria bags, gaze at twinkling lights and admire the enchanting glow of Wild Rising creatures. Happen upon tunes from eclectic entertainment groups and cherish the time spent with friends and family during the holiday season. Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a personalized message on a special luminaria bag that will be placed in front of historic Webster Auditorium. Admission: Members $29.95, Children (3-17) $10.95, General: $34.95, Children (3-17) $12.95, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, wwwDBG.org.
Through January 1: Arizona Science Center Snow Week
More than 75 tons of snow will blanket Heritage and Science Park’s grassy hill in white. No matter your age, you’re invited to play in the snow, participate in interactive science demonstrations by the Center’s Blue Crew, and explore the Science Center. Enhance your experience with ice-themed shows in our Dorrance Planetarium and Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater, and hands-on activities in CREATE at Arizona Science Center, a community makerspace including 3D printing, laser cutting, microcontrollers, woodworking, and sewing. Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 716-2000, www.azscience.org.

Through January 4: The Polar Express
The Grand Canyon Railway’s Polar Express comes to life on a journey from the nighttime wilderness of Williams, Arizona, to the enchanted beauty of “the North Pole”—where Santa Claus and his reindeer are waiting with a keepsake present for every good boy and girl. Enjoy hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies while listening to this timeless story. Make reservations early as space is limited. The train leaves each night at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The ride is approximately 90 minutes. Grand Canyon Railway, 233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams, AZ 86046, (888) 848-3511, https://www.thetrain.com/events/polar-express/.

Through January 5: Holiday Lights
The event’s centerpiece is a train ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad through a winter wonderland of lights and displays. Take a ride on the historic Charros Carousel and visit the park’s one-of-a-kind Model Railroad Building. The Holiday Lights train ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad will require a special ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance, during the park’s normal hours of operation, beginning Nov. 1. Holiday Lights Train Ride $5 (special Holiday Lights tickets are required), Charros Carousel Ride $3, Holiday Lights Train Ride Fast Pass $15 (limited availability nightly and passes can be purchased online beginning 11/1). Check website for Santa visit nights. 6:30–9 p.m., McCormick–Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312–2312, www.therailroadpark.com.

Through January 11: Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekends
The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children’s winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol’ St. Nick. Free admission. 5–11 p.m., Downtown Glendale, 58th and Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ (623) 930–2299, www.visitglendale.com.

Through January 13: ZooLights: Glow Wild

Through February 23: Arizona Musicfest 2019–2020
The 29th anniversary of America’s Premier Winter Music Festival presents top artists of classical, chamber, Broadway, jazz, pop and country in exceptional programs at venues throughout the scenic desert foothills of Scottsdale and Phoenix, Arizona. Check website for ticket prices and bundles: (480) 422-8449, www.azmusicfest.org.
Through April 17: Grand Procession: Contemporary Plains Indian Dolls from the Charles and Valerie Diker Collection

*Grand Procession* celebrates an exceptional collection of dolls, also known as soft sculptures, created by Jamie Okuma (Luiseño and Shoshone–Bannock), Rhonda Holy Bear (Cheyenne River Sioux and Lakota) and three generations of Growing Thunder family members; Joyce Growing Thunder, Juanita Growing Thunder Fogarty and Jessa Rae Growing Thunder (Assiniboine and Sioux). The dolls provide a figurative reference to Indigenous peoples from the Great Plains and Great Basin regions who lived in those areas during the late nineteenth century. Holy Bear, Okuma, and the three Growing Thunder family members embellish each doll with tiny micro-beads in intricate detail. The 23 dolls included in the exhibition represent the largest private collection of its kind. Monday–Saturday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 252–8840, [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org).

