

FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

01 **Charles Gaines: The Fresno Years** (through Jan. 5) 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) 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) 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.

Legally Blonde (through Jan. 12) 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

Art of the Word: Once Upon a Book (through June 29) 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) Maple Mall, Fresno State. World-renowned Mexican artist Jorge Marín’s bronze mythical creatures have taken perch, silently watching the bustle of campus life.

Michael Reece (through January) Noon–4 p.m. Fig Tree Gallery. Recent paintings.

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

03 **Chapter Two** (through Feb. 23) 2nd Space Theatre. A widower and divorcée meet, marry and nearly muck it up. \$29.49

05 **Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts** 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Old Administration Building, FCC. Grammy Award winner Yefim Bronfman has been lauded as “a marvel of digital dexterity, warmly romantic sentiment and jaw-dropping bravura” (*Chicago Tribune*). \$5+

07 **Steve Hofstetter** 7 p.m. Strummer’s. Stand-up comedian and podcast host. \$34.51+

08 **Workshop: Getting Started** 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. CMAC. Elevate your creative video endeavors.

11 **Old Time Fiddlers and Music Jam** 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Santa Fe Basque. Free

12 **Irish & Breton Session** 2 p.m.–4 p.m. La Boulangerie. An open session of Irish and Breton tunes on the patio. Free

15 **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

Workshop: Visual Storytelling 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Master the art of visual storytelling.

Art Grooves Got Jokes 7 p.m. open mic (3-minute limit for jokes, singing, poetry), 7:30 p.m. comedian talent contest. River Park Art Groove.

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

17 **Chris D’Elia: Straight Outta the Multiverse** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. One of the most in-demand performers in comedy, D’Elia’s highly successful podcast has been a mainstay on iTunes’ comedy podcast charts since its debut in 2017. \$129.36+

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (through March 16) Roger Rocka’s. The feel-good, chart-topping celebration of a rock ‘n’ roll legend.

Inner Ear Beat Down Slams 7 p.m. open mic, 7:30 p.m. slam. River Park Art Groove. Hosted by Bryan Medina.

18 **Talk about the Weather** 3 p.m. FCC Theatre. The Fresno Community Concert Band plays music depicting weather with pieces including “Blue Skies,” “Singin’ in the Rain” and Vivaldi’s *The Four Seasons*. Free.

Bernstein and Barber 7:30 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. Karen Slack performs Barber’s lyrical and nostalgic *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*. Also Adolphus Hailstork’s *Fanfare on Amazing Grace* and Walker’s *Lyric for Strings*. A lifelong advocate for civil rights, Leonard Bernstein’s jazzy ballet score *Fancy Free* brings this celebratory concert to a close. \$30+

19 **Bernstein and Barber** 3 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. See Jan. 18 listing.

21 **Poetry Book Signing** 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Armenian Museum. *Carpet Weavers* by Brenda Najimian Magarity. A local poet’s deep reflection of her inner being in search of identity and longing...stunning images connect us to an ancestral past that comes alive both in imagination and memory.

Jazz at the Library 6:30 p.m. Woodward Park Library. The Latin JazzFresno Big Band. Free.

22 **Workshop: Camera Basics** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Learn to record with CMAC cameras.

25 **Workshop: Editing with Adobe Premiere** 10 a.m.–1 p.m. CMAC. Learn the basics of video editing.

Edén Muñoz 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Mexican singer, songwriter and producer of Mexican Regional Music. \$135.96+

Corridos Fest 2025 8 p.m. Rainbow Room. Performances by Los Nuevos Rebeldes, Jesus Ojeda Y Sus Parientes, Traviezo De La Zierra and el Grupo 3030. \$50+

Black Flag 8 p.m. Strummer’s. The U.S. punk rock band plays all of their iconic *First Four Years* compilation. \$31.42

26 **Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts** 3 p.m. Big Red Church. Isabelle Demers: “Virtuosic fingers and feet, a terrific organist” (*Chicago Tribune*). \$40

27 **Andrea González Caballero** 7:30 p.m.–8:45 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. A rising star in Spanish classical guitar. \$30+

Thee Sacred Souls 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Renowned for their unique blend of classic soul and modern R&B. \$83.16+

29 **Workshop: Audio Recording Essentials** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Learn the basics of microphone techniques.

