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Stories of Survival

Walking with weavers through generations of time

The story of Southern California native Americans is literally woven into the fabric of their art. A new exhibit in Hemet brings to the public the beautiful basket creations that tell the story of a people.

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians has been working in collaboration with the Western Center for Paleontology and Archaeology, in Hemet, on the basketry exhibit entitled, "Stories of Survival: Walking with weavers through Generations of Time." The intention of this exhibit is to tell the story of Southern California Indian basketry from a Native perspective.

The exhibit itself will be separated into five sections, each pertaining to a different topic about basketry but set to a timeline of history that will tell how this fine art has survived over time.

This remarkable exhibition of Southern California baskets showcases the rare, hidden jewels of local natives, land, and culture, most of which have never before been displayed publicly and many of which are not likely to ever again.

The project was born when the Western Center approached Soboba with the idea of doing a Native American exhibit. Joseph Ontiveros, of the Soboba Cultural Resource Department, decided basket weavers were the perfect subject.

"It was a chance to showcase native people in a modern day light," Ontiveros said. Though the tradition dates back many years, there are still weavers today who use the same materials and the same techniques, providing a solid bridge between the past and the present.

Ontiveros contacted Carrie Garcia, a member of the tribe and a modern day basket weaver, who helped him organize the project.

"We started conducting interviews with various Southern California basket weavers. We opened it up to the community, and that makes this exhibit unique," he said.

The baskets on exhibit weren't shipped from another museum, but came largely from the homes of tribal members. Some of the pieces had never been seen by anyone but family.

The exhibit includes older, preserved items as well as modern made baskets. The tradition is the same, Ontiveros said, as are the materials used to make them.

As Ontiveros and Garcia located weavers, they discovered that many of the baskets came with stories. Some of the stories were about the weavers, and others were stories of the baskets themselves and their intricate patterns. They catalogued the tales, which are part of the exhibit.

This project is an example of how Soboba is seeking to preserve its heritage in the modern world. "This is a major step for Soboba to preserve their cultural resources. These are their traditions," Ontiveros said.

The exhibit includes more than 75 baskets from private and public collections throughout Southern California.

The first section of the exhibit entitled: "In the beginning" will focus on the plants, their processing techniques, and tools that weavers use when making baskets. The visitor will walk into the next room where they will see how baskets were used for everyday survival, including gathering, leaching, and cooking baskets. Acorn granaries as well as trays, hoppers and even basket hats will also be shown in this area.

The next section will explain how baskets moved from a traditional survival tool to a tool of economic reliability. Weavers began to make and sell baskets as a way of surviving economically in a world that was changing quickly, and not in favor of Natives. Women began making and selling baskets for collectors, so they would be able to have money to help support their families. This leads into the main focus of the exhibit titled, "Stories of our Grandmothers."

Stories of our Grandmothers will have baskets made by grandmothers, with their pictures, and the stories that were woven into the baskets themselves. This is a way to let the voices of the past be heard as well as remembering what hardships their ancestors had gone through.

Next, the visitor will learn about how the




fine

art of basketry was almost lost due to circumstances of changing times like the boarding school era. As you continue on through the exhibit it will shift to the revival of basketry and the generation of women who sought out what few weavers were still around in order to learn the dying techniques.

The final section will focus on today's weavers and the groups that promote, teach, and reinforce basketry as well as the implementation of basketry classes at Noli Indian School on the Soboba Indian Reservation and Sherman Indian School in Riverside.

There are many different types of plants and ways to prepare materials when it comes to southern California basketry. Each family or clan had their own gathering areas, designs, and ways to prepare their materials. All plant materials are gathered seasonally, from spring to winter. Weavers must learn to watch the seasons and the plants to know when the appropriate time to gather their material is. When the time comes to gather everything is picked by hand and one at a time and a weaver knows that they must have consideration for the next person and never take more than what is needed. They must allow for re-growth for future weavers to come.

Stories of Survival will run through May 25, Tuesday through Sunday, 10am to 5pm. The Western Center for Paleontology and Archaeology is located at 2345 Searl Parkway in Hemet. For more information, call (951) 791-0033 or go online to www.westerncentermuseum.org. 

Casinos

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Conjunto Primavera and Banda San Jose De Mesillas at Soboba Casino, April 18, 7pm. Tickets start at \$30. Call 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183 or go online to www.soboba.net.

Comic Standing Fame and more. (760) 342-5000.

ROCK YARD: Classic rock bands every Friday and Saturday night, 8pm-midnight. Admission is free. April 4, Stepping Feet (Dave Matthews tribute band) with Triple 7; April 5, The Heat; April 11, Bad Medicine (Bon Jovi tribute band) with Breakaway; April 12, Unskinny Bop (Poison tribute) with Calling Card; April 19-20, TBA; April 25, Capt. Fantastic (Elton John trib-

ute) with Barboys; April 26, 52nd Street (Billy Joel tribute) with Barflys; May 2, Gregory Wolf (Rod Stewart tribute) with Room 179; May 3, Caravanserai (Santana tribute) with South Bay Rockers.

JOSS STONE: April 5, 8pm.

MUSIC AND MEMORIES: Wayland Pickard as Liberace in a one-man show tribute. April 11-

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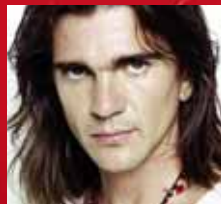
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Wayland Pickard is Liberace in 'Music & Memories'

As comebacks go, this one is for the "ages" – for nostalgic seniors, most especially. "Music & Memories" starring Wayland Pickard as Liberace is an 80-minute one-man variety show featuring the incomparable music, comedy, lavish costumes, "live" and pre-recorded video and yes, a spittin' image visage of one of the greatest all-around entertainers ever.

Fresh from a critically acclaimed, three-week engagement at the Welk Resort Theatre in Escondido, "Music & Memories" will be making its desert debut in the Fantasy Showroom inside Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, April 11 through 13. The six show run will include two performances each day at 2pm and 7pm.

Tickets to "Music & Memories" starring Wayland Pickard are \$35 dollars and include a complimentary lunch or dinner at the resort's Fresh Grill Buffet. Parking is free.


Thanks to the incredible talents of actor/comedian/pianist Wayland Pickard and Academy Award Winning makeup artist Kevin Haney, "Music & Memories" is as unique as it is memorable, as authentic as any performance could possibly be. Indeed, Pickard's appearance,



Wayland Pickard as Liberace in "Music & Memories" at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino.

musicality and exquisite costumes are so on point, the show is applauded by the Liberace Foundation.

Tickets for these performances are on sale at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino Box Office or

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Alan Jackson plays at Soboba

Grammy Award-winning recording star Alan Jackson, whose latest album "Good Time" recently debuted at #1 on country and pop charts, will perform at The Arena- Soboba Casino one night only Friday, May 16, at 8pm. Tickets are on sale now.


Jackson got his start in country music more than 20 years ago as a songwriter with Glen Campbell's publishing company back in 1986. Three years later, he signed as Arista/Nashville's first country artist and with the release of his debut album "Here In The Real World" a year later, picked up an Academy of Country Music (ACM) Top New Male Vocalist award and a TNN/Music City News Song of the Year award for the album's title track.

In 2002, Jackson won multiple Country Music Association (CMA) awards for Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of Year, Album of the Year for "Drive," and Song of the Year with "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," for which

he also won a Grammy Award for Best Country Song of the Year in 2003. Jackson went on to capture a second consecutive year as CMA's Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, and Vocal Event of the Year, as well as ACM's Album of the Year and Video of the Year.

Jackson will be performing songs from his new album in addition to many of his greatest hits.

"Soboba Casino is committed to providing the finest entertainment anywhere in the region," Richard Kline, General Manager of Soboba Casino, said. "We are not only dedicated to putting on the best shows, we also want to offer a wide variety of performances that are sure to appeal to a broad array of audiences."

For more information and tickets, call Ticketmaster at (866) 448-7849 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. 



Alan Jackson

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13, 2pm and 7pm each day. Tickets: \$35 and include lunch or dinner. See article on page 9.

PAUL ANKA: May 2, 8pm. Tickets: \$49, \$69, \$89. See article on page 11.

DANIEL O'DONNELL: May 16, 8pm. Tickets: \$45, \$65, \$85. See article on page 11.

VELVET PALM NIGHT CLUB: Friday & Saturday nights. Located on the 12th Floor. Find yourself on a higher level of nightclubbing at the touch of a button. The Velvet Palm features hot DJs, plush seating, sensual lighting and an outdoor patio with fabulous views. So come up to the best place to get down in the Palm Springs area.

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EAGLE FALLS GOLF COURSE: (760) 238-5633. www.eaglefallsgolf.com. Located at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. 18-Hole, Par 72 Championship Course. Through December 25, Mon-Thur \$85, Fri-Sun & Holidays \$105, Twilight Mon-Thur \$65, Twilight Fri-Sun & Holidays \$85,

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Soboba joins in support of Ramona play

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians and Soboba Casino announced their continued sponsorship of The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre and its annual schedule of arts and entertainment programs. Located in Hemet, Ramona Bowl's 85th season begins Saturday, April 19, with the performance of the nation's longest running outdoor drama, "Ramona."

The play, based on Helen Hunt Jackson's popular 1884 novel, depicts the tragic romance of the Scottish/Native American Ramona and Native American Alessandro during the early history of California and the settlement of the San Jacinto Valley region. "Ramona" is one of Hemet's and the San Jacinto Valley's signature events, attracting over 10,000 visitors per year for just five performances. (EDITOR'S NOTE: See our article on page 16).

"We share in The Ramona Bowl's mission to enrich lives and the community through meaningful educational and entertainment programs," Soboba Tribal Chairwoman Rosemary Morillo said. "We also strongly believe in supporting venues that serve to promote tourism and culture within the region."

Additional 2008 sponsors include The James Irvine Foundation, County of Riverside, Mt. San Jacinto College, and KZSW TV 27 of Temecula.