Through May 10: Wild Rising By Cracking Art

Desert Botanical Garden’s newest art exhibition is traveling straight from Milan to bring *Wild Rising* by Cracking Art—an installation of more than 1,000 animal sculptures made from colorful and recyclable plastic. The vibrant art forms are the creations of Cracking Art, a collective of artists who specialize in plastic as an artistic medium with the intention of radically changing the history of art through a strong social and environmental commitment. With 12 installations, visitors will see 20 penguins posing among the cactus and 40 majestic grey wolves guarding the Sybil B. Harrington Cactus and Succulent Galleries. Free with general admission and membership. Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481–8188, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

Through May 16: Spark! After Dark

Fade the lights and turn up the music. Step outside and spark up your Saturday night. Mesa Arts Center is now hosting a free night out on the campus the third Saturday of the month. The grown-up’s playground, complete with live art, live music, great eats, tasty adult drinks; all in the shadow of our stunning campus. Free. 8–11 p.m., Mesa Arts Center, One East Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

December 27: 31st Annual Cheez-It Cactus Bowl

The Cheez-It Cactus Bowl Pregame Party takes place west of Chase Field, at 4th Street and Jackson, in Downtown Phoenix. The party features live music, marching bands, cheerleaders, pep rallies, interactive games, and Jumbotrons playing team highlights. The actual game will feature teams from the Big 12 and PAC 12 conferences. Pregame party is free. Check website for game tickets and packages. Kickoff is scheduled for 8:15 p.m., Chase Field, 401 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (480) 350–0911, [https://fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl/](https://fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl/).

December 27–31: Arizona National Livestock Show

Exhibitors will bring nearly 1,700 head of the nation’s best cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and swine to enter in the competitions. Families will enjoy the Farm Experience, which brings the farm to the city and is geared toward kids. Mechanical roping, a petting zoo, Farmer–for–a–Day, marshmallow golf, pedal tractor rides, and old–fashioned rope making are part of the activities. Check website for schedules and admission. Arizona Exposition and State Fair Park, 1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, 85007, (602) 258–8568, [www.anls.org](http://www.anls.org).
December 28: 49th Annual PlayStation Fiesta Bowl
It wouldn’t be college football without a proper tailgate party. Join tens of thousands of other college football fans at the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl Fan Fest Pregame Party on the Great Lawn at University of Phoenix Stadium. Fans of all ages can experience some of the greatest pregame traditions like pep rallies and performances by marching bands and cheerleaders. There will also be Jumbotron with team highlights, interactive games to play and, of course, plenty of food and beverage booths to get you ready for the big game. Check website for times and tickets. State Farm Stadium (formerly University of Phoenix Stadium), 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305, (480) 350-0911, www.fiestabowl.org.

December 31: Phoenix Symphony New Year Eve’s Concert
End the year on a high note with The Phoenix Symphony with famous Strauss waltzes, seasonal classics and Broadway and contemporary favorites all with a complimentary glass of Champagne to celebrate the New Year. 8 p.m., Symphony Hall, 75 North Second St., Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenixsymphony.org.

December 31: Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl
Enjoy a festive block party, pay it forward tickets, huge charitable contributions, midnight fireworks, and New Years’ energy that’s fun for the whole family. Check website for event details and tickets. University of Arizona Stadium, Tucson, AZ, (520) AZBOWL1, www.novaarizonabowl.com.

December 31: Flannel Ball
Phoenix rings in the New Year partying like it's 1999 at downtown's favorite flannel event: Flannel Ball! This year, Flannel Ball keeps alive the local artist tradition of adaptive reuse. Strings of lights illuminate an art-activated street nestled among historic houses, new structures, public art spaces, creative studios, bars and boutiques. Chain link fences transform into art gallery walls. Backyards are reimagined as live music venues. The flannel extravaganza is a must-see event, featuring live local music acts, an art show, flavor-filled food trucks, a beer garden sponsored by New Belgium Brewing Co., lawn games, the New Year piñata drop, and midnight toast. Celebrate the mild winter weather clad in plaid! Roosevelt Growhouse, 1025 N. 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, www.flannelball.com.