31 **Workshop: Lighting Techniques** 4 p.m.–6 p.m. CMAC. Make your sets shine.

La Bohème 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The Fresno State Opera Theatre and Symphony Orchestra present Giacomo Puccini’s beloved masterpiece, which is set in 19th century Paris and follows a group of young artists navigating love, friendship and hardship in the Latin Quarter. \$10+

CALLS TO ARTISTS
The Fresno Arts Council and City of Fresno are seeking nominations for the next City of Fresno Poet Laureate for the term 2025–2027. Deadline: Jan. 24. fresnoartscouncil.submittable.com.

The Fresno International Transportation Innovations (FITI) 2025 S.T.E.P. Summit invites artists to explore and reimagine the beauty of clean transportation and renewable energy. Deadline: Jan. 31. fresnotransposummit.org

Armenian Museum of Fresno

Established in 2003, the Armenian Museum of Fresno highlights the contributions of Armenians and Armenian Americans to California and the Central Valley, signifying the collective responsibility to preserve and complement the cultural fabric of these communities.

The museum promotes and showcases rotating exhibitions of fine arts and provides a forum for the visual and performing arts, including music and literature, and holds workshops and symposiums. The current exhibitions are as follows.

Toumanian and Eclipse. Armenia, an ally of the West at the beginning of the 20th century, struggled to maintain its independence against the forces of Bolshevik/Communist Russia, led by Lenin and Stalin on one end and their ally, Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) of Turkey, on the other. As a result, Armenia became fragmented and the consequences are still being felt.

Spirit of Artsakh. The panels display images highlighting the history, faith, geography, culture and heritage of the most eastern province of the historic Armenian highlands. The exhibition was prepared in 2016 on the 25th anniversary of the independence of Artsakh from the Soviet Union.

Armenian Journey: From Shattered Past to Prosperity. The panels represent a brief outline of the reasons the Armenians migrated to California and their accomplishments. The contributions of Armenian Americans are highlighted in agriculture, industry, civic service and philanthropy, as well as their involvement in art, music and entertainment.

The museum is located at the UC Center (550 E. Shaw Ave., Suite 130) and is open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Friday. Learn more at armof.org.



Varoujan Der Simonian, director of the Fresno Armenian Museum, shows a trunk brought to the United States by an Armenian refugee early this century. Photo by Peter Maiden



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Submit arts-related events to to calendar@fresnoalliance.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

VENUES

2nd Space Theatre • 928 E. Olive Ave. • 559-266-0660 / gcplayers.simpletix.com	Fig Tree Gallery • 644 Van Ness Ave. • 559-485-0460 / figtreegallery.us	Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall • 2770 E. International Ave. • 559-327-5000	Strummer’s Bar & Grill • 833 E. Fern Ave. • 559-485-5356 / strummersclub.com
Armenian Museum of Fresno • 550 E. Shaw Ave. • 559-224-1001 / armof.org	Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / fresnoartmuseum.org	Rainbow Ballroom • 1725 Broadway St. • 559-354-1017	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / fresnotowertheater.com
Big Red Church • 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. • 559-227-8489 / bigredchurch.org	Fresno State Concert Hall • 2380 E. Keats Ave. • 559-278-2654	River Park’s Art Groove Event Center • 80 E. Via Del Oro • 559-840-8886	UU Church • 2672 E. Alluvial Ave. • 559-322-6146 / uufresno.org
CMAC • 1555 Van Ness Ave. • 559-266-2622 / cmac.tv	La Boulangerie • 730 W. Shaw Ave. • 559-222-0555	Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / rogerrockas.com	William Saroyan Theatre • 700 M St. • 559-445-8100
FCC Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Old Administration Building • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Santa Fe Basque Restaurant • 3110 N. Maroa Ave. • 559-226-7499	Woodward Park Regional Library • 944 E. Perrin Ave. • 559-600-3135 / fresnolibrary.org

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