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**VALLEY EVENTS**

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# TOP 10

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023



**1 NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 31  
Desert Farm Lights**

West Valley holiday lovers no longer need to head across town for Christmas cheer. The event features illuminated mazes, bounce houses, obstacle courses and a gingerbread slide. Stop by Santa's Workshop afterward. Kids can also say hi to the North Pole's most famous resident. 5:30-10 p.m., \$20, 14629 W. Peoria Ave., Waddell. [desertfarmlights.com](http://desertfarmlights.com)

**2 NOVEMBER 12  
48th Annual Phoenix 10K  
Presented by HonorHealth  
Foundation**

Get on your kicks and head to the starting line. The fall running season begins on this flat and fast race through Downtown Phoenix. Challenge yourself with a half-marathon or start simple with a 5K. No matter what distance you choose, a medal and a party are waiting for you at the finish line. The half-marathon race starts at 7 a.m. The 10K race begins at 8 a.m., and the 5K kicks off at 8:30 a.m. Check website for entry fees. Wesley Bolin Plaza, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, [phoenix10k.com](http://phoenix10k.com)

**3 DECEMBER 8  
Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks**

Christmas comes early for fans of the Piano Man and the Reigning Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. The '70s singer-songwriters are teaming up for an unforgettable concert. 7 p.m., \$67.50-\$346.50, Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix. 602-514-8400. [dbacks.com](http://dbacks.com)

**4 DECEMBER 8-17  
Black Nativity**

The popular Black Theatre Troupe production returns in a brand-new version of the Langston Hughes play that brings hope and joy to audiences during the holiday season. Call for times. \$50. Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-258-8128. [blacktheatretroupe.org](http://blacktheatretroupe.org)

**5 NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 24  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed  
Reindeer**

When the Christmas Eve weather gets too foggy for Santa, the time for games is over. There's only one reindeer who can guide the big guy's sleigh, and his name is Rudolph. Based on the popular television special. Sa, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Su, 1 p.m. \$13-\$35. Herberger Theater Center Stage West, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix, 480-921-5700, [childisplayaz.org](http://childisplayaz.org)



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**6 NOVEMBER 3-12**  
**Canal Convergence**  
 Playful art that merges color, water and light will illuminate the Arizona Canal this fall. This annual event, presented by Scottsdale Public Art, will also feature hands-on activities, workshops, music and dance performances, and a beer and wine garden. Scottsdale Waterfront, 7135 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale. [canalconvergence.com](http://canalconvergence.com)

**7 DECEMBER 9-10**  
**West Valley Wonderland**  
 If you're looking for the perfect holiday gift, there is an arena full of them at this event. More than 100 vendors will offer everything from the perfect outfit to hand-made crafts from local artisans. There will also be live entertainment, eats and games for the whole family. Event begins at 10 a.m. Tickets start at \$15. State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Dr., Glendale. 602-379-0102. [westvalleywonderland.com](http://westvalleywonderland.com)

**8 DECEMBER 31**  
**John Mulaney**  
 The comedian and former *Saturday Night Live* writer detailed his well-publicized personal turmoil in the hilarious Netflix stand-up special *Baby J*. As a special treat, Phoenixians can see his latest hour of comedy before 2023 comes to an end. 7 p.m. Check website for ticket prices. Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix. 602-514-2919. [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**9 NOVEMBER 3-4**  
**Dreamy Draw Music Festival**  
 Scottsdale now has an indie music festival, so it's your moment to sample the sounds of the American West. The lineup includes Margo Price, Midland, Lord Huron and local folk and country artists such as The Senators and Taylor Glasheen. Check website for the complete schedule and ticket prices. Scottsdale Civic Center, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale. [dreamydrawfest.com](http://dreamydrawfest.com)

**10 NOVEMBER 18**  
**Phoenix Home & Garden 2023**  
**Home Tour**  
 Find inspiration for your home during this self-guided tour of some of the most stunning homes in the Valley, curated by the editors of our sister publication. \$85-\$125, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for general admission ticket holders; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for VIP ticket holders. [phgmag.com](http://phgmag.com)



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#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### NOVEMBER 3

##### Jo Koy

In just a short time, the comedian went from performing at coffeehouses to headlining his own movie (*Easter Sunday*) and getting a Funko Pop doll. Now's your chance to see why he's so popular. 8 p.m., \$52.50-\$77.50, Footprint Center, 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix. 602-379-7800. [footprintcenter.com](http://footprintcenter.com)

##### NOVEMBER 4

##### Deon Cole

The hilarious *Black-ish* actor and Old Spice spokesperson is taking the circular stage for his "My New Normal Tour." 8 p.m. Check website for ticket prices. Celebrity Theatre, 440 N. 32nd St., Phoenix. 602-267-1600. [celebritytheatre.com](http://celebritytheatre.com)

##### NOVEMBER 5

##### 25th Annual Walk to Save Animals

Take your special four-legged friend for a walk and raise money for the Arizona Animal Welfare League. There will also be a medical corner with health supplies, an activity play zone, pictures with Santa, dog training demonstrations, designated shopping zones, food trucks, and an on-site adoption center. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., \$25, Tempe Beach Park, 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe. [aawh.org](http://aawh.org)