January 10-12: Maricopa County Home & Garden Show
This is Arizona's ultimate “one-stop shopping” at its best with over 1,200 exhibits filled with the Valley's most reputable home and garden companies. Admission: Adult $8, ages 3-12 $2, and ages 2 and under free. Check website for additional discounts and free days. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ, (602) 485-1691, www.maricopacountyhomeshow.com.

January 11-19: Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction Event
More than 1,600 collector vehicles and automobilia will be sold at this historic auction. Lifestyle attractions also return in the form of luxury vendors, events and fashion shows. Check website for packages and discounts. WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 North Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, (480) 421-6694, www.barrett-jackson.com.
January 18: **Dogs' Day in the Garden**
The Garden has gone to the dogs! Take advantage of this special opportunity to bring the whole family, dogs included, to the Garden. Spend time in the “doghouse” with vendors sampling the best dog food and treats. Go for a walk on Garden trails, heel for family photo opportunities, and participate in Doga (dog yoga). Included with general admission, members free and dogs are $4 (proceeds from dog admission fee benefit The Arizona Humane Society). 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 941-1225, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

January 18-March 29: **30th Annual Celebration of Fine Art**
Meet 100 artists in more than 40,000 square feet of space creating fine art with painting, ceramics, raku, sculpture, glass, metal, iron, mosaics, gourds, furniture and jewelry. Tickets are good for all 10 weeks of show and sale. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Big White Tents, Hayden Rd. and Loop 101, Scottsdale, AZ, [www.celebrateart.com](http://www.celebrateart.com).

January 22-March 18: **Nat Geo Live Series**
Enjoy our **Nat Geo Live** series 2019-20, and you'll experience four of National Geographic’s top photographers, scientists, and adventurers as they share behind-the-scenes stories live onstage.

- **January 22** - **Pursuit of the Black Panther** with Shannon Wild: Photographer & Cinematographer – In 15 years as a wildlife photographer and cinematographer, Shannon Wild has learned to expect the unexpected. She’s been bitten in the face by a dog, charged by an elephant, and mauled by a cheetah. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the challenges and dangers of her most difficult assignment to date: documenting a rare and elusive black panther in the dense forest in southern India.

- **February 19** - **Designed By Nature** with Kakani Katija: Bioengineer & Research Diver – Kakani Katija takes you deep into the midwaters of the ocean—one of the least explored ecosystems on our planet—and shares how its inhabitants could lead to breakthroughs in bio-inspired design.

- **March 18** - **From Summit to Sea** with Andy Mann: Filmmaker & Photographer - Award-winning filmmaker and photographer Andy Mann uses his work to bridge the gap between science and policy. From his early days as a rock climber to his current passion documenting the critically endangered oceanic whitetip shark, his stunning images tell the story of our rapidly changing planet, from top to bottom.

Tickets starting at $100, package and member discounts available. Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

January 25-May 16: **Lakeshore Music Series**
Plan to enjoy monthly jazz performances in various settings.

- **January 25** – New West Guitar Group
- **February 22** – Chloe Feoranzo Quartet
- **March 21** – Hot Club of San Francisco
- **April 25** – Harold López-Nussa
- **May 16** – Tamir Hendelman’s Spirit of Israel Ensemble

7:30 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, (480) 350-2822, [www.lakeshoremusic.org](http://www.lakeshoremusic.org).
January 26: Connect2STEM
The University of Arizona, in partnership with Cox Communications, presents Connect2STEM — a family friendly event, which celebrates Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine. Through this event, youth of all ages are able to experience the wonders of STEM hands-on, encouraging them to one day pursue a degree or occupation in one of the related fields. Free, but all attendees should pre-register and check-in upon arrival. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, 550 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/connect2stem.