For more information, including local discounts, a "Ramona" fourth-grader performance, complimentary Sunday performances of "Ramona" for Native Americans with ID, tickets and showtimes, visit www.ramonabowl.com or call toll free (800) 645-4465




Paul Anka performs at Fantasy Springs

His career has spanned over 50 years. He's recorded a staggering 125 albums and sold more than 15 million worldwide. His songbook contains 900 songs, which over 100 have been recorded by artists including Elvis Presley, Barbra Streisand, Linda Ronstadt and Robbie Williams. Now, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino hosts Paul Anka at the Special Events Center stage, Friday, May 2 at 8pm.

Born in Ottawa, Canada in 1941, Anka knew at an early age that he wanted to be an entertainer. At the age of 13, Anka put together a singing group, "The Bobbysoxers," and began to perform in the local clubs. By the time he was 15, Anka was in Los Angeles, trying to get a record deal. The following year, he headed to New York City and signed a contract with ABC-Paramount Records and went on to record his #1 hit, "Diana." The record sold over 10 million copies which launched Anka into teen idol stardom in 1957.

Over the years, Anka has remained active in the entertainment industry, recording his own hits and writing songs for other artists including, "My Way" for Frank Sinatra and "She's a Lady" for Tom Jones.

Tickets for this one-night performance are on sale at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino Box Office or by calling (760) 342-5000. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tickets.com or www.fantasyspringsresort.com.

Tickets are priced at \$89, \$69 and \$49. 

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CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA AND BANDA SAN JOSE DE MESILLAS: April 18, 7pm. Tickets from \$30.

DEF LEPPARD: April 27, 7pm. Tickets from \$55.

CINCO DE MAYO: Los Tucanes De Tijuana and Julio Preciado Y Su Band Perla Del Pacifico, May 4, 7pm. Tickets from \$30. See article on page 12.

ALAN JACKSON: May 16, 8pm. Tickets from \$45. See article on this page.

FRANKIE VALLI AND SMOKEY ROBINSON: May 23, 8pm. Tickets from \$45.

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JEM STEAKHOUSE: Live jazz with Mikole and Carrie, every Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 7-11pm and Sunday 6-9pm in the JEM Bar.

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Irish music superstar Daniel O'Donnell at Fantasy Springs

With sales of more than 7-and-a-half million records worldwide and 7 PBS-TV Specials aired to date, Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell brings his special blend of musical entertainment to Fantasy Springs Resort Casino's Special Events Center, Friday May 16, at 8pm.

A dream that began twenty years ago, Daniel O'Donnell spent his entire life's savings to produce his very first record, "My Donegal Shore." The song caught the attention of radio programmers in the United Kingdom, which led to a recording contract with Ritz Records. In 1987, O'Donnell's second album, "I Need You," debuted at #1 and set the stage for him to become one of the most popular singers in the world.

Some of O'Donnell's achievements include receiving an Honorary MBE from Queen Elizabeth and numerous World Music category award nominations. Critical acclaim has followed him to America as a reporter from the San Antonio Star wrote, "Irish superstar Daniel O'Donnell understands the deep connection between traditional Irish and American County music. I found the show homey and endearing."

Tickets for this one-night performance are on sale at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino Box Office or by calling (760) 342-5000. Tickets can be purchased online at www.tickets.com or www.fantasyspringsresort.com. Tickets are priced at \$85, \$65 and \$45. The concert is presented by KVCR-TV. 

Soboba hosts Cinco de Mayo show

Soboba Casino is turning up the heat with an incredible Cinco de Mayo show set to take stage Sunday, May 4 at 7pm.

Performing live will be Los Tucanes De Tijuana and Julio Preciado Y Su Banda Perla Del Pacifico, and Los Rieleros del Norte.

Earlier in the day, car aficionados can visit or compete in the 1st Annual Car Show at Soboba, with live entertainment, food and fun for the whole family, and cash prizes awarded to all car entry bests.


Los Tucanes de Tijuana hold the all-time record for most numbers on the Billboard/SoundsScan Hot Latin Tracks chart on a single issue by a Regional Mexican Act. For the past five years, the group has booked an average of 120 concerts per year with more than five million attendees enjoying their concerts.

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Julio Preciado y su Banda Perla de Pacifico



(Julio Preciado and his Pacific Pearl Band) is a banda singer hailing from Mazatlán, Mexico. His music is based on Norteño songs such as those of Los Cadetes de Linares, and sometimes includes accordions in addition to bass instruments. Julio Preciado was a former member of La Banda el Recodo and is a regular on the popular Mexican singing show "Cantando Por Un Sueño."

Tickets are \$30 for general admission, \$40 and \$50 reserved. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at (866) 448-7849 or visit ticketmaster.com. 



Soboba's Cinco de Mayo show also includes a car show earlier in the day.

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OLD SCHOOL REUNION III: April 5, 8pm.

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Master Gardeners will be in each garden to answer questions. The tour is self guided.

Attendees provide their own transportation, and you can begin the tour at any of the gardens and proceed at your own pace. Addresses and directions to the gardens are printed on the tickets.

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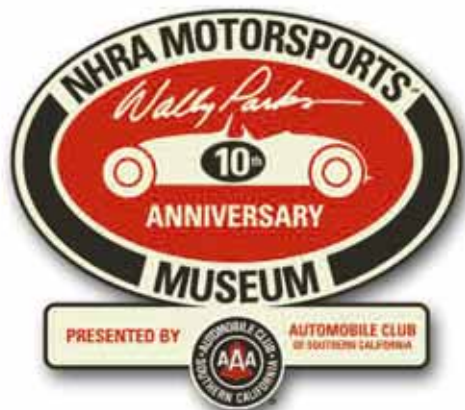
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Schedule of Events

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"Bakersfield: A Salute to the March Meet - 50 Years of Racing" - Through August

April

2 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night - 10th Anniversary of the Museum's opening - Admission Free

2 **New Exhibit:** 60th Anniversary of Hot Rod Magazine, through October

May

7 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night - Museum Admission Free

7 **New Exhibit:** Coker Tire/Honest Charley Anniversary: A Tribute to American Ingenuity. Exhibit celebrates Coker Tire's 50th anniversary and Honest Charley's 60th. Through Nov. 16

June

4 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night (Ladies' Night) - Museum Admission Free

13-15 6th Annual Holley NHRA National Hot Rod Reunion, Beech Bend Raceway Park, Bowling Green, Ky.

21 SAH Literature Faire 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Admission to Faire, Museum \$7

July

2 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night - Museum Admission Free

August

6 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night - Museum Admission Free

2 **New Exhibit:** Trophy Queens: a photo exhibit on the glamour girls of racing. Through August 2009

27 Prolong® Twilight Cruise Night - Museum Admission Free

27 **New Exhibit:** Ford Racing Tribute Honoring 60 Years of NASCAR. Through Mar. 1, 2009

September

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October

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10-12 17th Annual California Hot Rod Reunion presented by Automobile Club of Southern California, Bakersfield, CA

November

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14 Night of Champions: Auto Club Q&A with Pro Drivers - 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

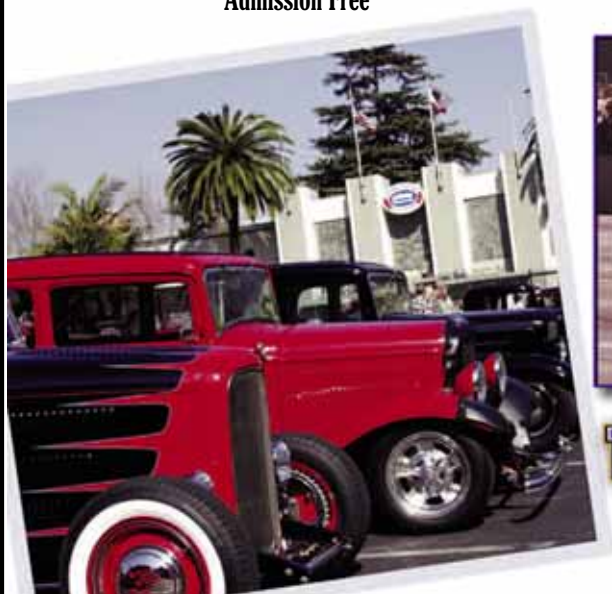
15 Racing Collectible Show, noon- 10 p.m. \$5 for adults, children under 12 free

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An illustration of Messenger in orbit.

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The smallest and least explored planet in our solar system is finally rising into the limelight. More information about A great deal of what we know about Mercury was discovered by NASA's Mariner 10 Mission. That was in the early 70's. It was not until 2004 that NASA launched the Messenger Mission to continue the exploration. Messenger makes three Mercury flybys before entering its orbit in 2011.

Attend a SkyQuest Public Program at Astronomy Village in Lake Arrowhead and learn more about the planets in our solar system, take a laser tour of the night sky, and visit the Robert Brownlee Observatory for a closer look into deep space. Programs scheduled for April include the following topics: "Spring Constellations," April 12 and "Stars to Star Dust," April 26. All programs begin at 7pm and end at 9pm.

For more information and tickets call (909) 336-1699 or visit www.mountain-skies.org. MASA Astronomy Village is located off State Hwy 18 next to Rim of the World High School.

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Time does fly and now after 31 years invested in the Champion Lumber Company in Riverside as Operations Manager, Dan Ferguson remembers he began his working years as a “clean-up boy.” Jim and his wife Susie live a quiet life in Nuevo, where they both enjoy various horse activities like team penning and horse camping.

Dan Ferguson plays Jim Farrar in the 85th Ramona Jubilee. This marks Dan’s second year in this historic play. He credits Bob Henry (Sheriff Merrill), Tom Morlan (Jim Farrar) and Gregg Wilder (Jake) for transferring their Ramona

involvement and commitment to him.

“Each and every one of them answered countless questions, helped me define my character (Yank Carter - 2007), helped me rehearse, convinced me to try out for Farrar (2008) and Tom even loaned me his veteran Ramona horse, Red, for certain scenes for the 85th Jubilee.”

Ramona, which depicts the cultural diversity of life in early California during the 1850’s, celebrates its 85th season this April and May in Hemet. Ramona is America’s Longest Running Outdoor Play and the State of California’s Official State Outdoor Drama.