##### NOVEMBER 9

##### Henry Rollins


If there's anyone who can put the last three years in perspective, it's the prolific Henry Rollins. The musician, writer and podcaster will recount his experiences during the pandemic with the humor and spirit fans have come to expect. 7:30 p.m., \$39.50-\$49.50, Piper Repertory Theatre at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa. 480-644-6500. [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com)

##### NOVEMBER 11

##### 64th Annual Phoenix Heart Ball

Heart disease affects everyone. It's the cause of 20 percent of deaths in the United States, which means the American Heart Association needs plenty of funds to fund the research necessary to change that statistic for the better. Why



**Phoenix Walk for 1 in 100**   
**NOVEMBER 5**

Two million adults in the United States have a congenital heart disease, but only 10 percent of those patients get the necessary care. This family-friendly event, which raises money for the Adult Congenital Heart Association, will feature plenty of activities like face painting, a photo booth, a giant Connect Four, Jenga and cornhole. Salt Cellar will provide refreshments. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. Check website for entry fee information. Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe. [walk1in100.org](http://walk1in100.org)

not go out for a night on the town and help a good cause at the same time? 6:30 p.m. Ticket packages start at \$1,000. The Phoenician, 6000 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale, 602-414-5337. [phoenixheartball.heart.org](http://phoenixheartball.heart.org)

**NOVEMBER 11**  
**East Valley Veterans Parade** **FREE!**

"Vietnam Valor" is the theme of this annual event honoring veterans and active military. More than 100 parade entries are expected. Look to the skies for vintage aircraft. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Downtown Mesa, near University Dr. and Center St., [evvp.org](http://evvp.org)

**NOVEMBER 18-JANUARY 1**  
**World of Illumination**

Countless colorful lights will twinkle to the music on your car radio as you drive through this immersive 1-mile light show. Tempe will have a Cosmic Sleigh Ride theme, while Reindeer Road will be the theme of Glendale's display. Check website for times and ticket prices. Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Dr., Tempe; and Desert Diamond Casino, 9431 W. Northern Ave., Glendale; [worldofillumination.com](http://worldofillumination.com)

**NOVEMBER 17-19, 24-26**

**2023 Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour**

This self-guided studio tour through Cave Creek, Carefree and North Scottsdale

will feature more than 160 national and up-and-coming artists' works covering a variety of mediums, styles and price ranges for art lovers and collectors alike. F-Su., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Check website for a map of participating galleries. 480-575-6624, [sonoranartsleague.org](http://sonoranartsleague.org)

**NOVEMBER 17**

**Shemer Honors Ed Mell**

Every year, Shemer Art Center honors a successful artist who's also impacted creativity in the state. This year, that honor goes to painter Ed Mell. See never-before-seen artwork at a gala to recognize his achievements throughout his career. 6-10 p.m. Tickets start at \$100. Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, 602-262-4727, [shemerartcenter.org](http://shemerartcenter.org)

**NOVEMBER 17**

**An Evening with John Cusack**

Is *High Fidelity* in your top five list of best John Cusack films? It should be. If you haven't seen it in a while, check out this special screening and talk with the cult film star afterward. 7:30 p.m., \$39-\$200, Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler, 480-782-2695, [chandlercenter.org](http://chandlercenter.org)

**NOVEMBER 22**

**Scottsdale Turkey Crawl**

Is your family coming over for Turkey Day? You might need a few cold ones to pre-

pare. Your ticket to this holiday bar crawl includes admission to participating bars, drink specials and three one-penny drink vouchers. 6-11 p.m., \$20-\$30, Old Town Scottsdale, 7295 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale, [scottsdalebarcrawls.com](http://scottsdalebarcrawls.com)

**NOVEMBER 22**

**Dirty Dancing in Concert**

Are you ready to have the time of your life? Take in a screening of the classic movie with a five-piece band and vocalists Shannon McEldowney and Michael D'Elia performing the songs live with the film. Then enjoy the afterparty after the credits roll. 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$95, Ikeda Theater at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, 480-644-6500, [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com)

**NOVEMBER 22-JANUARY 14**

**ZooLights**

The Valley's favorite holiday event will dazzle the eyes with millions of LED lights, a three-story-tall Christmas tree, a sparkling music-in-motion show and life-size animal lanterns ranging from a herd of elephants to a purple people eater. 5:30-10:30 p.m. daily. \$25-\$35, Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix, 602-286-3800, [phoenixzoo.org](http://phoenixzoo.org)

**NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 30**

**Las Noches de las Luminarias**

The garden's collection of beautiful desert plant life will take on a warm glow when thousands of luminarias light up the garden trails and courtyards. Select dates, 5:30-9:30 p.m. \$16.95-\$39.95. **Desert Botanical Garden**, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix, 480-481-1225, [dbg.org](http://dbg.org)

**NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31**

**Enchant**

This family event has an immersive walk-through light maze created from more than 4 million sparkling lights, a 100-foot-tall tree, an ice-skating trail, live entertainment, holiday shopping, delicious food and drinks, and most importantly, Santa Claus. Check website for ticket prices and deals. Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, [enchantchristmas.com](http://enchantchristmas.com)