January 26-March 8: Elephant & Piggie’s “We Are in a Play!”
Gerald the Elephant is cautious and Piggie is...well, NOT. They are the best of friends. Which means they have LOTS of fun together. But sometimes they face tough questions. What do you wear to a fancy party? Should you share your ice cream? Can two friends play with just one toy? Get ready for a hilarious musical experience as two of Mo Willems’ most delightfully amusing characters come to life on stage in their Very First Play. Backed by nutty backup singers, The Squirrelles, Gerald and Piggie will have your family doing the “Flippy Floppy Floory” dance all night long! Check website for tickets and special events. Herberger Theater Center, Stage West, 222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, (480) 921-5700, www.childsplayaz.org.

January 27-February 2: Waste Management Phoenix Open
The 2020 edition will mark the 85th playing of the Open, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA Tour. Tickets and packages $45 and up, Tournament Players Club – Scottsdale, 17020 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85255, www.wmphoenixopen.com.

February 1-16: Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase
There are thousands of participants and attendees at more than 40 sites around town. Dozens of shows take place at the same time – in giant white tents, at hotels and resorts and at exhibit halls. This show attracts thousands of treasure hunters from every corner of the globe and is open to the public. The main event of this two-week showcase is The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show “World Class Minerals”. Most of the gem and mineral shows around Tucson are free and hours vary. www.tgms.org or https://www.visittucson.org/visit/events/tucson-gem-mineral-fossil-showcase.

February 1-29: ASU Night of the Open Door
Arizona State University (ASU) Night of the Open Door events offer a window into the creative energy that powers a world-class university, with hundreds of interactive activities and student, faculty and staff volunteers. At ASU, professors explore the unknown and students think big, they aren’t afraid to get dirty and discover solutions to help the world. ASU invites you and your family to discover all things science, technology, engineering, arts and math. ASU Open Door celebrates that kids today are curious, tech savvy and more involved in their own educational experiences than ever before! ASU Open Door welcomes visitors to our four campus locations, allowing visitors to explore the spaces accessible only to ASU students – laboratories, living collections, museums and classrooms. Visitors have the opportunity to participate in hundreds of interactive, hands-on activities and talk to students, faculty and staff. Check website for locations, dates and times. https://opendoor.asu.edu/.
February 2-March 22: Sonoran Chamber Music Series
The Sonoran Chamber Music’s unique blend of artists and repertoire continues to attract and enrich an ever increasing and loyal following. They are deeply committed to sustaining a vibrant chamber music community in Tempe, where world-renowned musicians and chamber-music lovers gather to celebrate, to sustain and to share personal connections freely through chamber music. Every Sonoran Chamber Music artist is dedicated to offer enchanting musical experiences while fostering meaningful memories and friendships with the audience through shared love of chamber music.

- February 2 – Jennifer Frautschi, Violin, Tom Landschoot, Cello and Christina Dahl, Piano
- March 22 – Jinjoo Cho, Violin, Tom Landschoot, Cello and Esther Park, Piano

Concert tickets: Student $9 and General $28. 2 p.m., ASU School of Music, Katzin Concert Hall, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, (480) 965-6447, sonoranchambermusic.com.

February 5-9: Tubac Festival of the Arts
Arizona's longest-running art festival celebrates its 61st year when hundreds of artists and musicians from around the country gather to show their work. Booths will be mixed in among 100-year-old shops, galleries and studios. There will be roving entertainers, a food court and horse-drawn trolleys to move people around. Tubac Village, 1 Tubac Rd., Tubac, AZ 85646, (520) 398-2704, https://tubacaz.com/festivals/.

When asked why you live in Arizona, share Phoenix at its Finest and Tucson is Tops.

February 7-8: Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering
Experience a celebration of Western heritage, culture, and history through the poetic and musical verse that only cowboys could offer. Join 50 poets and musicians as they come together to entertain for an adventurous weekend themed “It’s Cool to be a Cowboy”. Buena High School, 5225 Buena Vista Blvd., Sierra Vista, AZ, (520) 508-9359, www.cowboypoets.com.