The natural beauty of the amphitheatre is the backdrop for this historic tradition as 400+ cast members bring into being a classic love story



Ramona is, at its core, a love story between Alessandro and Ramona.

filled with cultural and historic relevance. Scripted by British playwright Garnet Home, from the 1884 novel written by Helen Hunt Jackson, Ramona captures hearts and minds with her tale of family, love, strength, honor and the forces that threaten to tear it all apart.

Realizing he was having trouble capturing the core of Jim Farrar, Dan consulted his sister, a psy-



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chologist. She helped him understand that Farrar is cocky, cares about no one, takes what he wants and feels any woman would be lucky to have him and most of all Jim Farrar fears no man and no God.

Dan took this characterization of Jim Farrar and with the help of fellow Ramona Cowboy Gregg Wilder (Jake) rehearsed weekends in December and January before auditioning for this pivotal role. Now Dan believes he has captured this evil character and can see and feel how terrified Debradawn (Ramona) is. He says it "makes him become meaner during their scenes together."

Don't be completely fooled by these serious thespians; the Ramona Cowboys are a sly group and it's not unusual for one cowboy to tie another cowboy to his saddle, or just happen to loosen another's saddle cinch. Procuring another's gun shells and replacing them with "empty" shells or stealing stirrups (believe it or not) forges long lasting friendships.


This year a new face will premier on the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre stage in the title role of Ramona. Debradawn Shockey has been cast in the starring role and Vincent

Whipple will return for his 10th season as Alessandro.

Armed with degrees in Theatre Arts and Fashion Design, Debradawn's costume design and acting credits are numerous. A five time Inland Theatre League Awards winner for excellence in acting and costume design, Shockey is also one of the founding members of the Murrieta Repertory Theatre.

Whipple holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Harvard and an M.A. in American Indian Studies from UCLA. He has completed post-graduate work at UCR in Dance History and Theory and Native American History.

Attend this season's Jubilee and you may find yourself sitting with Dan Ferguson's family. One of the five performances will have the entire Ferguson clan filling the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre seats. Dan's mother will be traveling from Washington to see her son's debut along with his brother, sister, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The 85th Jubilee season will include performance dates of April 19, 20, 26, 27 and May 3. Tickets and information are available at the box office, (800) 645-4465 and online at www.ramonabowl.com. 



(Above) Colorful costumes and a large cast of local actors are all a part of Ramona.

(Left) Dan Ferguson in character as Jim Farrar.

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Oliver is a high cost production because of the large number of characters required and, as a result, is not performed very often by professional theatre companies. This Charles Dickens tale of Fagin and his band of young pickpockets in early 1800's London is known throughout the world and the songs written for the musical, including "As Long as He Needs Me," "Consider Yourself," "Where is Love" and "Pick a Pocket or Two" have become well known standards.

All seats are reserved and tickets range in price from \$25 to \$52. For more information, call FCLO at (714) 879-1732 or go online to fclo.com.

EVENT GUIDE

Text in RED denotes an event occurring this month.

ARROWHEAD ARTS ASSOCIATION:

ConcertMaster Series with Alan Gampel, April 27, 4:30pm. Tickets: concert and dinner \$50, concert only \$20, children 4-16 free. (909) 337-4296. Lake Arrowhead Country Club, 250 Golf Course Rd., Lake Arrowhead.

ART HOP: April 18, 10am. Downtown Banning will feature galleries, art booths, food and more. Attendance is free. At Ramsey and Second St. in Banning.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: • Smoke on the Mountain, through April 6. • Buddy the Musical, April 11 through May 18. See article on page 21. • (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont. candlelightpavilion.com.

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO THEATRE: • Inland Empire Dance Series Spring Concert, April 19 at 8pm. • (909) 537-5884, theatre.csusb.edu.

CHAFFEY COLLEGE: Transitions '08, May 1-3, 7:30pm, May 4, 2pm. Celebrate the diversity of dance. Tickets: general \$12, student/senior/faculty/staff \$10. 5885 Haven Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. (909) 652-6067.

COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY

(CATS): Classic Tales Declassified, April 3-5, 9, 11-12, 7:30pm. April 5, 12, 1:30pm. Big

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ELSINORE'S EXTREME CUISINE FOR MUSIC:

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FULLERTON CIVIC LIGHT OPERA: Oliver, May 9-25. Tickets: \$25-\$52. See article on this page. At the Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton. (714) 879-1732. www.fclo.com.

INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL: April 4-6, at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Admission \$10. 10am-5pm. Free parking. inaidanwell-sartsfestival.com. (760) 346-0042.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE: • The BFG (Big Friendly Giant), April 11-26. Based on Roald Dahl's wickedly funny book about the friendship between a dreamblowing friendly giant and a little orphan named Sophie. Fridays 7pm, Saturdays 2pm and 7pm. Tickets: General \$18, senior \$16, youth \$12. • H.M.S. Pinafore, May 3, 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets: General \$32, senior \$30, youth \$26. • Beethoven's Wig, May 4. Zany lyrics performed to the greatest hits of classical music make for a family sing-along and a good time. • Jim Gamble Puppets: Carnival of the

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Buddy is the story of Buddy Holly who changed the face of popular music almost 50 years ago and tragically died in a plane crash at age 22. The musical tells the last few years of Buddy Holly's life and how he and his high-school friends, the Crickets, turned country music upside down and created a unique-style of sound which some called "the devil's music." From Buddy's frustrations at Decca Records to his success at the Apollo Theatre, Buddy artistically portrays the music and the man who forever



Brendan Robert Murphy
as Buddy Holly.

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Animals, May 7, 10am. Inspired by the musical score of Saint-Saens, this puppet program depicts the composer as a little boy creating imaginary animals. Tickets: \$8. • 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. (909) 477-2752.

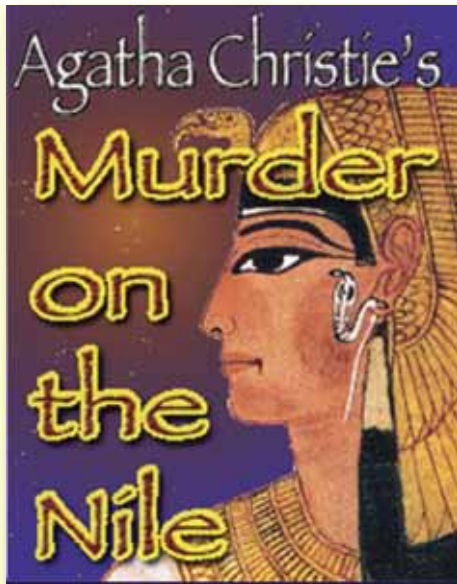
MCCALLUM THEATRE: Amateur Talent Competition performances, April 25, 7pm, April 26, 2pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$7, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$35. (760) 340-ARTS. mccallumtheatre.com. 73000 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER: • Jazz at the Merc, every Thursday, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15. Hosted by Sherry Williams. • Kathi L. Price artwork at the Gallery, through May 4. Gallery hours Wed.-Sun., Noon to 6pm. • Godspell, April 5, 8pm, April 5, 6, 2pm. Tickets: \$10, \$20, \$25. • An Evening with David Pack, smooth jazz and music concert series, April 11, 8pm. Tickets: \$38, \$48, \$55. • Cosi Fan Tutte, April 12, 7:30pm, April 13, 2pm. Tickets: \$15, \$18, \$20. • Thing to Thing to Thing, April 12, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$20. • Jump Rhythmn Jazz Project, dance series, April 18-19. Tickets: \$34 regular, \$30 senior, \$20 youth and student. • Sinatra Sings Again: Featuring Vic Leon, big band series, April 20. Tickets: \$36 regular, \$34 senior. • Leon Redbone, American roots music series, April 25. Tickets: \$20. • The Good Doctor (on the Mercantile Stage), April 26, 2pm and 7:30pm, April 27, 2pm. Tickets: \$15. • Del Sol String Quartet, classical music series, April 26. Tickets: \$30 regular, \$25 senior, \$12.50 youth and student, \$2.50 children. • Shake Rattle and Roll 2008, April 27, 2pm. Tickets: adults \$38, seniors/students \$36, children \$20. • (866) 653-8696, temeculatheater.org or www.temeculapresents.org. 42051 Main St., Old Town Temecula.

PASS CHORALE: Messiah, May 11, 2:30pm. Directed by Ernest Siva. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1320 W. Williams, Banning. Tickets: Adults \$15, seniors/students \$10. (951) 849-4676.

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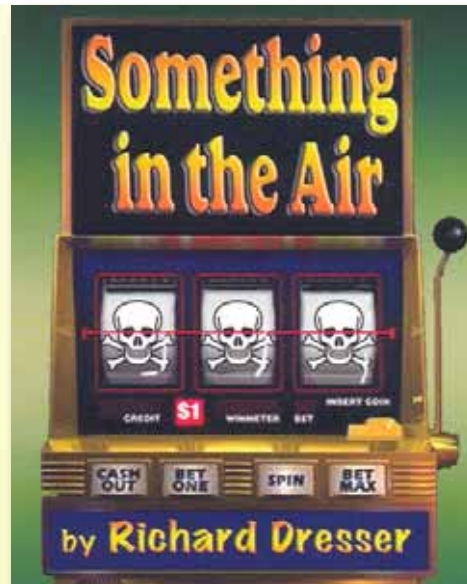


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Sinfonia Mexicana delivers annual mariachi concert

Sinfonia Mexicana presents its annual “Concierto Para Las Madres” at 7:30pm on May 10 at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th Street in San Bernardino. Headlining the concert is Grammy winner Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and introducing for the first time in the Inland Empire, Mariachi Cardenal de Stanford University.

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano

Mariachi Los Camperos has been one of the most popular mariachi ensembles in the United States for the past 46 years. Noted for its innovative shows and their distinction as a concert ensemble, Mariachi Los Camperos is one of four mariachi groups featured in Linda Ronstadt’s best selling album, “Canciones de Mi Padres (Songs of My Father),” as well as two subsequent albums.