**NOVEMBER 25**

**Fat Turkey Trail Run**

Get your butt in gear at the Buttes! This scenic trail race is designed to help you work off all that stuffing from the turkey you ate over the holiday, and you can pick your distance: 5K or 10K. 10K Race starts at 8 a.m.; 5K Race starts at 8:15 a.m. Check website for entry fees. North Linear Park at Tempe Town Lake, 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, [shendocatracing.com/fat-turkey-trail-run](http://shendocatracing.com/fat-turkey-trail-run)

**NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 31**

**Scottsdazzle**

The holiday season begins with a sing-along and a tree-lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. on Nov. 26. What follows is a month filled

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**The Phoenix Pizza Festival**  
NOVEMBER 11-12

Deep-dish, New York style and wood-fired – all pizzas are represented at the cheesiest festival in town. There will also be plenty of music, games and a kids' craft zone at this family-friendly event. Sa., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Su., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$16, Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix, 480-442-9176, [phoenix.pizza](http://phoenix.pizza)

with whiskey tastings, craft and painting activities, letters to Santa, a scavenger hunt and yoga sessions. Check website for a list of events and times. Old Town Scottsdale, 480-312-7177, [scottsdazzle.com](http://scottsdazzle.com)

**DECEMBER 1-3**  
**Tempe Festival of the Arts** **FREE!**

Nearly 350 artisans will display their original works at this beloved street festival. Food trucks, delicious drinks, children's activities and live music will also be available. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mill Avenue District, Tempe, [tempfestivalofthearts.com](http://tempfestivalofthearts.com)

**DECEMBER 2**  
**Electric Light Parade** **FREE!**

Lighted floats and balloons make their way to Seventh Street and Indian School Road in this annual Valley tradition. 7 p.m. Begins at N. Central Ave. and Montebello Ave., Phoenix, 602-534-FEST, [phoenix.gov/parks/special-events/electric-light-parade](http://phoenix.gov/parks/special-events/electric-light-parade)

**DECEMBER 2**  
**Tumbleweed Tree Lighting** **FREE!**

Visit Santa or enjoy live entertainment as Chandler counts down the minutes until it lights up its unusual thistly tree. 4:30-9 p.m. Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 3 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, 480-782-2000, [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov)

**DECEMBER 9**  
**Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade** **FREE!**

Festively decorated boats will illuminate Tempe Town Lake, but the sparks really fly with a holiday firework finale. Grab a bite to eat from one of the many street vendors, or talk to Santa about your family's Christmas list. 4-9 p.m. Tempe Town Lake, 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, [downtowntempe.com](http://downtowntempe.com)

**DECEMBER 2-3**  
**Spirits of Mexico Culture & Tourism Fest**

This event celebrates the flavors and culture of Mexico with fine art, music, dancing and, of course, agave spirits. Sa., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Su., 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$50, Heritage Square, 113 N. Sixth St., Phoenix, [imexlivevents.com](http://imexlivevents.com)

**DECEMBER 7**  
**A Drag Queen Christmas**

After you tuck your presents under the tree, celebrate the holidays with some of your favorite queens. Miz Cracker hosts this dazzling celebration, which features a guest appearance by Todrick Hall. 8 p.m., \$42-\$85, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**DECEMBER 9**  
**Local Love: Holiday Market** **FREE!**

Sip and sample some sweet treats, a variety of local wines, and artisan cheeses at this holiday shopping experience. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tracy Dempsey Originals/ODV Wines, 1325 W. University Dr., Tempe, [tracydempseyoriginals.com](http://tracydempseyoriginals.com)

**DECEMBER 10**  
**Jimmy Carr**

The popular British comedian often tells audiences you can joke about anything, but not with everyone, so if you are someone, prepare to laugh (and cringe) all night. 7 p.m. Check website for ticket prices. Ikeda Theater at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, 480-644-6500, [mesartscenter.com](http://mesartscenter.com)

**DECEMBER 15-17**  
**Art at Anthem** **FREE!**

Hoop dancing, music and a diverse assortment of art, including paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry and Native American pieces, will make this inaugural holiday shopping experience unforgettable. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Outlets North Phoenix, 4250 W. Anthem Way, Phoenix, [northphoenixoutlets.com](http://northphoenixoutlets.com)

**DECEMBER 16**  
**VRBO Fiesta Bowl Parade**  
**Presented by Lerner & Rowe** **FREE!**

The parade features brilliantly colored floats, giant balloons, antique cars, equestrian units, charitable groups, marching bands and more. 10 a.m. Begins at N. Central Ave. and Montebello Ave., Phoenix, 480-350-0900, [fiestabowl.org](http://fiestabowl.org)

**SPORTS**

**NOVEMBER 3-5**  
**NASCAR**

It's time to rev up your engines! Four racers will win championships over three high-speed days around the historic West Valley racetrack for Arizona's NASCAR Championship Weekend. Call for times and ticket prices. Phoenix Raceway, 7602 Jimmie Johnson Dr., Avondale, 866-408-7223, [phoenixraceway.com](http://phoenixraceway.com)

**NOVEMBER 12-DECEMBER 17**

**Arizona Cardinals**

Quarterback Kyler Murray is expected to return to the field as the Cardinals face off against the Atlanta Falcons, Nov. 12; Los Angeles Rams, Nov. 26; and San Francisco 49ers, Dec. 17. Call for kickoff times and ticket prices. State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Dr., Glendale, 602-379-0102, [azcardinals.com](http://azcardinals.com)

