



Cultural Arts & Community Events December 2009 Calendar Of Events

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PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

“Historical Journey into Jazz” Exhibition

Through Dec. 31, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free admission.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Community Roots Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 229-4800.
View artist Thurman Hackett’s paintings of jazz musicians and more.

“Altered States: Artists Re-imagine the Book” Exhibition

Oct. 16 through Jan. 2, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free admission.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 229-6211.

Curated by Los Angeles-based artist and designer, Joseph Shuldiner, the artists included in the exhibit are Tor Archer, Alisa Banks, Doug Beube, Elile Brown, Shannon Freshwater, Jessica Holada, Lisa Kokin, Alexander Korzer-Robinson, Guy Laramée, Emily Sandor and Jill Sylvia. This exhibit has been programmed as part of the events associated with the Vegas Valley Book Festival and is funded in part by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Call 229-1012 for information.

Call for Artists’ Entries (all ages)

Nov. 1 through Dec. 4

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., 229-1515.

Submit a handmade holiday postcard and message for our troops by Dec. 4, for the “Seasons Greetings” gallery display. No fee to enter. Postcards will be sent to our military service men and women for holiday greetings from home. Call 229-1515 for details.

“Undressed” Photography Exhibition (all ages)

Artist Aimee Koch

Nov. 28-Feb. 11, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Free admission.

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

Call 229-1012 for more information. “Exploring beauty and the signals of body language, the images call attention to the extent that clothing and fashion sway female attitudes and understandings. Fashion tends to treat the body as mere mannequin – it is the clothing rather than the wearing of it that is purportedly significant. But on the runway, only certain bodies appear. The desire becomes not so much to wear the outfits as to accrue the status that beauty and conformity offer — it is to reach for the unattainable body and to punish the inevitable failure to achieve it.” — Aimee Koch

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Ethnic Express Folk Dancing

Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Tickets: \$4 per person, per day

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

Folk dances are the aerobics of our ancestors! Join us to learn the traditional dances of Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Greece, Israel, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and more.

City Employee Juried Art Exhibit Opening

Friday, Dec. 4, noon to 2 p.m.

Free admission.

Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 400 Stewart Ave., 2nd floor.

Exhibit will continue through Feb. 5, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed holidays.

This will be the second annual employee juried art exhibit. Visitors may reach the gallery through the second floor of the Las Vegas City Hall parking garage on the southeast corner of Stewart Avenue and Fourth Street. Parking is by paid meter only.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” (all ages)

Dec. 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 6, 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 teens, seniors; \$3 children 12 and younger

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

Joseph and his coat of many colors come to vibrant life in this familiar parable about a boy blessed with prophetic dreams. His challenging adventures, presented in a mixture of musical styles — country, calypso, bubblegum pop, and rock ‘n’ roll — create an extremely high-energy event for the entire family!

Special Tea Saturday – Las Vegas Wind Quintet (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 all seats

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 229-6211.

Enjoy light refreshments and classical compositions performed by the Las Vegas Wind Quintet, featuring Dave Hawley (clarinet), Sherrie Parker (flute), Mika Brunson (oboe), Doug Beasley (French horn) and Sam Piscotta (bassoon).

Stardusters’ 30th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Square Dance (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 5, 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per person plus a new, unwrapped toy

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom, 250 N. Eastern Ave., 229-1515.

Join the Stardusters Square Dancers and the Marines in a fun evening of dancing. Whether you are a seasoned square dancer or just looking to learn a few new fun steps, come stomp and “twirl your partner” and make a child’s dream come true. Special guest callers will be featured. Toys will be presented to the Marines “Toys for Tots” holiday toy drive.

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Cine en el Centro Film Series – “Santos Peregrinos”

Thursday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. introduction; 6:30 p.m. feature presentation

Free admission.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., 229-1515.