Mariachi Los Camperos has appeared on two PBS-TV specials “In Performance at the White House” with Ronstadt and Aaron Neville, where they performed for President and Mrs. Clinton in 1996, and “Americanos,”



recorded at the Kennedy Center. The group is also featured in “Mexico, The Spirit of Mexico” hosted by Placido Domingo. The ensemble has recorded nine albums.

Nati Cano

Both a traditionalist and a visionary, Nati Cano has both mirrored and shaped the history

(Top)
Mariachi
Los
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Nati Cano.



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of mariachi music. Cano was born in 1933 into a family of mariachi musicians of Ahuiscolco, Jalisco, a small rural town much like many other west Mexican communities that gave life to mariachi tradition.


His career took him first to nearby Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, and then further away to Los Angeles, one of the most populous and influential cities of "greater Mexico." In Los Angeles, he and the group he founded and directed nearly 46 years ago, Los Camperos, emerged as a major driving force of the mariachi music tradition in the United States, and to a certain extent, in Mexico as well.

The repertoire Los Camperos played during the early years was a mix of older rhythms of the son jalisciense, songs from the 1950s and earlier and contemporary pieces marked by the more complex harmonies of American and Mexican commercial popular music. For the enduring hard-driving songs, the emotion-packed canciones was a great attraction.

Mariachi Cardenal de Stanford

Direct from prestigious Stanford University, Mariachi Cardenal was founded by student residents of Casa Zapata during the 1994-1995 school year. From its humble beginnings of a few members, the group has grown to over 20 members and is an integral element of the Chicano community at Stanford University. The group has evolved into a successful ensemble due to the guidance of professional mariachis from the Bay Area.

Mariachi Cardenal has performed at the annual Mariachi Festival in Tuscon, Arizona. Current members of the group include Stanford undergraduates, alumni and members of the extended Stanford community.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Sinfonia Mexicana office at (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-866-687-4284 or visit them at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th Street (between E and F streets) in San Bernardino. Prices are \$35 to \$65. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may also order your tickets through our website at www.sinfoniamexicana.com. 

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Buddy celebrates the music of Buddy Holly with some of his greatest hits including "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be the Day," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" and "Raining in my Heart."

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"Buddy is such an amazing show. The music is so wonderful and upbeat that you just want to get up and dance. The talent in this cast is so incredible as well. You not only have to find actors who sing and act like Buddy and the Crickets, but they have to play musical instruments at well. We are fortunate enough to have a cast that really knows this story and music and most of them have worked together on the show before," Director John LaLonde said.

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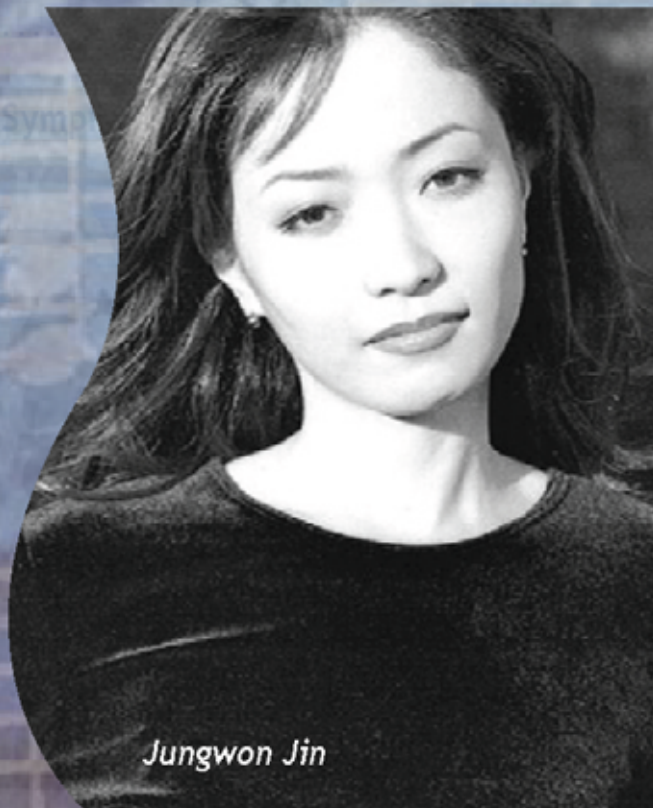
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ConcertMaster continues with Gampel

After the successful opening of the ConcertMaster Series of Sunday afternoon chamber music concerts, The Arrowhead Arts Association will present the second performance on April 27 at the Lake Arrowhead Country Club. The concert will feature the brilliant, international piano virtuoso, Alan Gampel, direct from Paris. Gampel will perform the Chopin Preludes, Op. 28, Ravel's "La Valse," and Aaron Copland's famous "Rodeo."

There will be a no-host bar at 4pm and the one-hour program will begin at 4:30pm. The concert will be followed by cocktails and dinner.

Born into an artistic family that includes the legendary harpsichordist Wanda Landowska, Alan Gampel made his debut playing Beethoven variations at age 7 at the Hollywood Bowl. He was honored with The Special Award in the Arts from UNICEF at age 8 and with the Presidential Scholars Award at the White House at age 16. He went on to graduate from Stanford University at 19 and then completed a graduate degree at the University of Southern California. In 1995, Alan Gampel received the coveted Chopin Prize at the Artur Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Israel.

Tickets for the concert and dinner are \$50 for adults, and must be purchased in advance. Tickets to the concert only are \$20. Children age 4 through high school are admitted free to all concerts. For concert tickets, call Noëlle Tinturin at (909) 337-4296. Make dinner reservations at the Lake Arrowhead Country Club, 250 Golf Course Road, Lake Arrowhead, at (909) 337-2441. For more information, call (909) 337-4296. 

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'Showtunes' kicks off 25th Performance Riverside anniversary

The 2008-2009 season marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of action, ambition, and accomplishment for Performance Riverside, the sole resident professional musical theatre company in the Inland Empire. "Sensational Showtunes II: Celebrating 25 Years" will inaugurate Performance Riverside's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration, the first of many events that will continue throughout the next year.

The fourth show in Performance Riverside's 2007-2008 Broadway Series, Sensational Showtunes II runs April 4 through April 13. It's a nostalgic look back at twenty-five seasons of musical theatre at Landis Performing Arts Center, and has become an annual tradition for Performance Riverside's performers and patrons.

Sensational Showtunes II features musical highlights from Performance Riverside's twenty-five years, including performances from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Camelot*, *Evita*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Grease*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *South Pacific*, and a special preview of Performance



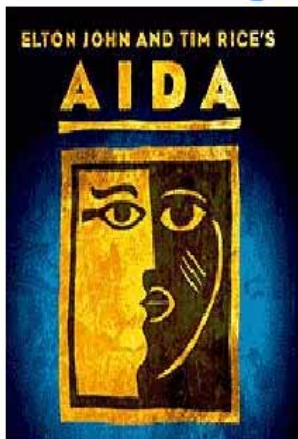
Riverside's Twenty Fifth Anniversary Season. Sensational Showtunes II is directed by award-winning directors and Performance Riverside favorites Gary Krinke and John Vaughan, and features Musical Director Scott T. Smith, with musical arrangements by Douglas Austin.

One can almost hear the history reverberate through the bricks inside Landis Performing Arts Center. Performance Riverside has produced or presented over two hundred productions, concerts and special events during the past quarter century. Performance Riverside,

then flying under the banner of Riverside Civic Light Opera, inaugurated its first full season in 1983-1984 with the Rodgers and Hammerstein favorite *South Pacific*, which guest starred Hollywood legend Dorothy Lamour in the role of Bloody Mary. The organization took on the name Performance Riverside in 1987 as it grew to produce and present a wider array of cultural events. Today, Performance Riverside is best known for its Broadway Series of musicals, featuring professional performers, live orchestras, a

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Riverside presents 'Hansel and Gretel'

Performance Riverside presents the California Theatre Center's production of Hansel and Gretel on May 3 at Landis Performing Arts Center. The performance is part of the Performance Riverside/Riverside Philharmonic 2008 Family Series of diverse programming especially chosen for young audience members to enjoy with the adults in their lives.



Hansel and Gretel performs May 1 at 2pm. Landis Performing Arts Center is located on the Riverside City College Campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue.

Single tickets are \$18 for reserved seating and \$10 for general admission. Specially priced Discovery Theatre weekday morning performances are also available on May 1 and 2 for school groups. For more information call (951) 222-8100, or visit www.performanceriverside.org. 

'Classic Tales Declassified' opens April 3

The Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) opens its 2008 season with the hilarious, original musical farce, "Classic Tales Declassified, Robin Hood and The Road To Oz." Villains, damsels in distress, men in tights, guys in dresses, swashbuckling heroes, are all played by two, very funny guys, Steve Cassling and Brian Adams, with an assist by Russ Lowery as Old Mother Hubbard. All of this hilarity will be underscored "live each night" by acclaimed theater organist Bob Salisbury.

Director and co-star Steve Cassling premiered the production at the Pasadena Playhouse several years ago, where it played as the holiday show for two consecutive years. Cassling has updated it for the Big Bear run, and says, "It's a fun, uproarious experience that you won't want to miss!"

Producer Karen Sargent Rachels said, "It's kind of 'Laugh-In' meets 'Into The Woods,' and there is something for everyone that adults and children of all ages will enjoy."

"Classic Tales" opens with a discount preview on April 3 at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, followed by 7 more performances on April 4, 5, 9, 11, and 12 at 7:30pm with 1:30pm matinees on April 6 and 13. In furthering CATS' mission statement of providing quality, affordable live theater to the Big Bear Valley, tickets range in price according to dates and location: Adults: \$9.95 - \$22.95; Seniors: \$8.95 - \$20.95; Under 18: \$6.95 - \$15.95.

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PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: • Sensational ShowTunes II, First Broadway Memories, April 4-13, evening performances at 8pm, weekend afternoon performances at 2pm. Enjoy Broadway hits that have drawn generations into a life-long love affair with musical theatre. Tickets \$24, \$29, \$36, \$42. • American Ideal, April 6, 2pm. Angel Blue sings selections from Broadway and Grand Opera and more. Reserve section \$18, general \$10. At the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. • Hansel and Gretel, May 3, 2pm. Tickets: \$10, \$18. • Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

85TH ANNUAL RAMONA: April 19, 20, 26, 27, May 3. America's longest running outdoor drama. In Hemet. (800) 645-4465, ramonabowl.com.