**NOVEMBER 18-25**

**ASU Football**

The Sun Devils say goodbye to the Pac-12 Conference with matchups against Oregon State, Nov. 18; and the University of Arizona, Nov. 25. Call for times and ticket prices. ASU Sun Devil Stadium, 500 E. Veterans Way, Tempe, 480-727-0000, [thesundevils.com](http://thesundevils.com)

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**AZ Barrels, Bottles & Brews**

**NOVEMBER 18**

Tap into this event that features more than 25 local breweries, distilleries and wineries. There will also be a variety of food trucks to keep you and your designated driver happy. 1-5 p.m., \$19-\$85, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale. [azbottlesandbrews.com](http://azbottlesandbrews.com)

**NOVEMBER 2-DECEMBER 31**  
**Phoenix Suns**

The Mar Ishbia ownership era begins in earnest with Frank Vogel as head coach when the team rallies the Valley to take on the San Antonio Spurs, Nov. 2; Chicago Bulls, Nov. 8; Los Angeles Lakers, Nov. 10; Golden State Warriors, Nov. 16; New York Knicks, Nov. 20; Oklahoma City Thunder, Nov. 12; Minnesota Timberwolves, Nov. 15; Portland Trailblazers, Nov. 21; Golden State Warriors, Nov. 22; Toronto Raptors, Nov. 29; Denver Nuggets, Dec. 1; Memphis Grizzlies, Dec. 2; Golden State Warriors, Dec. 12; Brooklyn Nets, Dec. 13; New York Knicks, Dec. 15; Washington Wizards, Dec. 17; Sacramento Kings, Dec. 22; Dallas Mavericks, Dec. 25; Houston Rockets, Dec. 27; Charlotte Hornets, Dec. 29; and Orlando Magic, Dec. 31. Call for times and ticket prices. Footprint Center, 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, 602-379-7800, [suns.com](http://suns.com)

**NOVEMBER 2-DECEMBER 29**  
**Arizona Coyotes**

The Coyotes return to Tempe with games against the Montreal Canadiens, Nov. 2; Winnipeg Jets, Nov. 4; Seattle Kraken, Nov. 7; Los Angeles Kings, Nov. 20; Saint Louis Blues, Nov. 22; Tampa Bay Lightning, Nov. 28; Colorado Avalanche, Nov. 30; Saint Louis Blues, Dec. 2; Washington Capitals, Dec. 4; Philadelphia Flyers, Dec. 7; San Jose Sharks, Dec. 15; Buffalo Sabres, Dec. 16; Ottawa Senators, Dec. 19; and Colorado Avalanche, Dec. 27. Check website for times and ticket prices. Mullett Arena, 411 S. Packard Dr., Tempe, 480-563-PUCK, [coyotes.nhl.com](http://coyotes.nhl.com)

**DECEMBER 26**  
**Guaranteed Rate Bowl**

The Big 10 and Big 12 Conferences will face off as Chase Field will transform into a football field. 8:15 p.m. kickoff. Call for ticket prices. Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, 480-350-0911, [flestabowl.org](http://flestabowl.org)

**KIDSTUFF**

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**  
**i.d.e.a. Museum**

This 20,000-square-foot facility is where art, knowledge, and inspiration meet. There are interactive exhibits focusing on science and technology designed for children of all ages. Check website for online reservations. 150 W. Pepper Pl., Mesa, 480-644-4332, [ideamuseum.org](http://ideamuseum.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**  
**Arizona Science Center**

Children and adults alike can explore their curiosity through three floors of fun and hands-on exhibits. And in the Irene P. Flinn Theater, families can enjoy *Jane Goodall - Reasons for Hope* or *Superpower Dogs* through November 3. W-M, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for times and ticket prices. 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-716-2000, [ascience.org](http://ascience.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**  
**Mini Music Makers & Music Adventures**

It's never too early to introduce children to music. Mini Music Makers is for those ages 0-5 years. Kids will develop their motor and language skills while learning about musical cultures from around the world. Those ages 6-10 can collect passport stamps when they build musical instruments and discover the musical heritage of different continents in the Musical Adventures class. Check website for days and times. Musical Instrument Museum. 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, 480-478-6000, [mim.org](http://mim.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 3**  
**The Little Red Hen**

The titular character wants to make some bread, but a chick is the only animal willing to help. Will the hen share the bread with the barnyard animals? Find out in this delightful adaptation of the 500-year-old story. Call for times. \$12, adults; \$8, children 12 and younger. Great Arizona Puppet Theater, 302 W. Latham St., Phoenix, 602-262-2050, [azpuppets.org](http://azpuppets.org)

**NOVEMBER 10**  
**Coco in Concert**

The beautiful Disney/Pixar film will play onscreen as the 20-piece Orquesta Folclórica Nacional de México performs the score live. 8 p.m., \$28-\$48, Ikeda Theater at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, 480-644-6500, [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com)