Series curator Luis Bonilla will present a short introduction of the featured film at 6 p.m. After the screening, Bonilla will lead a discussion on the film in Spanish. Set in Mexico City, “*Santos Peregrinos*” is a comedic look at how lives can change when a sudden financial upturn occurs. The occupants of an apartment block make a startling discovery when they find three religious figurines, belonging to a deceased resident of the building, are carved from solid gold. Chaos breaks out as greed and tension runs rife throughout the minds of the occupants, who suddenly realize they could have a chance to make a fortune. A remake of Alex De La Iglesia's “*La Comunidad*,” “*Santos Peregrinos*” is lighter in tone than Iglesia's dark comedy, providing plenty of mirthful moments as the story gently winds to its conclusion. This 2004 film is unrated, runs 94 minutes, and is in Spanish. The *Cine en el Centro* Spanish-language film series is presented by the city of Las Vegas, Cox Communications, VeneMovies, Venevision International, *La Nueva* 103.5 FM, *Recuerdo* 99.3 FM, *Radio Variedades* 870 AM, *Tortillas Los Arcos* and *El Mercadito*.

“Seasons Greetings” Family Holiday Open House (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 12, noon to 3 p.m.

Free admission

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., 229-1515.

Enjoy a holiday sing-along for all ages, with songs led in English and Spanish. Learn how to design and cut a big, beautiful snowflake. Make and send a decorated postcard with a personal message to our troops. Enjoy the “Seasons Greetings” card and snowflake gallery. Bring a camera to take advantage of the holiday photo opportunities.

Special Tea Saturday – Dynamic Trombone (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 all seats

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 229-6211.

Enjoy light refreshments and a wide-ranging repertoire that embraces all styles of music by longtime Las Vegas professional musicians Walter Boenig, Hiroshi Suzuki, Dan Trinter and Dan Urich. Selections may include pieces by Sousa, Brahms, Ravel, Ellington or Bach.

“Gifts of the Islands” (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Historic Fifth Street School 401 S. Fourth St., 229-3515.

An evening of Hawaiian music, dance, and culture with Gary Haleamau & Kawili, featuring Kumu Hula Sheldeen Haleamau and Halau Hula O Kaleimomi.

Las Vegas Youth Philharmonic Concerto Competition (all ages)

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$9 adults, \$5 students and seniors

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 229-6211.

Students perform solo, duo and trio recitals in classical and contemporary compositions.

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Endless Productions – “True West” (ages 9-adult)

Thursday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$7 all seats

Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 229-6211.

“True West,” by American playwright Sam Shepard, tells the story of the rivalry between two estranged brothers who have reconnected. Not on good terms, one attempts to appease the other, who is more dominant. In the process, the conflict that arises between the brothers creates a heated situation in which their roles as successful family man and nomadic drifter are reversed. Each finds himself admitting that he had always wished he were in the other’s shoes.

Downtown Cultural Series – A Spectacular Phantom Holiday Concert (all ages)

Friday, Dec. 18, noon to 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South, 229-3515.

Cast members of “Phantom – The Las Vegas Spectacular” present a performance of beloved seasonal songs designed to highlight the reason for the season.

Tenors For U Concert (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 19, 3 to 5 p.m.

Historic Fifth Street School 401 S. Fourth St., 229-3515.

Free and open to the public.

Enjoy holiday music from classic to pop at this lunchtime concert.

Big Band Pops Christmas Featuring Tony Scodwell (all ages)

Guest Appearance by Lisa Mayer

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 all seats

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

Enjoy a big band Christmas program by the Tony Scodwell Big Band and vocalist Lisa Mayer.

La Posada December Fiesta (all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 19, 5 to 8 p.m.

Free admission.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave., 229-1515.

Join Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese to celebrate the holidays with the traditional Hispanic custom that involves friends, family and the entire community. Enjoy live entertainment, traditional *Posada*, food vendors, a children’s raffle and a visit from Santa Claus. Sponsored by the city of Las Vegas, *La Nueva* 103.5 FM, *Recuerdo* 99.3 FM and *Radio Variedades* 870 AM.

Saturday Contra Dancing (all ages)

Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, Dec. 19, 7 to 10 p.m.; group lessons 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students, military; \$3 children 0-15 and non-dancing adults.

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

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels, and a waltz or two. These lively community dances recapture aspects of New England and frontier barn dances, with more modern twists. All dances are taught and called, newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing.

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Rites of Passage “Crossing Over” and Kwanzaa Celebration (all ages)

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m.

Free admission.

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

Youth participating in the Rites of Passage program will graduate, followed by a community Kwanzaa celebration. Call 229-4800 for information.

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