REDLANDS SYMPHONY: Beloved Brahms, April 12, 8pm, April 13, 3pm. Conductor Jeff Rickard. Tickets: \$15-\$60. At the University of Redlands

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Hemet Community Concert Association Presents

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Players make 'Murder on the Nile'

Most honeymoons are exciting and romantic, but in the hands of the world's most popular mystery writer, newlywed bliss can turn dangerous and deadly. To see whodunit join the delighted audiences at Riverside Community Players when they enjoy Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile," playing through April 13.

Agatha Christie's 1946 play, based on her 1937 novel, takes place aboard a paddle steamer as it leisurely heads up the Nile. Simon and Kay Mostyn board the vessel for their honeymoon trip, but instead of building romantic memories, they find themselves fending for their lives. When the trip turns deadly for the newlyweds, there is no lack of suspects, since every one of their fellow passengers nurses a grudge against the couple. By the time the boat reaches its destination, the bride's guardian, Canon Pennefather, has laid bare an audacious conspiracy.

At the production's helm is multi-award-winning director Patricia Boyer McQuillan, who is known in the region for her unique approach and skillful handling of serious dramas. Last season, she directed Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge," and garnered Inland Theatre League and RCP Scotty Awards for her directing efforts. When asked what motivated her to direct a mystery, she confided, "What really drew me to this particular piece is that all the women have very powerful personalities. They're very strong. Even the female servant is independent. In fact, in almost all cases they are stronger than the men. Except, one woman does have a serious flaw."

In theatrical circles, choosing the right actors is often considered to be half of the director's job, and McQuillan recognizes that she "gets lucky with casting." In this production, she pulled together some talented newcomers as well as some of the Inland Empire's most accomplished thespians.

Leading the cast are the newlyweds, Simon and Kay, played by Napoleon Tavale and Erin Perets. Every step the couple takes is dogged by Simon's sultry ex-girlfriend Jackie, portrayed by Rhiannon Cowles, who won RCP's Scotty Award for Best Supporting Actress last season.

The other suspects include Riverside residents Ann DeWolfe as the stuffy matron, Milenda Anne Denholtz as her put-upon niece, Michael Truelock as the socialist iconoclast, Bill Hoag as the German doctor, Alberto Monge as the ever-present ship steward, and Ray Felix and Richard "Curly" Puckett as the relentless bead sellers. Both Jennifer Gutierrez, who plays the French maid, and Kevin Bray of Corona, who portrays Canon Pennefather, earned ITL Awards for their roles in RCP productions last season ("Smell of the Kill" for Gutierrez and "London Suite" for Bray).

In addition to a stellar cast and director, Riverside Community Players has put together a top-notch production team. Mario Lopez serves as technical director, creating a paddle steamer observation deck that makes the audience members feel like they are sailing up the Nile right along with the passengers. "We were excited to see what we could do, what fun we could have, in creating a real sense of the river, and the era, through sound effects and music," McQuillan said.

Carol Fick of Riverside serves as the assistant to the director for the production. Dona Sisk and Win Carey, both of Riverside, are in charge of creating props and costumes for the production, respectively.


The performance really moves along with short scene changes and an exciting second act. "My primary goal is to keep the show as suspenseful and secretive as possible," McQuillan said. "I want the audience to leave saying 'I never would have guessed it.'"

For ticket reservations and information, call the Riverside Community



All is not as it seems in Riverside Community Players' "Murder on the Nile."

Players' box office at (951) 686-4030 or go online to www.riversidecommunityplayers.com. The box office is open Monday-Saturday, 6pm-8pm and Sunday, 12pm-2pm, throughout the run of the show. Tickets are \$15. There is no late seating, and no children under 5 years of age are admitted.

The Riverside Community Playhouse is located at 4026 14th Street in Riverside, between Magnolia and Brockton. 

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Redlands Shakespeare Festival Presents 2008 Season of Power

Comic cross-dressing, mystical witchcraft, and one of the greatest love stories in history will come to life on stage of the Redlands Bowl May 8 through May 25, when the California Heart and Surgical Hospital presents the Redlands Shakespeare Festival 2008 Season of Power.



The 2008 Season of Power, presented by the Redlands Cultural Arts Commission, will feature productions of "Twelfth Night," "Macbeth," and "Antony and Cleopatra," as well as a university lecture series and educational workshops. The


fourth annual season celebrates the feminine power of some of the Bard's most famous leading ladies and their enchanting tales.

Performances will be held at 8pm, Thursday through Sunday evenings, at the Redlands Bowl outdoor amphitheatre in Smiley Park. Pre-show lectures will be held at 6:30pm Thursday evenings. Workshops will be held Saturday afternoons in the Assembly Room of the Smiley Library.

Productions will be presented in classical style using a traditional period look and will be directed by Company Director Rhesa Richards, Artistic Director Steven Sabel, and Company Director Eric Tucker. The cast will feature more than 40 actors who form the season's repertory company. Set designs will transform the Bowl into the coastal country of Illyria, a Scottish castle, and the exotic realms of Egypt and Rome. Special effects, major props, and specialty lighting will help create the vastly different worlds found in three of the Bard's great classics. Costumes will present appropriate period clothing, and the large cast will fill the stage of the Redlands Bowl.

Lectures will feature university professors and educators presenting themes connected to the three productions. Workshops will feature an opportunity to meet with Festival Company members to learn about the actor's process, costuming, stage combat, and the debate over the true authorship of the plays attributed to William Shakespeare.

All activities are presented to the public free of charge, with free-will offerings collected at performance intermissions.

For more information, go online to www.redlandsshakespearefestival.com or call (909) 335-7377. 

Coro Hispano Sings California History

To end their 35th season with a flourish, Hemet Community Concert Association will present Coro Hispano de San Francisco in a program of 18th and 19th century music from California's historic missions and ranchos.

The 32 singers and instrumentalists will perform *Música Festiva de las Misiones*, under the direction of Juan Pedro Gaffney Rivera. Fans of the Ramona Outdoor Play will recognize some of this music, including *La Golondrina*, although transformed by the exquisite arrangements and polished performances.



Hemet Community Concert Association (HCCA) is one of thirteen performing arts presenters and churches throughout California participating in this special thematic touring project.

"We could never have managed to bring this extraordinary presentation to Hemet without very generous support from the California Arts Council and the Diamond Valley Arts Council," HCCA President Diane Mitchell said. "We are promoting this concert in cooperation with the Ramona Outdoor Play. This has been a truly collaborative effort."

Since Coro Hispano is the last concert of HCCA's current season, it is offered as a free bonus to new subscribers for the 2008-09 Season. Additionally, those who subscribe before April 19 will receive a voucher for one free admission to the 85th Jubilee of the Ramona Outdoor Play.

HCCA's 2008-09 Season includes the Brazilian Guitar Quartet, Chatham Baroque, Nyaho/Garcia Piano Duo, La Catrina Sting Quartet, and a return appearance by the popular Woods Tea Company. Five-concert subscriptions are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students; children 16 and under are always admitted free of charge.

Concerts take place on Sunday afternoons at the First Southern Baptist Church of Hemet. For more information, call (951) 927-1775 or visit www.hemetconcerts.org.

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Memorial Chapel, 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands. (909) 748-8018.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: • Murder on the Nile, through April 13. Evenings at 8pm, matinee at 2pm. Tickets \$15. • 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030. riversidecommunityplayers.com.

RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: April 11-20 at Regal Cinemas, Riverside Plaza, 3535 Riverside Plaza Dr. Tickets: general \$8, student/senior \$5, all week film pass \$100, general admission 10 tickets \$45. riversidefilmfest.org. (951) 682-4456.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: Aida, May 8, 9, 16, 17, 7:30pm. May 8, 10am (outreach performance). May 17, 2pm. May 18, 3pm. Tickets: \$12 general, \$6 outreach performance. See article on page 27. Wallace Theatre, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY: Performance of the Masters: Piano soloist Jungwong Jin, May 17, 8:15pm. California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino. (909) 381-5388.

SINFONIA MEXICANA: May 10, 7:30pm, *Concierto Para Las Madres*, Mother's Day concert. Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65. At the California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th St., San Bernardino.

THEATRICAL ARTS INTERNATIONAL: • Cats, April 4, 8pm, April 5, 2pm and 8pm. Tickets: \$38.50-\$75. • The Music Man, April 24-25, 8pm, April 26, 2pm and 8pm, April 27, 2pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$38.50-\$75. • California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 West Fourth St., San Bernardino. (909) 885-5152.

UNTAME DIVERSITY IN CULTURES: Artist showcase at the Fontana Art Depot, through June 20. Artist reception April 5, 5-7pm. 16822 Spring St., Fontana. (909) 356-7184. See article on page 27.

WHITE PARK MUSIC SERIES: Free music series on Sundays held at White Park in Riverside, 3901 Market St. Starts May 18, 1:30pm, with reggae band Beyond Rhythm. See article on page 27. (951) 341-6550. www.riversidedowntown.org. 

Reggae Band 'Beyond Rhythm' Kicks off White Park Music Series

By Natasha Ferguson

The "Live at White Park" Sunday Music Series is a free community event hosted by Riverside Downtown Partnership and Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department featuring some of the hottest local musical talents in the Inland Empire. The 2008 Live at White Park concert series offers something for everyone, with a lineup of music from a variety of different genres of music.



Sunday afternoons in the spring is a perfect time to come out and enjoy a sunny afternoon of free live music

in the beautiful surroundings of White Park, located at 3901 Market St. in downtown Riverside. The series kicks off on May 18 from 1:30 to 3:30pm with the rhythmic and hypnotic beats of Riverside's popular reggae group, "Beyond Rhythm."