**NOVEMBER 14**  
**Disney Junior Live On Tour: Costume Palooza**

Mickey and Minnie's costume party keeps getting interrupted by some mysterious weather, so the duo turns to the gang from *Spidey and His Amazing Friends* for help. Come dressed as your favorite Disney character for this live adventure with singing, stunning choreography and eye-popping spe-

cial effects. 6 p.m., \$42.50-\$52.50, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 10**  
**Anastasia: The Musical**

The intrigue and romance of the beloved animated film will come to life on stage as this family-friendly adaptation travels from Broadway to the East Valley. Call for times and ticket prices. Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, 480-644-6500, [evct.org](http://evct.org)

**DECEMBER 6-24**

**The Night Before Christmas**

The classic holiday poem comes to life with a dazzling musical score sung by a cast of puppets. Call for times. \$12, adults; \$8, children 12 and younger. Great Arizona Puppet Theater, 302 W. Latham St., Phoenix, 602-262-2050, [azpuppets.org](http://azpuppets.org)

**DECEMBER 9**

**Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour**

Your preschooler's favorite characters, Blippi and Meekah, take the stage to discover what makes a city unique. 2 p.m., \$33-\$73.50, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**MUSEUMS**

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**ASU Art Museum** **FREE!**

*Everything is a Little Fuzzy*, through Dec. 31; *Luis Rivera Jimenez: A Brief Proposal on Race and Cultural Cosplay*, through Dec. 31; *Opportunity (reflection)*, through March 30, 2024; *Contours: The Essential Form*, through March 31, 2024; *Making Visible*, through Apr. 28, 2024; and *Crafting Resistance*, through July 14, 2024. Call for times. ASU Nelson Fine Arts Center, 51 E. 10th St., Tempe, 480-965-2787, [asuartmuseum.org](http://asuartmuseum.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Phippen Museum**

*East Meets West*, through Feb. 18, 2024; and *Be Inspired*, Nov. 5-Jan. 21, 2024. Call for times. \$10, adults; \$8 seniors; \$5, students; free, children 12 and younger. 4701 Hwy. 89 North, Prescott, 928-778-1385, [phippenartmuseum.org](http://phippenartmuseum.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**The Gallery at CCA** **FREE!**

*Fixations*, through Dec. 2; and *Nuancel Nuisance*, Dec. 9-Feb. 3, 2024. M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler, 480-782-2695, [visiongallery.org](http://visiongallery.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Heard Museum**

*Early Days: Indigenous Art from the McMichael*, through Jan. 2, 2024; *The North Star Changes: Works by Brenda Mallory*, through Feb. 5, 2024; *Arriving Forever into the Present World*, through Mar. 3, 2024; and *Indeterminate Beau-*

*ty*, through April 22, 2024. Tu-Su, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for ticket prices. 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-252-8848, [heard.org](http://heard.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Musical Instrument Museum**

Thousands of instruments and artifacts from around the world, plus live performances make MIM a music-lover's dream. Call for times and ticket prices. 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, 480-478-6000, [mim.org](http://mim.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Phoenix Art Museum**

*Fashioning Self: The Photography of Everyday Expression*, through Nov. 12; *MOVE: The Modern Cut of Geoffrey Beene*, through Dec. 3; *Mission and Legacy: Friends of Mexican Art's Enduring Impact in the Valley and Beyond*, through Dec. 31; *Amalia Mesa-Bains: Archaeology of Memory*, Nov. 5-Feb. 25, 2024; *Expanding Darshan: Manjari Sharma, To See and*

*Be Seen*, Dec. 16-Apr. 14, 2024; *Laura Aguilar: Nudes in Nature*, Dec. 16-Nov. 17, 2024; *William Herbert "Buck" Dunton: A Mainer Goes West*, through June 30, 2024; and *Breaking Up*, through Aug. 11, 2024. Call for times and ticket prices. 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-257-1880, [phxart.org](http://phxart.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art**

*Christina Fernandez: Multiple Exposures*, through Jan. 7, 2024; *Phillip K. Smith III: Three Parallels*, through Jan. 14, 2024; *Dorothy Frust: Color Mirage*, through July 21, 2024; *Kenaim Al-Shatti*, through July 28, 2024; *Roelof Knol: paper shapes*, through July 28, 2024; and *Roelof Knol: the space in between*, through July 28, 2024. Call for times and ticket prices. 7374 E. Second St., Scottsdale, 480-874-4666, [smoca.org](http://smoca.org)



SPECIAL EVENTS

**'Twas the Night Before... ^**

**DECEMBER 15-24**

A cynical teenager is transported inside the world of the iconic holiday poem with the stunts of derring-do you've come to expect from Cirque du Soleil. Check website for times and ticket prices. Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix. 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

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MUSIC & DANCE

**Kim Petras**   
**NOVEMBER 2**

The German-born pop star has made a big name for herself in a short amount of time. Her duet with Sam Smith, "Unholy," made her the first openly transgender artist to reach No. 1 in the United States and receive a Grammy for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance. She is also the second transgender woman to win a Grammy. 8 p.m., \$49.50-\$79.50, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix. 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Scottsdale's Museum of the West**

*Western Pop: Andy Warhol & Billy Schenck*, through Nov. 26; *William Matthews: Decades*, opening Oct. 10; and *Vaqueros de la Cruz del Diablo/Cowboys from the Cross of the Devil*, through Feb., 2024. W-Su, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call for ticket prices. 3830 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, 480-686-9539, [scottsdalemuseumwest.org](http://scottsdalemuseumwest.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Desert Caballeros Western Museum**

