

# FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

## NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

**01 Charles Gaines: The Fresno Years** (through Jan. 5, 2025) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Taken from the museum’s permanent collection, these works from early in Gaines’ more than 50-year career as an artist were made during his tenure here in Fresno.

**Wendy Maruyama: A Sculptural Survey (craft, material, process)** (through Jan. 5, 2025) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Selections for this solo show include examples of Maruyama’s traditional studio craft, and her social commentary explores the themes of feminism, her Japanese American heritage and her personal family history.

**Glorious and Triumphant: Byzantine Icons from the A. & P. Stefanopoulos Collection** (through Jan. 5, 2025) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Celebrating 100 years of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Fresno, the icons in this exhibition range from the 16th century to the modern day and are an example of an enduring ancient tradition.

**Art of the Word: Once Upon a Book** (through June 29, 2025) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Featuring the original illustrations from *Once Upon a Book*, which emphasizes the power of books to help one experience other places outside your own reality.

**Ann Leedy** (through November) Noon–4 p.m. Fig Tree Gallery. Leedy’s art is about being connected in a sensual way to the natural world, meant to create an elevated awareness of the sky, the earth, water, the movement of wind, and the gesture of light and shadow.

**International Public Art Exhibit: Wings of the City** (through August 2025) Maple Mall, Fresno State. World-renowned Mexican artist Jorge Marin’s bronze mythical creatures have taken perch, silently watching the bustle of campus life.

**Above Board: Creating the Artful Dining Experience** (through Nov. 2) 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Clay Hand Studios. Opening reception. A juried exhibition of artful handmade ceramic and glass wares including functional tabletop settings and serve wares and works pertaining to decorative dining experience.

**Dia de los Muertos Art Exhibition** (through Nov. 2) Graduate Art Studios. Gallery hours: Saturdays, noon–4 p.m. Organized by the Fresno State Department of Art, Design and Art History.

**Judging by the Cover Grand Opening** Noon–6 p.m. Judging by the Cover. Pop-up bookstore going to brick-and-mortar. Fun surprises throughout the day.

**Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts: Barry Douglas** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. With “the mind of an analyst, sensitivity of a poet, and fingers of a magician” (*Los Angeles Times*), Douglas has established a major international career. Works by Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Liszt. \$5–\$40

**Dia de los Muertos/Day the Music Died Celebration** 8 p.m. Fulton 55. Live performances and cultural celebrations in honor of this traditional holiday. \$21.60+

**02 CALA GALA** 4 p.m.–9 p.m. Arte Américas. Celebrate Día de Muertos honoring loved ones and dead authors. Experience the nine offerings on display that pay tribute to beloved authors.

**The Secret Garden** (through Nov. 10) Roger Rocka’s. The enchanting, Tony Award-winning musical based on Frances Hodgson Burnett’s classic novel is a compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal set to a truly magical score. \$45–\$75

**03 Litany of Excuses** (through November) Noon–4 p.m. Fig Tree Gallery. Ten new paintings by Michael McDowell.

**04 Fresno State Percussion Ensemble** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Many musical styles and techniques are covered including European, African, Asian, Latin and American. \$5–\$10

**07 ArtHop** 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Greater Fresno Metro Area Galleries. Free entry to exhibitions, gallery shows, special performances and unique art experiences for art lovers of all ages. facebook.com/FACarthop/

**09 26th Annual Kearney Park Renaissance Faire** 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Kearney Park, 6725 W. Kearney Blvd. See the majesty of jousting, pumpkin trebucheting, whiskey tasting and more. \$13–\$18

**09 What the Constitution Means to Me** 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 2nd Space Theatre. Playwright Heidi Schreck’s boundary-breaking play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans. \$10–\$15

**11 Call to Artists: Public Art Project** Deadline: End of day. The Fresno Arts Council is looking for artists to create mosaic artwork for benches and electrical cabinet painting. Learn more at fresnoartscouncil.org/opencalls or call 559-237-9734.

**12 Mac Sabbath 10 Year Anniversary Tour** 8 p.m.–11:30 p.m. Fulton 55. A night of epic music and celebration marking a decade of Mac Sabbath’s unique blend of Black Sabbath covers with a McDonald’s twist. \$34+

**14 Legally Blonde** (through Jan. 12, 2025) 5 p.m. Roger Rocka’s. This musical follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her pink-tinted dreams. \$45

**Khatchkars: Emblematic Art of Armenians** 7 p.m.–8 p.m. Alice Peters Auditorium. Among the creations of Armenian artistic genius, the *khatchkar* is probably the most iconic example of this in Armenia. Exhibition of Hrair Hawk Khatcherian’s photography.

**International String Masters Tour** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. Featuring the California Guitar Trio, the String Revolution and Peppino D’Agostino.

**15 Talking Two Spirit** 2:30 p.m.–5 p.m. Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP). A place for all of our Native community, those part of the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Share ideas, network, gain resources, connect, eat and have fun.

**Give ‘Em Hell Kid** 6 p.m.–11:30 p.m. Full Circle Brewery Co. My Chemical Romance tribute. \$15+

**16 Fresno State Symphony Orchestra Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Featuring standard and neglected repertoire ranging from the Baroque period to the 21st century. \$10–\$15

**20 Why Not Wednesdays** 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Fulton St. (Mono to Fresno). Street fair that transforms Fulton Street into a vibrant pop-up market, featuring a diverse mix of vendors, food trucks, artists and live music. 559-490-9966

**Bill Burr Live** 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Warnors Theatre. Legendary comedian brings his unique humor and sharp wit to Fresno for one night only. \$51–\$72

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**Artur Zakiyan** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. An Armenian pianist

**22** and composer, Zakiyan skillfully blends the captivating essence of Armenian ethnic music with the timeless charm of classical contemporary and the soothing vibes of new age influences.

**23 Becky Robinson** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. An LGBTQ+ L.A.-based comedian, writer, actor and voiceover star best known for the “Entitled Housewife,” the outspoken viral golf character Robinson created to help spread laughter during the pandemic.

**23 Orchestral Virtuosity** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. The Fresno Philharmonic performs Bartók’s *Concerto for Orchestra*, Respighi’s *Poema autunnale*, Mozart’s *Marriage of Figaro Overture* and Reena Esmail’s *REMember*. \$25+

**24 Vinnie Moore/Tony Macalpine and SoulSign** 7 p.m. Fulton 55. Two guitar legends. \$39+

### What the Constitution Means to Me

Direct from Broadway, playwright Heidi Schreck’s boundary-breaking play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans.

Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the United States. In this hilarious, hopeful and achingly human new play, she resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives.

Schreck’s timely and galvanizing play, directed by Oliver Butler, became a sensation off-Broadway before transferring to Broadway where it received two Tony Award nominations among countless other accolades. The *New York Times* hailed *What the Constitution Means to Me* as “not just the best play to open on Broadway so far this season, but also the most important.”

“Endearingly funny and deeply affecting, it would be hard to identify a work for the theater with its finger more on the pulse of American right now.”—*Washington Post*

“Uproariously funny, wrenchingly moving, critically challenging, and politically inspiring.”—*New York Review of Books*

See *What the Constitution Means to Me* at 2nd Space Theatre on Nov. 9.

Submit arts-related events to [fresnoartscalendar@gmail.com](mailto:fresnoartscalendar@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month preceding publication.



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Note: All locations are in the city of Fresno unless otherwise noted.