Beyond Rhythm is a six-piece band that was formed 8 years ago based out of Riverside. Band members include: Benjamin "Bjah" Cook on lead vocals, Will Cannell on keyboard, Aaron Barrier on lead guitar, Ishmael Hall on bass, and Mike Wynn on drums. Their music is soulful and uplifting with influences from all styles of reggae music with a conscious roots message.

This concert is sponsored in part by Word of Mouth Reggae Store located at 3976 Market St. in downtown Riverside (wordofmouthreggae.com).

After the May 18 performance, the next two concerts in this Sunday music series are scheduled for Sunday, June 8 and 22 both at White Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blanket or chair for the lawn. For more information call (951) 341-6550 or visit www.RiversideDowntown.org.

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full complement of stage technicians, and a full time production and administrative staff.

Rey O'Day, Producing Artistic Director, observed that "Working with Performance Riverside has been a constant reaffirmation in my belief in the art of the possible. When you have such talented and dedicated performers, and an equally faithful and loyal audience, the possibili-

Artist showcase displays eclectic mix

The City of Fontana presents the Artist Showcase of the Quarter this month, Untamed Diversity in Cultures, featuring Southern California artists, Lisa Cabrera, Susan Hoskinson, Tracy Pritchard, and Lucien Van Oosten, also known collectively as the Shameless Self-Promoters. The showcase of mixed genres and talents brings a wealth of wisdom and abilities to the Fontana Art Depot, 16822 Spring Street, where selected pieces will be displayed through Friday, June 20.

The popular Family Art Day, a fun-filled event where residents enjoy live entertainment, crafts, and are introduced to the artists, will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 3 to 5pm.

Untamed Diversity in Cultures features a group of talented artists who have a combined lifetime of artistic experiences that are evidenced in their collection which includes paintings, sculptures, and tile work. The artists have been working together for the past year, showing their talent at various galleries throughout Southern California. They are quickly being recognized as a dynamic group who will impress any crowd.

"The work was as eclectic as the artists themselves and I guarantee anyone who attends one of our shows will not be disappointed in what is being presented," show coordinator Lucien Van Oosten said as he describes one of their showcases.

Family Art Day will feature the band "Island Rhythms," hands-on art activities, food, and artist demonstrations followed by an artist showcase.

For more information, call the Art Depot Gallery at (909) 356-7184.



"Dragon," one of the pieces comprising the Fontana Artist Showcase Untamed Diversity in Cultures.

Riverside Youth Theatre presents AIDA

AIDA is a modern adaptation of the classic Verdi opera, with a pop, rock and gospel music update written by the creative team of Elton John and Tim Rice. Riverside Youth Theatre is the first community theatre in the Riverside area to perform this musical which was the hit of the 2000 Broadway season, winning four Tony Awards.

Performances of Aida will be held at the Wallace Theater, on the campus of California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside, May 8-18. Seating is reserved with tickets at \$12 each. An outreach performance is offered on May 8 at 10am with tickets for this performance at \$6 each.

Riverside Youth Theatre is in its ninth season of providing fun, family-friendly entertainment for the Inland Empire. The company is distinctive in providing a quality theatrical experience, offers an elementary and teen division, no waiting lists and is affordable.

For more information view Riverside Youth Theatre's website at www.RiversideYouthTheatre.org or call (951) 756-4240.

ties are unlimited. Look for Performance Riverside to continue its service to the theatergoers of the Inland Empire for the next twenty-five years, and beyond."

Sensational Showtunes II features cast Members Orlando Alexander, Stephanie Bell, Zane Gerson, Renee Jensen, Michael Lopez, Danny Michaels, Jamie Senesac, and Amber Thompson.

The Landis Performing Arts Center is located

on the Riverside City College campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Performances for Sensational Showtunes are April 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 8pm, and April 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 2pm. Tickets are \$24, \$29, \$36, and \$42. A specially priced "Discovery Theatre" performance for school and senior groups is also available on April 11 at 10 am. For more information and to purchase tickets contact the Landis Box Office at (951) 222-8100, or purchase online at www.performanceriverside.org.

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Diversity in dance at Chaffey

The Chaffey College Dance Department presents its annual spring dance concert choreographed by faculty, student choreographers, and guest performers celebrating the diversity of dance with a high energy mix of jazz, ballet, contemporary ballet and modern dance, tap, hip hop, musical theatre, and salsa. With a cast of over forty dancers, this year's concert, Transitions '08, will prove to be a dynamic and exciting performance that offers a bit of everything for everyone with a well-paced range of dance styles.

Michele Jenkins, the artistic director of the production, choreographed eleven of the dance works including a Beatles medley mixing humor and satire with fantasy and social commentary; excerpts from the musicals Cabaret and Saturday Night Fever; a contemporary ballet with a flurry of kaleidoscopic design and high energy performed to music by Phillip Glass; a swing dance extravaganza to the popular Zoot Suit Riot; an avant garde piece featuring music from Joni Mitchell; and a high-powered jazz dance with music from Prince.

From Coye Dahlstrom, Chaffey tap instructor, comes a classic blues tap piece featuring music from the legendary blues artist, John Lee Hooker. B.J. Brasier, Chaffey hip hop instructor, bases his hip hop/popping and locking piece from Fritz Lang's Metropolis with music by Daft Punk. Brandon J's ultra energetic hip hop showcases a mixture of LA and down South styles. Modern dance instructor Kirsten Johansen presents a vanguard piece highlighting a tribe of women set in a post-apocalyptic world. Student choreographers add to the mix with modern dance pieces exploring human relationships by JoJo Mrgich and Andrew Palomares, and an expressive contemporary jazz piece from Jennifer and Lisa Burton. Guest artists include Jo Quinones, Chaffey social dance instructor, performing salsa with her regional dance company, Afeenix; artists from the Inland Pacific Ballet Academy; and solo dance artist Liane Adamo.

Transitions '08 runs May 1, 2, and 3 at 7:30pm and May 4 at 2pm. Chaffey College is located at 5885 Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 student/senior, \$10 Chaffey faculty/staff, and groups are \$10. Call Chaffey College box office at (909) 652-6067 for ticket information and purchases. 





20 feet of snow means April tubing in Big Bear

by Marcus Dietz

Even as spring arrives, there's still plenty of time, and more importantly, snow, to catch the best winter season in years at Big Bear's two snow play areas. Both Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain and Big Bear Snow Play are reporting huge snow base depths on their inner tubing hills, up to 20 feet in some places, ensuring there will be winter sliding well into April.

It's been a great season for natural snow and both areas continue to operate their powerful Lenko snowmaking fan guns to ensure guests enjoy the best possible conditions. Families who planned on making a trip to the mountains to play in the snow find spring is the perfect time to enjoy a little winter, with longer days, blues skies, warmer temperatures and still tons of snow.


Getting to the top of all the snow is easy in Big Bear, thanks to Magic Carpet uphill lifts at both tubing hills. Just step on the moving conveyor belts after each twisting, turning tube trip and ride back to the top for the next. No climbing up lets even the youngest riders get in all the runs they can handle. The carpets at both hills are encased in clear Plexiglass covers that keep falling snow off and make the ride back up warmer.

Big Bear Snow Play was at one time the Rebel Ridge ski hill and presents the longest inner tubing runs in Southern California. Alpine Slide, in addition to offering regular downhill runs, is also home of the famous "Snake," a twisting, serpentine descent of high-banked turns that whip riders back and forth.

Heated base lodges with paved parking, family-priced snack bars, video games and clean restrooms complete the tubing experiences at Big Bear Snow Play and Alpine Slide. Both are open daily for inner tubing from 10am to 4pm and all-day passes, which include tube rental and use of the Magic Carpet lift, are \$22.

Alpine Slide offers night tubing sessions from 5-9pm Fridays and Saturdays. Tubing under the stars is a unique experience as guests slide through the shadows, and the snow, freshly groomed after the day session, gets faster and slicker as the night goes on.

Alpine Slide is also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name, on which riders aboard individually-controlled sleds get a taste of Olympic bobsledding during descents down quarter-mile tracks filled with long straightaways and banked turns.

Big Bear Snow Play is on Big Bear Blvd. three miles east of Alpine Slide next to Motel 6. For more information, call (909) 585-0075. Alpine Slide is 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area. For more information, call (909) 866-4626. 






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National Orange Show Festival approaches

The National Orange Show Events Center announced the theme for the 93rd Annual National Orange Show Festival: "The Way We Were." The Festival, scheduled for May 22 -26, aims to remind the residents of the San Bernardino area of great traditions and entertainment. Since 1911, The National Orange Show was conceived with the purpose of serving as an exhibit where citrus growers could display their choicest fruits. With the help of The Orange Conservancy, the Festival will continue its dedication to citrus as displays return to the 93rd Annual Orange Show Festival.


"It is heart warming to bring back the nostalgia of 'the good 'ol days.' I think people need that," Steve Henthorn, Director of Operations at The National Orange Show, said. "We will continue to keep the event safe and entertaining for the entire community."

One of the Festival's most exciting additions is a number of tribute bands that will be performing throughout the week. Groups doing cover songs from The Eagles, ABBA, Johnny Cash, Led Zepplin, Aerosmith, and more will cover the fairgrounds with the sound of nostalgia.

The 2008 National Orange Show Juried

Art Exhibition will continue to display the wide variety of styles found among California artists. Other special attractions for the public include the Great American Petting Zoo and Farmyard Follies. The livestock will also be back this year. Rocket's K-9 Comets Frisbee Dog Show returns with six of the world's best Frisbee dogs. Along with elephants and high dive shows, children can also enjoy Kid's Town USA, which is an area devoted entirely to children.

Parents and adults can experience wine tasting from some of the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition's award winners. Local jazz groups will also be at the Festival to perform and entertain the crowd. New within recent years are the Miss National Orange Show and Miss Teen National Orange Show scholarship pageants. Fourth-grade students have an opportunity to show off their curriculum studies with the display of mission projects, a segment of the National Orange Show Events Center's school involvement program.

The National Orange Show Events Center is located at 689 South "E" Street in San Bernardino, and open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. For more information call (909) 888- 6788. 