*Scott T. Baxter: Revealing the West*, through Nov. 26; *Artesania del Pueblo: Mexican Folk Art*, through Apr. 28, 2024. M-Sa, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$12, adults; \$10 seniors; free, children 17 and younger. 21 N. Frontier St., Wickenburg, 928-684-2272, [westernmuseum.org](http://westernmuseum.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Mini Time Machine Museum**

*Ana Bentley's Addams Family Mini Mansion*, through Nov. 5; *Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Stegrist*, through Jan. 21, 2024; *Dowdystown: Chapter 3 of the Agonophobia Trilogy by Stephen Farley*, through Jan. 28, 2024; *The Little Things: Featuring Carolyn*

*Robles and Deborah Sliker*, through Feb. 4, 2024; *17th Century Ship Captain's Quarters by Ana Bentley*, opening Nov. 7; and *Holidays Around the World and Through Time*, Nov. 21-Jan. 7, 2024. Tu-Su, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for ticket prices. 4455 E. Camp Lowell Dr., Tucson, 520-881-0606, [theminitimemachine.org](http://theminitimemachine.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Pueblo Grande Museum**

This national historic landmark is built around a Hohokam mound that overlooks the source of more than 600 miles of canals built by this Native American tribe. M-Sa, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-495-0901, [pueblogrande.com](http://pueblogrande.com)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Vision Gallery** **FREE!**

*Unbound*, through Nov. 9; and *Art Quilts XXVIII: Breaking Rules, Honoring Tradition*, Nov. 18-Jan. 12, 2024. M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 10 E. Chicago St., Chandler, 480-782-2695, [visiongallery.org](http://visiongallery.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Arizona Museum of Natural History**

A must-see for dinosaur lovers, this 80,000 square-foot museum offers visitors

a trip to the Southwest's prehistoric – and more recent – past with a range of exhibits and activities that cover archaeology, paleontology, geology, art and more. A selfie with a life-sized dinosaur sculpture "bursting out" of the upper levels of the museum is worth the trip alone. Th-Sa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Su, noon-4 p.m. \$6.50, adults; \$3.50, children 3-12. 53 N. Macdonald St., Mesa, 480-644-2230, [arizonamuseumofnaturalhistory.org](http://arizonamuseumofnaturalhistory.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Arizona Heritage Center**

Discover the history of Arizona with exhibits that capture the mind and stir the soul. Tu-Sa, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$12, adults; \$10, seniors; \$6, children 7-17; free, children 6 and younger. 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe, 480-929-0292, [arizonahistoricalociety.org/museums/tempe](http://arizonahistoricalociety.org/museums/tempe)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Commemorative Air Force**

**Airbase Arizona**

Learn how aircraft evolved as a vital partner to ground and sea operations from World War I to present at this combat aviation museum. Guests can walk through a

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working hangar and watch aircraft mechanics bring extraordinary engines to life, climb aboard one of the world's rarest B-17 bombers in the world or even book a once-in-a-lifetime flight in an authentic warbird. W-Sa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15, adults; \$12, seniors and veterans; \$5, children 5-12. 2017 N. Greenfield Rd., Mesa, 480-924-1940, [azcaf.org](http://azcaf.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

### Cave Creek Museum

The museum showcases an extensive collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts that chronicle the lives of Native Americans, miners, ranchers, and pioneers. W-Th, Sa-Su, 1-4:30 p.m., F, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$7, adults; \$5, seniors and students; free, children 11 and younger. 6140 Skyline Dr., Cave Creek, 480-488-2764, [cavecreekmuseum.org](http://cavecreekmuseum.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

### Tempe History Museum

**FREE!**

The history of the college town comes to life with themed areas that show how Tempe was and where it's going. Tempe Signs, through Jan. 27, 2024. Tu-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Donations accepted. 809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, 480-350-5100, [tempe.gov/museum](http://tempe.gov/museum)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

### The L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum & Exploration Center

The museum, which educates visitors on the Lower Verde River Valley, reopened its

doors after the pandemic allowed it to undergo a significant renovation. Tu-Sa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$12, adults; \$10, seniors; \$7, veterans, health care workers, and children 6-18. 12901 N. La Montana Blvd., Fountain Hills, 480-837-2612, [riveroftime.museum](http://riveroftime.museum)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

### Tucson Museum of Art

*Enduring Legacies: The James T. Bialac Indigenous Art Collection*, through Feb. 25, 2024; *Popol Vuh and the Maya Art of Storytelling*, through Oct. 20, 2024; *CUMBI: Textiles, Society and Memory in Andean South America*, through Feb. 25, 2024; and *The Sacred and the Profane*, through June 2, 2025. 140 N. Main Ave., Tucson, 520-624-2333, [tucsonmuseumofart.org](http://tucsonmuseumofart.org)