February 7-9: Chinese Culture & Cuisine Festival
Celebrate the Year of the Rat and experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the 30th annual Phoenix Chinese Week’s Culture and Cuisine Festival. Enjoy continuous entertainment including the famous dragon and lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, folk and traditional dances, musical performances, Children’s Pavilion activities, Chinese Culture and History Booth. Shop at souvenir and arts and crafts booths, experience cultural performances and taste scrumptious and authentic Chinese cuisines. Free. Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, www.phoenixchineseweek.org.
February 7-May 9: **Spring Music in the Garden**

Desert Botanical Garden once again offers an exciting and diverse lineup of talented performers at the Spring Music in the Garden concert series. Enjoy performances from local bands in the stunning surroundings of Desert Botanical Garden. These shows sell out quickly so buy your tickets soon!

- **February 7** – Michael Reed & Company | Jazz, blues, R&B and cameo country
- **February 28** – Marmalade Skies | The music of the Beatles
- **March 6** – Ioannis Goudelis Trio featuring Eric Miller | European, Brazilian and original music
- **March 13** – Kilted Spirit | Celtic, Irish and rock
- **March 20** – Sassy & The Sneak Attack | Contemporary
- **April 3** – Sahnas Borhters Band | Contemporary
- **April 10** – Blaise Lantana & Friends | Jazz
- **April 17** – Cadillac Assembly Line | Blues, Swing
- **May 1** – Bohemian Insurgence | World Fusion
- **May 8** – Cold Shott and The Hurricane Horns | Rhythm & Blues
- **May 15** – Walt Richardson & Friends | Acoustic, Fold, World Rhythm
- **May 22** – Khani Cole | Jazz, American Pop
- **May 29** – Louis Landon Quartet | Sinatra and more

Members: $24.95. General Public: $29.95, $39.95. February-April: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and concerts 7–9 p.m., May: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and concerts 7:30–9:30 p.m., Concerts take place on Ullman Terrace. Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, www.dbg.org.

February 8-March 29: **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! Tickets: Adult $28, Seniors/Military $25, Children (5-12) $18, check Fry’s Food Stores for discounts and website for additional discounts. Free parking. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Renaissance Festival Grounds, 12601 East Highway 60, Gold Canyon, AZ, (520) 463-2600, http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/.

February 13-16: **A Midsummer Night’s Dream**

A hilarious masterpiece of dreams, illusion, love, and fantasy. This production features lavish new sets and amazing new costumes. Ib Andersen’s fanciful staging brings Shakespeare’s hilarious tale to life with fun-loving characters, quarreling fairies, and mistaken identities in this magical production for the entire family. Tickets: $36–$168, Symphony Hall, 2835 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034, (602) 381-1096, www.balletaz.org.

February 13-23: **65th Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show**

The largest event of its kind in the world, the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show attracts hundreds of thousands of spectators and nearly 2,400 horses. In addition to exciting competitions, gala parties, educational seminars and an international cuisine court, the event features more than 300 vendor booths, offering everything from lavish jewelry to clothing and works of art. Tickets: $10–$250, check website for discounts and free days. WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 515-1500, www.scottsdaleshow.com.
February 13–March 1: “Master Harold”...and the Boys
Of all Athol Fugard’s plays, none is more personal or shatteringly honest than “Master Harold”...and the Boys; because it relates a boyhood incident which involved himself and which haunted him for years until he tried to atone by writing this play. It may take place in South Africa during the early years of apartheid, but its depiction of the ways in which people are capable of hurting even those they love transcends the political landscape of bigotry and oppression that inspired it. The play recounts the long, rainy afternoon that Hally (“Master Harold”) spends with Sam and Willie, two middle-aged African servants of his parents’ household who have cared for seventeen-year-old Hally his whole life. Herberger Theater – Center Stage, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, 85004, (602) 256–6995, www.arizonatheatre.org.