Planes of Fame Air Show

"Wings and the Silver Screen" will be the theme of the County of San Bernardino Planes of Fame Air Show 2008 at the Chino Airport, May 17-18. Planes of Fame Air Museum will highlight the use made of its aircraft in various movie and television productions over the years.

Gates for the show open at 8am. General admission is \$20, youngsters 5 to 11 will be admitted for \$5, and admission is free for children under five. Parking is free. Advance discount tickets are available online at www.planesoffame.org until May 9. Advance discount tickets can also be obtained in person from the museum's gift shop until May 16. Advance tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$4 for youngsters 11 and under. For more information call (909) 597-3722 or visit the museum's website.



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Sports Center delivers Kentucky Derby action

The most coveted title in sports, The Triple Crown of horse racing, is rapidly approaching, with the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby on May 3. The biggest purse ever, \$2 million, makes this year's race more exciting and richest ever, as three-year-old horses from around the world compete for this year's title and set them on their way to possible Triple Crown history.

The Sports Center at the National Orange show is making all the preparations for the May 3rd event. The setting is fantastic for novice and seasoned horse players, with new projection screens and new betting terminals throughout the 52,000 sq ft structure that's dedicated to horse racing.


For the Kentucky Derby, there will be a 7am opening, and special feature with professional Las Vegas handicapper Bruce Finkelstein, who will give his personal insights at a 9am seminar. Normal opening at the Sports Center is 10:15am, but the early opening shows the impact of this major event.

"The Fans at the Sports Center always enjoy Bruce," Sports Center Manager Larry Jacobsen said. "We're very fortunate to have him here for all three of the Triple Crown events, including the Preakness Stakes on May 17 and the Belmont Stakes on June 7, when Bruce will hold his seminars at 9:30am. Bruce has been very generous with his time, so that the racing fans from our area can really glean the nuggets from his wealth of racing knowledge. Everyone can benefit from hearing him, novice and experienced horse players alike."

Being the largest OTB (Off Track Betting) facility in the State that's not adjacent to a live track, the NOS Sports Center is now in its 21st year. The Kentucky Derby is billed as the "Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." This is the principal race for three-year-old horses and it's only the beginning as the winner of this race will then be challenged to win the next two Triple-Crown events, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes. But to see the mighty athletics and their jockeys can't be measured at home, you really have to see it on the huge ten-foot

screens at the Sports Center, where you can almost feel every hoof beat.

It's been 30 years since any horse has won all three contests; 1978 with Affirmed, and the 1973 winner, Secretariat, was the last before him.

War Pass, Pyro, Colonel John, Denis of Cork, Georgie Boy, Visionaire and Texas Wild Catter are currently in the pack for this year's Derby, but you have to be at the Finkelstein Seminar, and get a bet down on your choice at the Sports Center, to cheer home your selection. 



Pet Expo returns to OC Fairgrounds

The 19th annual America's Family Pet Expo returns to the OC Fair and Events Center in Costa Mesa, on April 11, 12 and 13. As the world's largest consumer pet show, more than 70,000 people are expected to attend.


The fun-filled event presents more than 1,000 animals in stage shows, competitions and demonstrations. The Pet Expo also offers consumers access to pet products at show special pricing, interaction with top animal experts, participation in pet adoptions and the opportunity to experience hands-on interaction with animals from all walks of life.

America's Family Pet Expo is presented by the World Wide Pet Industry Association, Inc. (WWPIA), a 56-year-old nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting responsible pet care.

America's Family Pet Expo will showcase nearly 100 breeds of dogs,



hundreds of cats and birds, fish, llamas, reptiles, pigs, rats, mice, rabbits, miniature horses and exotic animals. In addition, numerous animal clubs, organizations, breeders and pet rescue groups invite the public to hold, pet and learn all about their animals.

The OC Fair and Events Center is located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. Event hours are Friday, 10am-6pm; Saturday, 10am-7pm, and Sunday, 10am-6pm. General admission is \$12. Children ages 6 to 12 can get in for \$6, and children 5 and under are free. The admission price for seniors 60 and older is \$10. Parking is free. To download discount coupons, visit www.PetExpoOC.com. For more information, call (800) 999-7295. 

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ASTRONOMY VILLAGE: The Village is located at 2001 Observatory Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead.

BOOMERS: In Upland. Miniature Golf Courses, Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Rock Wall, Ferris Wheel, Spinning Tubs, Airplane Ride, Tiny Tot Cars, Bounce House, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 985-1313.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Free family event in downtown Riverside, at the museums and library, with hands-on activities. Held on the first Sunday of each month. Admission is free. Event runs from 1pm to 4pm.

FIESTA VILLAGE: Has two miniature golf courses, race cars,


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Riverside County Regional Medical Center holds Kids Health and Safety Fair

Teach your kids about safety, and have a good time doing it! The Riverside County Regional Medical Center will hold its 10th Annual Kids Health and Safety Fair on May 10, from 9am to 2pm, at the Mission Grove Plaza in Riverside. This free community event features health and safety education, injury prevention materials, and information on services available to the residents of Riverside County.

Activities include free fingerprinting, live entertainment and demonstrations. Also, children from Kindergarten age through 12th grade can receive a free health screening.

Emergency vehicles will also be on display for kids to check out, always a pleaser!

Families are encouraged to come and enjoy the day. Mission Grove Plaza is at 321 E. Alessandro Blvd., between I-215 and Trautwein, in Riverside. For more information, call the RCRMC Public Relations Office at (951) 486-4213. 



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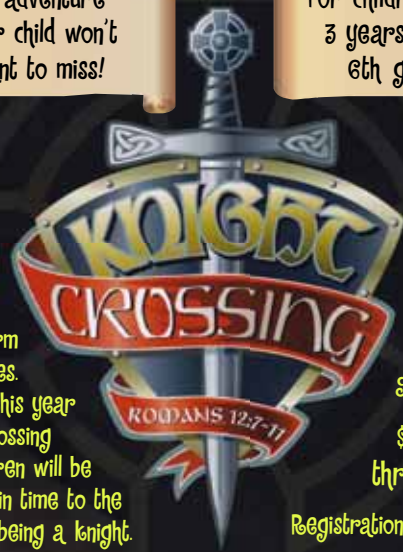
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KIDS HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR: May 10, 9am-2pm, at Mission Grove Plaza in Riverside. Hosted by the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, the fair promotes health and safety education for kids with fun, hands-on activities. See article on page 32. 321 E. Alessandro Blvd., between I-215 and Trautwein. (951) 486-4213.


LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE: • The BFG (Big Friendly Giant), opens April 11. Based on Roald Dahl's wickedly funny book about the friendship between a dreamblowing friendly giant and a little orphan named Sophie. • H.M.S. Pinafore, May 3, 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets: General \$32, senior \$30, youth \$26. • Beethoven's Wig, May 4. Zany lyrics performed to the greatest hits of classical music make for a family sing-along and a good time. • Jim Gamble Puppets: Carnival of the Animals, May 7. Inspired by the musical score of Saint-Saens, this puppet program depicts the composer as a little boy creating imaginary animals. • 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. (909) 477-2752.

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: Hansel and Gretel, May 3, 2pm. Tickets: \$10, \$18. Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: Aida, May 8, 9, 16, 17, 7:30pm. May 8, 10am (outreach performance). May 17, 2pm. May 18, 3pm. Tickets: \$12 general, \$6 outreach performance. See article on page 27. Wallace Theatre, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

STORYTIME FOR THE VERY YOUNG: • Bouncing Babies Storytime is an interactive storytime for parents and their pre-toddlers (ages 1 to 23 months). Mondays at 10am at the Rancho Cucamonga Cultural Center Paul A. Biane Library and Thursdays at 10am at the Archibald Library. • Toddler Time, a storytime for children 24 to 35 months and their caregivers, introduces young children to stories presented in a group setting while in the lap of parental security. Thursdays at 11am at the Archibald Library and Fridays at 10am at the Paul A. Biane Library. • The Archibald Library is located at 7368 Archibald Avenue and the Paul A. Biane Library is located in the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at 12505 Cultural Center Drive. (909) 477-2720. www.rcpl.ca.us.

SUMMER SPLASH: A summer kids adventure program at the Grove Community Church, July 7-11, 9am to Noon. Cost is \$25 per child. 19900 Grove Community Dr., Riverside. (951) 571-9090 x2425. See article on page 33.

For more fun events, see the *What To Do* section on page 36. 

'Big Friendly Giant' in Rancho

Rancho Cucamonga's MainStreet Theatre Company presents *The BFG* (The Big Friendly Giant) at the Lewis Family Playhouse, located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, in Rancho Cucamonga. The production begins April 11 and continues through April 26, (no show April 18).

Adapted from Roald Dahl's wickedly funny book, the show runs Fridays at 7pm and Saturdays at 2pm and 7pm. The BFG is the last show of the MainStreet Theatre Company's second season.

When orphan Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant, she fears that he is going to eat her. But this is no ordinary giant. Soon the BFG and Sophie are mixing a dream fit for a queen – the Queen of England, no less – as they team up to save the world's children from being eaten by the other fierce and vicious giants. This production is filled with whimsical nonsense language and set in a wonderful theatrical landscape.


The BFG is aimed for children ages 5 and up; however, adults will be charmed by the story and impressed with the high quality of the acting and the production values, for which the MainStreet Theatre Company is quickly becoming known. The adaptation is by London based playwright David Wood, dubbed "the national children's dramatist" by Irving Wardle in *The London Times*. Mr. Wood, author of more than forty plays for young audiences, was awarded the title of O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2004 for his work in the field of children's theatre.

The BFG will be directed by Marya Mazor who is a veteran of regional theatre, Off-Broadway, and Off – Off Broadway. Ms.

Mazor is a past recipient of the NEA/TCG (National Endowment of the Arts/Theater Communications Group) Career Development Program for Directors. Her work has been seen on stages from Berkeley to New York City, and she is currently on staff at the Disneyland resort, directing everything from stage shows to corporate events.