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

### Mesa Contemporary Arts Center

Local and international artists, along with emerging creatives, are displayed in the five curated galleries of this beautiful space. The museum collects and cares for traditional media as well as ceramics, textiles, wood and metal works, jewelry and more. *Just Cause: The Power of Contemporary Art in Social Engagement*, through Dec. 10; *Swoon: Gift in the Rupture*, through Jan. 14; and *Shepard Fairey-Facing the Giant: 3 Decades of Dissent*, through Jan. 21, 2024. Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, 480-644-6500, [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com)

## WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

**NOVEMBER 8, DECEMBER 13**

### Pizza Date Night

If you and your partner "knead" to make the perfect pizza, including the dough, join Chef Adrienne for a three-course meal paired with the perfect glass of wine. 6:30-9 p.m. Reservations required; \$95 per person; Queen Creek Olive Mill, 25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek, 480-888-9290 ext. 108, [queencreekolivefarm.com](http://queencreekolivefarm.com)

## MUSIC

**NOVEMBER 3**

### Smokey Robinson

There are few opportunities to catch a legend like Smokey Robinson performing in an intimate venue, so you better take advantage of this one. The "Tears of a Clown" performer won't be hitting the West Coast on his end-of-year mini-tour. 8 p.m., \$85-\$300, Showroom at Wild Horse Pass, 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler, 800-946-4452, [playatgila.com](http://playatgila.com)

**NOVEMBER 3-5**

### Luna del Lago Festival

The organizers behind the gone but not forgotten local music showcase Apache Lake Music Festival are moving to Lake Pleasant for





MUSIC & DANCE

**Enrique Iglesias, Ricky Martin and Pitbull** ▲

**NOVEMBER 25**

Are you ready for the party of the year? On "The Trilogy Tour," each groundbreaking artist will put on a headlining set for an experience that redefines the meaning of epic. 7 p.m., \$54.95-\$594.95, Footprint Center, 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, 602-379-7800, [footprintcenter.com](http://footprintcenter.com)

three days of psychedelic rock and soul music. Arizona jam band legends Spafford headline. Black Joe Louis, The Brothers Comatose, and The Black Moods will also perform. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., \$55-\$275, Pleasant Harbor, 8708 W. Harbor Blvd., Peoria, [lunadellagofestival.com](http://lunadellagofestival.com)

**NOVEMBER 8**

**Doja Cat**

The rapper has threatened to quit the music industry several times, so this could be your one chance to catch the "So High" artist live. 7:30 p.m., \$44.50-\$174.50, Footprint Center, 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, 602-379-7800, [footprintcenter.com](http://footprintcenter.com)

**NOVEMBER 13**

**The National**

Matt Berninger, who has been the frontman of the indie rock group since its inception in 2004, is probably better known for his collabs with Taylor Swift than the moody output that has earned his band its accolades. But don't expect them to brood onstage. Berninger's live antics are the stuff of legend. 7:30 p.m., \$39.50-\$76, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**NOVEMBER 20**

**Aqua**

The Europop group's version of their hit "Barbie Girl" didn't make the soundtrack of the movie based on the Mattel doll, so they're taking it out on the road instead. 8 p.m., \$50, The Van Buren, 401 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix, 480-659-1641, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**DECEMBER 3**

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra**

If there's one thing the holidays need more of, it's rock. There'll be plenty when the band takes the stage to play its Christmas hits, accompanied by a string section, a light show, lasers, video screens and other special effects. 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$32.49-\$109.75, Footprint Center, 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, 602-379-7800, [footprintcenter.com](http://footprintcenter.com)

**DECEMBER 5**

**Queens Of the Stone Age**

The Los Angeles blues-rock band, known for its hit "No One Knows," kicks off the final leg of its tour in Phoenix. 7 p.m., \$39.50-\$79.50, Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**DECEMBER 8**

**Gladys Knight**

No word if she's taking the midnight train from Georgia, but the Empress of Soul is heading to Phoenix to perform her hits in the round. 8 p.m. Check website for ticket prices. Celebrity Theatre, 440 N. 32nd St., Phoenix, 602-267-1600, [celebritytheatre.com](http://celebritytheatre.com)

**DECEMBER 27**

**Mannheim Steamroller Christmas**

No holiday is complete without playing a Christmas album by the new age group. But if you sold your CD collection when you got a Spotify account, you have an opportunity to catch the group in person so you can feel the joy that only comes this time of year. 7:30 p.m. Check website for ticket prices. Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, 480-965-3434, [asugammage.com](http://asugammage.com)

**THEATER & DRAMA**

**NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31**

**Drunk Shakespeare**

If you didn't like Shakespeare in high school, then this is the event for you. The con-

cept is simple: One performer downs five shots of liquor and takes the cast through a play by the Bard in 90 minutes. Check website for times and ticket prices. The Rose Theatre, 455 N. Third St., Phoenix, [drunkshakespeare.com](http://drunkshakespeare.com)

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 21**

### **Steel Magnolias**

Bring plenty of tissues to this show about a group of Southern women who share an unbreakable bond, despite their various backgrounds and struggles. The play served as the inspiration for the 1989 film of the same name. Check website for days and times. \$32-\$48. Hale Centre Theatre, 50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert, 480-497-0277, [haletheatrearizona.com](http://haletheatrearizona.com)

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 4**

### **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

The Biblically inspired musical by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice follows the trials and tribulations of the favorite son of Jacob as he and his kaleidoscopic outfit rise to become Egypt's second-in-command. Check website for times and ticket prices. Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Ln., Peoria, [azbroadway.org](http://azbroadway.org)

