



Cultural Arts May 2016 Calendar Of Events

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Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

City of Las Vegas website: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Summer 2016 Class Registration at Charleston Heights Arts Center

Registration available until full, for a six-week session of classes held May 4-June 11, 2016.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Fine arts courses offered for youth, teens and adults include visual arts, ballroom dancing, drawing, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, adult drama and private lessons in piano, voice or dance by appointment. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6383.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Summer Class Registration (ages 4-17)

Registration for seven-week summer session classes available until full.

Session runs May 11-June 25.

Cost: \$42-60 per class.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

See available classes at www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6553 for details.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Summer 2016 Class Registration (all ages)

Registration available through June 1, for an eight-week session of classes held June 1 – July 23.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Cultural arts classes offered include Kemeti Yoga, African Dance for Children, African Dance for Teens/Adults, African Drum, Ballet for Children, Ballet – Beginner/Intermediate, Capoeira/Martial Arts, and Recording & Engineering-The Relationship of Mind Over Matter. For more information, call 702-229-4800. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Scottish Country Dancing (ages 13+)

Fridays, May 6 13, 20, 27; 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person per night. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Scottish country dancing celebrates the beautiful ballroom dance styles of Scotland. Dances can be joyfully energetic or graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jigs, strathspeys or lilted airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. These dances are presented by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers, a nonprofit volunteer organization. Call ahead, dates are subject to change. For more information, call 702-656-9513 or go online to <http://lasvegascountrydance.org/>.

Summer II 2016 Class Registration at Charleston Heights Arts Center

Registration available May 11 - July 13, or until full, for a six-week session of classes held July 13-Aug. 27.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Fine arts courses offered for youth, teens and adults include visual arts, ballroom dancing, drawing, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, adult drama and private lessons in piano, voice or dance by appointment. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-6383.

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Ethnic Express International Folk Dancing (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25; 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person per week. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Enjoy an evening of fun learning international dance styles, including Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Chinese, Greek, Israeli, Macedonian, Russian, Serbian and Turkish folk dances. No need to bring a partner. These dances are presented weekly by Ethnic Express, a nonprofit volunteer organization. Call ahead, dates are subject to change. For more information, call 702-562-9889 or go online to www.ethnicexpresslasvegas.org/.

USA Ballroom Dances (ages 13+)

Saturday, May 14, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 for USA Dance Members, students and military. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Presented by USA Dance Las Vegas Chapter #4038, a local chapter of the national nonprofit volunteer organization, dedicated to the promotion of ballroom dancing. Call ahead; dates are subject to change. For more information, call 702-260-0772 or go online to www.usadancelasvegas.org.

Poets' Corner (ages 17+)

Hosted by Keith Brantley

Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

A monthly forum for established poets and open-mic participants featuring the best local poetry talent. Call 702-229-4800 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Native Son Community Spelling Bee (all ages)

Facilitated by Dr. Al Gourrier, representing the Sam L. Smith Educational Foundation

Saturday, May 21, noon to 4 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-507-3989.

Enjoy the Native Son Community Spelling Bee, an educationally enriching and literacy-enhancing activity purposed to bring together our community's families for a fun, educational experience.

Co-sponsored by the Sam L. Smith Educational Foundation and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, call 702-507-3989 or 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Zentangles Art-making Workshop (ages 13+)

Saturday, May 21, 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Cost: \$15.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Instructor Jacqueline Eihausen will teach students the fine art of doodling. Take your everyday doodles to the next level. Clothing may get messy; bring an apron or dress accordingly. Intended for beginners with skills extending thru experienced adults. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org. Call 702-229-6383 for details.

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Smooth JazzFest 2016

Saturday, May 21, 6 to 9 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Police Memorial Park, 3250 Metro Academy Way.

Enjoy an all-star jazz showcase featuring three outstanding artists – vocalist Allison Adams-Tucker, saxophonist Darren Motamedy and guitarist Dirk K. They will set the mood for a soulful, passionate and sensational evening of smooth jazz! Refreshments and drinks will be available for purchase at cash bar. Lawn seating; bring lawn chairs and blankets to be more comfortable. For more information on the artists, visit <http://allisonadamstucker.com/index.html>, <http://www.dirkk.com/> and <http://www.darrenmotamedy.com/Home>. For more details, call 702-229-3514.

Community Celebration Honoring Helen Toland (all ages)

Hosted by Charlotte Fuller and Keith Brantley

Saturday, May 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-507-3989.

Join in this community gathering celebrating Mrs. Helen Toland, Clark County School District’s first African-American female principal. To be shared in the oral African griot tradition, hear the historic retelling of Toland’s dedicated life in the field of education focusing on children’s literacy, both in America and on the African continent. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, The Sam L. Smith Educational Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Helen Toland Education Foundation. For more information, call the West Las Vegas Arts Center at 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Contra Dancing (ages 8+)

Saturday, May 28, group lesson 6:30 p.m.; dance 7-10 p.m.

Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 students/military; \$3 children and non-dancers. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

Dance to a live acoustic band playing joyful tunes, driving reels and a waltz or two. All dances are taught and called; newcomers and families welcome. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing. These dances are presented by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers, a nonprofit volunteer organization. Call ahead, dates are subject to change. For more information, call 702-656-9513 or go online to www.lasvegascountrydance.org.

Exhibitions

Las Vegas Artists Guild Spring Exhibit

Through May 21, 2016.

Free admission, open by appointment only.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor’s Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-1012.

Artwork in this exhibit highlights members of the Las Vegas Artists Guild and their exploration of the topic of Las Vegas. Call 702-229-1012 for appointment and information.

“In Appreciation...” - A Walter Mason Exhibit

Through May 28; center open Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Gallery hours vary; call 702-229-4800 for best information.

Meet-the-Artist-Reception Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Walter Mason celebrates those beautiful artists who have brought inspiration to his life as an artist. For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

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“Clay Arts Vegas: Vegas to a Local” Exhibit

Through June 2; hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery, 495 S. Main St., first floor.

The artists who make Clay Arts Vegas their creative home explore the elements of what makes Las Vegas a great place to live and call home. They have been asked which of these elements they feel should be preserved for all time. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

“Force of Nature” Exhibit

Artists Elizabeth Blau, Rossitza Todorova and Orlando Montenegro Cruz

Through June 18; Wednesday-Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday-Tuesday and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., 702-229-6383.

These three artists explore similar topics having to do with nature, movement relating to travel through space, and human effect on the environment. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

“A Mother and Daughter Remember”

Artists Vered Galor, Miriam Shavit and Cole Thompson

April 28-July 7; hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Artists’ reception April 28, 5 to 7 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor.

Miriam Shavit and Vered Galor, mother and daughter, both Holocaust survivors, remember the past. The mother remembers what she went through in her paintings. The daughter, too young to remember, recalls the history with her photographic collages. The third, Cole Thompson, a photographer and friend, visited the death camps in 2006. His black-and-white images add reality and spirituality to the exhibit.

“Aesthetics Primary” Exhibition

May 26-Sept. 29, open during reception and by appointment only.

Artists’ reception Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free admission.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor’s Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-1012.

Aesthetics Primary is an exhibit where the focus is on artists whose work could be defined as possessing aesthetic beauty or visual pleasure and each artist is asked to comment on how they are influenced by aesthetics in a brief written statement. Call 702-229-1012 for appointment and information.

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