February 15–23: Devoured Culinary Classic
The Devoured Culinary Classic features culinary curators and purveyors who support the Arizona food, wine and restaurant industries. Attendees will have the chance to meet top chefs, partake in innovative culinary demonstrations, and restaurateurs as well as taste an enormous array of culinary excellence from the region’s best chefs, restaurants, local food artisans, brewers, and vintners. Check website for tickets and locations. http://devouredphoenix.com/

February 21–March 24: Cactus League Spring Training
Each spring the teams (Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Colorado Rockies, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers) of the Cactus League play about a month of Spring Training Baseball. This is where the managers take a look at the players and determine the final roster based on their performance. The great thing about Spring Training games is that you’ll get to see many of your favorite teams’ players during one game. www.cactusleague.com.

February 22: 2020 Ceramic Studio Tour
The 19th annual self-guided Ceramic Studio Tour is a Valley-wide event that showcases the work of professional ceramic artists in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The tour offers the public a rare opportunity to view working and living spaces of participating artists and view demonstrations of wheel-throwing, hand-building and glazing techniques. Participating artists have a wide range of both functional and sculptural artwork on exhibit and for sale. The tour is self-guided, free and open to the public. Check website for map of participating artists. http://asuartmuseum.asu.edu.

February 22–23: 36th Annual Festival of Japan

February 28–March 1: Riders of the Purple Sage
Arizona Opera’s first commission, which made its world-premiere to sold-out crowds in 2017, is making its hugely-anticipated return. Riders of the Purple Sage, an adaptation of Zane Grey’s classic of the same name, tells a powerful story of strength and redemption through love, loss, conflict and adventure across breathtaking Southwest vistas that are brought magnificently to life by world-renowned Arizona artist, Ed Mell. Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 North 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 266–7464, www.azopera.com.
February 29–March 1: Tres Rios Nature Festival
A two-day outdoor event at the Base and Meridian Wildlife Area that focuses on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and culture of the Gila River drainage. From guided bird tours, canoeing on the river, archery, fishing and learning about Southwest wildlife, there is something for everyone during the best time of year to enjoy the Arizona weather! Free. Saturday 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Base Meridian Wildlife Area, 7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale, AZ, 85353, (623) 333–2400, www.tresriosnaturefestival.com.

February 29–June 21: India: Fashion’s Muse
The exhibition India: Fashion’s Muse will explore western fashion’s centuries-long love affair with the riches of India. Inspiring designers from streetwear to couture, the opulence of India has generated global fashion trends that have outlived empires. The exhibition, coinciding with India Fashion Week, will feature more than 40 garments and accessories including 19th century examples, designer works by Pierre Balmain, Jean Louis, Branell, Bob Mackie, Versace, Olivier Lapidus, Halston, Givenchy and more from Phoenix Art Museum’s fashion collection. Currently, the Indian community is the third largest immigrant population in Arizona, with an estimated 45,000 Indian families. India: Fashion’s Muse culminates with today’s modern Indian fashion designers who are expertly merging the exquisite craft of the ancient world with the aesthetics and technology of the 21st century. Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 257–1222, www.phxart.org.

March 3–8: Once on this Island
Winner of the 2018 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical, Once on this Island is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune sets out on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. ASU Gammage, 1200 South Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, (480) 965–3434, www.asugammage.com.

March 6–22: La Cage aux Folles
Jean-Michel and Anne are newly engaged, and now her straight-laced parents want to meet his. The only problem? His birth-mother is out of the picture, his dad owns a drag nightclub, and his mom is the star of the show! Jean-Michel wants just one night with his parents playing it “straight” to impress Anne’s parents. What’s a Drag Queen to do? Herberger Theater Center, Center Stage, 222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, (623) 776–8400, www.azbroadway.org.