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 25**

### **Fiddler On the Roof**

The American Theatre Guild is presenting this heartwarming tale of a Jewish man struggling to keep his religious traditions

alive. Check website for days and times. \$32-\$48. Hale Centre Theatre, 50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert, 480-497-0277, [haletheatrearizona.com](http://haletheatrearizona.com)

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 5**

### **Barefoot in the Park**

The Arizona Theatre Company puts its spin on Neil Simon's beloved romantic comedy about newlyweds struggling to make their marriage work. Check website for showtimes and ticket prices. Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, 833-282-7328, [atc.org](http://atc.org)

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 5**

### **A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder**

An impoverished London clerk suddenly discovers that he's ninth in line to inherit an earldom. He schemes to knock off the eight men standing in his way in this musical comedy based on the book by Robert L. Freedman. Check website for showtimes. \$40-48, Gyder Theater at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, 10580 N. 83rd Dr., Peoria, 623-815-7930, [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**NOVEMBER 14-19**

### **Ain't Too Proud**

Motown's greatest musical group, The Temptations, finally gets the jukebox musical treatment with the story of their rise from the streets of Detroit to the top of the charts. Check website for times and ticket prices.

Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, 480-965-3434, [asugammage.com](http://asugammage.com)

**NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 23**

### **It's A Wonderful Life**

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you'd never been born? Everyman George Bailey does, and his guardian angel Clarence shows him how the lives of those around him would be drastically different in this musical based on the classic film. Check website for days and times. \$25-30. 8989 E. Via Linda, Ste. 118, Scottsdale, 480-314-0841, [donbluthfrontrowtheatre.com](http://donbluthfrontrowtheatre.com)

**NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 30**

### **White Christmas**

A military veteran song and dance duo joins forces with a sister act to save a Vermont inn. This timeless musical features songs from Irving Berlin, including the title track, which was allegedly written at the Arizona Biltmore in the 1940s. Check website for times and ticket prices. Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Ln., Peoria, [azbroadway.org](http://azbroadway.org)

**NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 30**

### **Elf: The Musical**

Based on the hit movie starring Will Ferrell and Zoey Deschanel, an orphan raised by Santa's elves heads to New York City to meet his biological father. There's only one problem: his dad is on the naughty list. Get in the holiday spirit with this delightful

musical for the whole family. Call for times and ticket prices. Mainstage Theatre, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-254-2151, [phoenixtheatre.com](http://phoenixtheatre.com)

**NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 24**  
**A Christmas Carol**

The famous Charles Dickens tale about second chances is brought to life with stunning songs that will warm anyone's heart – even the stingiest and snarkest of Scrooges. Check website for ticket prices and times. Nov. 30-Dec. 23, Check website for days and times. \$30-\$65. Hale Centre Theatre, 50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert, 480-497-0277, [haletheatrearizona.com](http://haletheatrearizona.com); Dec. 8-24. Check website for days and times. \$38-\$45. Gyder Theater at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, 10580 N. 83rd Dr., Peoria, 623-815-7930, [theaterworks.org](http://theaterworks.org)

**DECEMBER 1-30**

**Sister's Catechism Christmas:  
The Mystery of the Magi's Gold**

Historians determined what Joseph and Mary did with the frankincense and myrrh

the Three Wise Men brought Joseph and Mary, but they don't know what happened to the gold. A resourceful nun tries to solve the mystery in this comedy from the author of *Late Nite Catechism*. Call for times and ticket prices. Judith Hardes Theatre, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-254-2151, [phoenixtheatre.com](http://phoenixtheatre.com)

**DECEMBER 5-10**

**Les Misérables**

The world's most popular musical comes to Tempe in a brand-new production. If you think you've seen it before, you'll want to see it again. Check website for times and ticket prices. Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, 480-965-3434, [asugammage.com](http://asugammage.com)

**DECEMBER 9-30**

**Scrooge: The Musical**

Charles Dickens' tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is retold with songs by the great Leslie Briscusse. Check website for showtimes and ticket prices. Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, 833-282-7328, [tc.org](http://tc.org)

**A LOOK AHEAD**

**FEBRUARY 5-11**

**Waste Management  
Phoenix Open**

Get ready to cheer on your favorite PGA golfer from the famous 16th hole when the "greenest show on grass" returns. Visit website for tee times and ticket prices. Tournament Players Club, 17020 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, [wmphoenixopen.com](http://wmphoenixopen.com)

**FEBRUARY 17-18**

**Bluey's Big Play**

Your children's favorite cartoon dog and his family come to life in a whole new (and three-dimensional) way that is certain to spark their imagination. Check website for times and ticket prices. Arizona Financial Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix, 602-514-2919, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

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THEATER & DRAMA

**Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill**   
**THROUGH NOVEMBER 26**

Billie Holiday shares her story in a cabaret show in a raggedy Philadelphia bar in 1959, just months before her death. The setlist includes "What a Little Moonlight Can Do," "God Bless the Child" and the haunting "Strange Fruit." Call for times and ticket prices. Judith Hardes Theatre, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-254-2151, [phoenixtheatre.com](http://phoenixtheatre.com)