


# FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

## OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

- 01** **Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really** (through Oct. 5) 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Dennis and Cheryl Woods Theatre. Both terrifying and riotous, Kate Hamill's *Dracula* confronts the sexism in Bram Stoker's original work and subjugates it as a smart and disquieting feminist revenge fantasy.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- International Public Art Exhibit: Wings of the City** (through August 2025) Maple Mall, Fresno State. World-renowned Mexican artist Jorge Marín's bronze mythical creatures have taken perch, silently watching the bustle of campus life.
- Guest Artist: Sérgio Simões Bass Trombone Recital** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Sérgio Rainho Simões joined the Jalisco Philharmonic Orchestra as bass trombone in 2016, was appointed trombone professor at the Universidad de Guadalajara in 2017 and is an active chamber musician in ensembles such as the Lusitanian Brass Trio.
- 03** **Our Town** (through Oct. 6) 2nd Space Theatre. The Good Company Players present this timeless drama, set in the mythical village of Grover's Corner, N.H., that exhibits the complex and beautiful truths of being human.
- 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/
- 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) Opening reception: 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Graduate Art Studios. Gallery hours: Saturdays, noon–4 p.m. Organized by the Fresno State Department of Art, Design and Art History.
- Rhythms of Heritage: Aztec Dance Class** 6 p.m.–7 p.m. Speakers Platform, Fresno State. An outside dance class for the campus community to learn the importance of cultural dance and how to do a small portion of a dance. cynthiavillalobos@mail.fresnostate.edu.
- Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician with her band.
- 04** **Cello Fresno Faculty Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. A gala concert featuring the Fresno State Symphony Orchestra with guest artists as part of an international cello festival.
- Amanda Duran Album Release Show** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. A local original artist who desires to bring back the passion of rock 'n' roll to the "world" backed with driving beats, guitar amps and her red Flying V.
- 05** **Council of 100 Distinguished Woman Artists for 2024** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Luncheon honoring Wendy Maruyama, a visual artist, furniture maker and educator.
- Let's Make an Art!** 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Root Access Hackerspace. Community art meetup; bring your favorite materials or use ours.
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- Suelta La Lengua Con Itati y Doña Silva** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. TikTok superstar Itati Lopez, with 14 million followers, returns for Season 2 of *Suelta La Lengua* with a new co-host—her mother, Doña Silvia.
- 06** **Mauricio Náter: Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts** 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. "No other Mexican pianist matches Mauricio Náter's busy concert schedule, precise technique and intense passion" (*Houston Chronicle*).
- Cirque Du Bollywood** 6 p.m. Tower Theatre. All the way from India with the Rajasthani Caravan, a night of Bollywood music and dance: Punjabi, Qwalli, Sufi-Hindustani.
- 08** **Symphonic Band Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The on-campus wind band, conducted by Steve McKeithen.
- 09** **Fresno State Wind Orchestra with Special Guest** 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The College of Sequoias Symphonic Band joins the Fresno State Wind Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Gary Gilroy.
- 11** **Queering Mariachi: Mariachi Arcoiris de Los Angeles** 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Royce Hall Auditorium, Fresno High School, 1839 N. Echo Ave. The world's first all-openly LGBTQ+ mariachi group presented by the Cross Cultural and Gender Center at Fresno State. cynthiavillalobos@mail.fresnostate.edu.
- Nights in the Plaza** 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Arte Américas. Afro-Peruvian percussion and dance workshop with Gabriela Shiroma and Peta Robles.
- Carlos Ballarta: Tlatoani** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. Ballarta, with three Netflix specials, is one of the most recognizable faces in the growing Spanish-speaking stand-up scene. Spanish-language show.
- Alexander String Quartet** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Widely admired for its interpretations of Beethoven, Mozart and Shostakovich, the Quartet has also established itself as an important advocate of new music through more than 25 commissions and numerous premiere performances.
- 12** **LitHop 2024** Noon–5 p.m. Tower District venues. Annual pop-up literary arts festival, created by local writers to uplift the writing community while celebrating Fresno's unique arts districts. lithopfresno.org
- 13** **Guelaguetza Madera 2024** 11 a.m. Sunrise Rotary Sports Complex, 1901 Clinton St., Madera. A Oaxacan indigenous-led celebration featuring delicious traditional food, dance, music and more. 559-481-8084 / comiteguelaguetzamazamadera@gmail.com
- Steven Ho** 7:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. The hilarious mastermind behind the "Tips from the ER" series has taken his comedic genius on the road offering audiences an unforgettable blend of laughter and insight into the absurdities of healthcare.
- 16** **Why Not Wednesday** 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Fulton St. (Mono to Fresno). A new monthly 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
- René Vaca** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. Winner of the 16th annual Stand Up NBC competition, this stand-up comedian, writer and actor is currently on tour and hosts a monthly show at the Hollywood Laugh Factory.
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- 18** **David Nail** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. His musical candor cuts like a laser through star-making propriety, a ritual of predictable answers to predictable questions, recited by artists averse to the controversy that truth can bring.
- 19** **Los Lobos at 50** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. It's a matter of time—50 years to be exact. And in that time Los Lobos has created an unprecedented body of work, a legacy of greatness.
- 20** **Fall Choral Concert** 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The Fresno State Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and Masterworks Chorus under the direction of Dr. Cari Earnhart combine for a special performance.
- Max Amini** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. Step into the electric world of a comedy sensation as Max is armed with a fresh array of comedy delights for this extraordinary event that will leave you in stitches and rolling in the aisles.
- 24** **State of the Arts** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. The Grand on 10. The Fresno Arts Council acknowledges the vibrant work being done in the arts community, from the impact artists are making to new arts opportunities in the field. The 2024 Horizon Awards will be presented.
- 25** **Filmmaker Meetup** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. It's spooky season, and CMAC is ready to serve up some local films that are sure to give you a fright!
- 26** **Spectrum Art Gallery Benefit Print Auction and Exhibition** 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Dulce UpFront. Generating vital financial support for the Spectrum Art Gallery, now in its 44th year.
- Titus** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. "Amazingly funny" (*Forbes*), "TV's most original comedy voice since Seinfeld" (*Newsday*), "That show was art" (Bruce Springsteen).
- 28** **Big Bands in Concert with the Amina Scott Quartet** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. An exceptionally talented bassist and composer, Scott continues to forge her own path as a trailblazing artist.
- 30** **Author Reading: Fresno State MFA Faculty** 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Alice Peters Auditorium. An evening with faculty authors Venita Blackburn, Steven Church, Ra Jarrar, Brynn Saito, Mai Der Vang and Brenna Womer. Part of the Fresno Poets' Association series.