March 7: Zoo Move & Groove 5K & Festival
Zoo Move & Groove is a celebration of getting healthy and staying fit...with a unique Phoenix Zoo twist! Participate in the 5K Run, One-mile Leisure Loop or Snooze for the Zoo. 6 a.m. race registration, 8 a.m. race starts. Registration: Early Bird Pricing: $30 (through January 31, 2020), Standard: $35, Event Day: $45, Snooze for the Zoo (snooze, still support the Zoo and receive a tshirt): $25. Stay for the Festival with activities geared towards kids and families such as Zoo Ninja Warrior and Kids Karate. This general admission event, immediately following the Zoo Move & Groove 5K will host an array of vendors and feature diverse forms of exercise for guests of all ages to experience and enjoy. All Zoo Move & Groove Festival activities are included with 5K Run/Walk registration or regular Zoo admission. Zoo doors open to all at 8 a.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008, www.phoenixzoo.org.
March 7-8: 62nd Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market
Celebrate the tradition of basket making as well as the work of top American Indian artists of many media, including jewelry, pottery, weaving, painting, carving and sculpture. The Indian Fair features more than 600 top American Indian artists. Visitors get firsthand access to artists and can view and purchase handmade, authentic work by the best jewelers, sculptors, painters, potters, weavers, bead workers, katsina doll carvers and basket makers. Fair weekend also includes music and dance performances, demonstrations and Native foods, as well as full access to the Heard Museum’s 12 exhibit galleries. Tickets: $10-$125, check website for discounts. Heard Museum Phoenix, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 252–8840, http://heard.org/fair/.

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The Arizona Sportsmen’s Exposition & Boat Show offers 400+ product and destination companies, the valley’s top dealers of pleasure and fishing boats, plus free activities to entertain and educate hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. Tickets: Adults $12, Active military and children under 15 are free. Thursday–Saturday 10 a.m.–7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 515-1500, www.sportsexpos.com.

March 13-15: Scottsdale Arts Festival
Meet 200 awe-inspiring artists from coast to coast and take home a masterpiece of your own. Bid in the online auction benefiting the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Listen to live music by Arizona’s top bands. Savor gourmet cuisine from local food trucks. Bring the kids to Imagine Nation for fun family friendly art activities. Single-day Pass: $10 (valid for any single day), Two-Day Pass: $18 (valid for any two days), $6 for students (student pricing not available online) and free for children 12 and under and members of Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and SMoCA. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Scottsdale Civic Center Park, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ, 85251, www.scottsdaleartsfestival.org.

March 14-15: Arizona Aloha Festival
From opening ceremonies on Saturday to the last performance on Sunday, the Festival is filled with the music, dance, song, food, crafts, and island rhythms of Hawaii and Polynesia. Free. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tempe Beach Park, 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, (602) 697–1824, www.azalohafest.org.

March 25: ASU Violin Extraordinaire Recital
This recital features talented young musicians from the violin studio of Danwen Jiang, professor at Arizona State University’s School of Music. The program will include a beautiful musical selection from the classical through the contemporary violin repertoire. Included with paid museum admission or $7 concert only. 10:30 a.m., Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050, (480) 478–6000, www.mim.org.
March 27-29: Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts
The Tempe Festival of the Arts is a well-loved community event that showcases more than 300 artists from around the country. Entertainment stages on 5th St. East of Mill Avenue and in Hayden Amphitheater have been added. You won't want to miss Kids Block, where kids can see works by their peers and do some projects of their own. Admission is free. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mill Avenue District (between 3rd St. and University Dr.), Tempe, AZ, www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

March 28-29: Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo
This is a great event to experience or learn more about the amazing outdoor recreational opportunities in Arizona. Activities such as camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, shooting sports, off-highway vehicle recreation and boating recreation are great ways to spend quality time with family and friends. Free parking and admission. Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix, AZ, 623-236-7222, https://www.azgfd.com/expo/.

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Arizona Cardinals Football www.azcardinals.com
Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball www.diamondbacks.mlb.com
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