As with previous MainStreet Theatre Company shows, an outstanding professional cast has been assembled to bring this beloved book to life. The acting company is led by Broadway veteran Herschel Sparber as the BFG, and recent London transplant Kate Hollinshead as orphan Sophie. The ensemble of mean giants and the other inhabitants of this idiosyncratic world consist of Alison Blanchard, Kathleen M. Darcy, David Ross Paterson, Stephen G. Reynolds, and Tracy Thomas.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga created the MainStreet Theatre Company in 2006 to provide imaginative productions specifically for children, school groups, and families. To date, over 20,000 children and families have attended a production. An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the 3-acre, 89,000 squarefoot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center.

The Box Office is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 6pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 6pm, with free parking available. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$16 for seniors, and \$12 for youth (12 and under). 


Fiesta Village expands attractions

Have you been to Fiesta Village Family Fun Park in Colton lately? The park has made lots of big changes. Patrons can get their wheels rolling at Fiesta Skate, the Inland Empire's only outdoor skating rink. At the park's newest adventure, Animaland, guests get to choose the animal of their choice, stuff him, select an outfit and dress him, name him and take him home. For the thrill-seekers, Fiesta Village has added another carnival ride: Bogey's Tilt-a-Whirl. Fiesta Village is located at 1405 E. Washington St. For more information, call (909) 824-1111 or visit www.FiestaVillage.com.

Summer Splash kids' adventure

Send your kids on a summer adventure at the Grove Community Church with their Summer Splash kids program. Summer Splash is for children ages 3 years to the 6th grade (fall 2008). This week-long event will feature the theme Knight Crossing, where children will be taken back in

time to the chivalry of being a knight.

Summer Splash runs July 7 – 11 from 9am to Noon. The cost is \$25 per child through June 1. Registration begins April 5 at The Grove located at 19900 Grove Community Drive, in Riverside. For more information call (951) 571-9090 x 2425. 

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The event is Saturday, April 26, at 5pm. If you are interested in joining as a chef, call Gael Scott, Fund Development Director, at (951) 687-9922.



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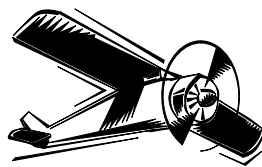


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CHRISTIAN EVENTS

PASS CHORALE: Messiah, May 11, 2:30pm. Directed by Ernest Siva. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1320 W. Williams, Banning. Tickets: Adults \$15, seniors/students \$10. (951) 849-4676.

SUMMER SPLASH: A summer kids adventure program at the Grove Community Church, July 7-11, 9am to Noon. Cost is \$25 per child. 19900 Grove Community Dr., Riverside. (951) 571-9090 x2425. See article on page 33.

WOMEN OF VISION: Pastor Sarah Morgan gathers the Daughters of Zelophehad for a unique conference for women, May 14-15 at the Anaheim Hilton. Advance tickets are on sale. For more information, call (310) 672-1500, (310) 672-1300 or go online to womenofvisionla.org.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

DOWNTOWN FARMER'S MARKET: Getting healthy is a common New Year's resolution and shopping fresh produce is a great start. Come out and shop the Downtown Farmers Market every Saturday from 8am to 1pm in Riverside and you'll find it easy to maintain that resolution.

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What to do Section

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CINCO DE MAYO: Soboba Casino will host a Cinco de Mayo show with music and a car show. See article on page 12. May 4, 7pm. Tickets from \$30.

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA AND PARADE: In Riverside, May 3-4, 9am-9pm. Featuring a parade on Saturday, Car Show on Sunday, live music, game booths and more. Held at Villegas Park, 7240 Marguerita St. For more information, call (951) 351-6142, or go online to www.riverside.gov/park_rec.



FONTANA CRUISE NIGHTS: Every first Friday of the month, 5-9pm, cruise night with live entertainment, face painting, food and more. At the Art Depot, 16822 Spring St., in Fontana. To reserve a booth or register a vehicle, call (909) 428-8360. www.fontana.org.

KIDS HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR: May 10, 9am-2pm, at Mission Grove Plaza in Riverside. Hosted by the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, the fair promotes health and safety education for kids with fun, hands-on activities. See article on page 32. 321 E. Alessandro Blvd., between I-215 and Trautwein. (951) 486-4213.

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LEWIS LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER GRAND OPENING: April 19, 10am to 5pm. 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana.

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE AIR SHOW: May 3-4 at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside.

18TH ANNUAL MEN WHO COOK: April 26, 5:30pm. Fundraiser for the YWCA. 8172 Magnolia Ave.

MULTICULTURAL YOUTH FESTIVAL: April 27, 10am-5pm. Main Street Pedestrian Mall in Downtown Riverside. (951) 826-5686.

NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW: May 22-26. See article on page 30. (909) 888-6788.

NOS SPORTS CENTER: Satellite horserace wagering, new Thursday through Monday schedule. Kentucky Derby on May 3. See article on page 31. Doors open at 10:15am. Free parking. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

ORANGE SHOW SPEEDWAY: Live Stock Car Racing every Saturday. www.nosevents.com/speedway. Gates open: 5pm, Racing: 6:30pm, Tickets: Adults \$10, Kids (6-12) \$2, Kids 5 and under Free. Parking: \$4. Gate 3 off of Mill Street. Location: Stadium. (909) 888-6788 x 438.

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PACIFIC RIM WINE COMPETITION:

April 7-24, Renaissance Room at the National Orange Show. nosevents.com/wine_competition.htm



PALM SPRINGS FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL:

Food and Wine Festival on April 11-12, at the Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs. palm-springsfoodandwine.com. (760) 320-5373.

85TH ANNUAL RAMONA: April 19, 20, 26, 27, May 3. America's longest running outdoor drama. In Hemet. (800) 645-4465, ramonabowl.com. See article on page 16.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S GALA FOR THE ARTS:

April 18, at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga, 5pm. Proceeds benefit performing arts programs and activities offered through the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. Includes a silent auction, dinner, and performance on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage by Tony Orlando. Event sponsorships range from \$3,000 to 5,000, table sponsorships are \$1,000. Single tickets are \$125. For more information call (909) 477-2760, ext. 2105. A limited number of "Performance Only Tickets" are available for \$60 and may be purchased through the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

REDLANDS AIRPORT 5TH ANNUAL SPRING FLY-IN:

May 10, Redlands Municipal Airport, 1755 Sessums Dr., Redlands. Aircraft displays, aircraft performances, vendor booths and more. (909) 798-7668. www.redlandsairport.org.

RETRO UFO SPACECRAFT CONVENTION:

April 26-27 in Landers, California. See article on page 13. www.retroufo.com. (760) 365-5646.

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SHOW AND GO CAR SHOW: May 2-4, in downtown Riverside on Market St. www.showandgo.us. (951) 276-3661.

47TH ANNUAL SIGNATURE HEADDRESS BALL:

April 19 by the Assistance League of San Bernardino. The theme for this year's Ball is "Copa Cabana." Evening Gala & Headdress Ball, 6pm - Midnight, \$145 per person Matinee Headdress Presentation, 11am-1pm, Doors open at 10:45am, \$50 per person. At the National Orange Show.

SPRING GARDEN TOUR: Tour five fabulous gardens in Riverside to benefit the Center of Excellence for Abuse Services at Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Tour is May 3. Tickets \$12 presale, \$15 on the day. See article on page 13.

STORIES OF SURVIVAL: Walking with Weavers through Generations of Time, though May 25 at the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology. Southern California Native American culture captured in the artistry of their baskets. Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm. 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet. (951) 791-0033 or go online to www.westerncentermuseum.org. See article on page 7.

34TH ANNUAL UCR BOTANIC GARDENS SPRING PLANT SALE:

April 5, noon-5pm, April 6, 9am-3pm. UCR Botanic Gardens, Riverside. (951) 784-6962.

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CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER: Ask for a regional recreation and relaxation passport. 1955 Hunts Lane, #102, in San Bernardino. (909) 891-1874. visitcwc.com or cwc inlandempire.com.

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ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM: Museum open 9 a.m. to 5pm

daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5pm; all-day train and trolley pass \$12, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org.

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM: Spitfire feature plane through April 16. Special interactive display and more. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. For more information, call (800) 514-3849 or go online to palmspringsairmuseum.org.

PALM SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MCCALLUM ADOBE MUSEUM AND CORNELIA WHITE HOUSE MUSEUM: noon to 3pm Wednesdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4pm Thursdays through Saturdays, 221 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, \$1, children 12 and younger free, (760) 323-8297.

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM: • "At the Controls: The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Looks at Cockpits," on exhibit through April 26. The exhibition, in its only Southern California appearance, offers viewers a unique perspective of cockpits from some of the world's most impressive air and spacecraft. • Air War Over Vietnam is the subject of the April 5, 10am, seminar with a flight demonstration. • Night Fighters is the subject of the May 3, 10am, seminar with a flight demonstration. • Air Show, May 17-18. See article on page 30. Tickets: General \$20, youth \$5. Parking is free. • \$11 general, children 11 and under are \$4 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM: 3580 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, (951) 826-5273.

ROBERT V. FULLERTON ART MUSEUM: At Cal State University, San Bernardino. Admission is free. (909) 880-7373. museum.csusb.edu.

RYAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS MUSEUM: 10 a.m. to 3pm Wednesdays through Sundays, Ryan Field, 4280 Waldon Weaver Road, Hemet, free, (951) 658-2716.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM: • All That Glitters: A Century of Razzle-Dazzle, through June 15. • 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. Admission: adults \$6, seniors and students \$5, children 5-12 \$4, (909) 307-2669. www.sbcountymuseum.org.

SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM: noon to 5pm Thursdays through Saturdays, 181 E. Main St., San Jacinto, free, (951) 654-4952.

TEMECULA VALLEY MUSEUM: The museum is located in Sam Hicks Monument Park at 28314 Mercedes Street, Temecula. Museum Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 1-5 PM.

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, PEPPERS GALLERY: 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, (909) 793-2121 ext. 3660

WALLY PARKS NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM: Fairplex, Pomona, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Wed-Sun 10 a.m. 5 p.m. (909) 622-2133.

PARKS & GARDENS

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER: Interpretive facility, museum, environmental education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area, local history, wildlife, gift shop. (909) 659-3850.

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