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

<b>VENUES</b>	2nd Space Theatre • 928 E. Olive Ave. • 559-266-0660 / <a href="http://gcplayers.simpletix.com">gcplayers.simpletix.com</a>	CMAC • 1555 Van Ness Ave., Suite 201 • 559-266-2622 / <a href="http://cmac.tv">cmac.tv</a>	Fresno State Concert Hall • 2380 E. Keats Ave. • 559-278-2654	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / <a href="http://fresnotowertheater.com">fresnotowertheater.com</a>
	Alice Peters Auditorium • University Business Center, Fresno State • 559-278-1569	Dennis and Cheryl Woods Theatre • Speech Arts Building, Fresno State • 559-278-5803	Graduate Art Studios • 1419 M St. • 559-492-4000	Note: All locations are in the city of Fresno unless otherwise noted.
	Arte Américas • 1630 Van Ness Ave. • <a href="http://arteamericas.org">arteamericas.org</a>	Dulce UpFront • 2026 N. Van Ness Blvd. • 559-266-0691 / <a href="http://spectrumphotogallery.org">spectrumphotogallery.org</a>	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / <a href="http://rogerrockas.com">rogerrockas.com</a>	 <p>The San Joaquin Valley Media Alliance is funded in part by the City of Fresno Measure P Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Fund administered by the Fresno Arts Council.</p>
	Clay Hand Studios • 660 Van Ness Ave. • <a href="http://clayhandstudios.net">clayhandstudios.net</a>	Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / <a href="http://fresnoartmuseum.org">fresnoartmuseum.org</a>	The Grand on 10 • 1401 Fulton St. • <a href="http://fresnoartscouncil.org">fresnoartscouncil.org</a>	