

FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

MARCH 2025 CALENDAR

Rogue Festival 2025 Feb. 28–March 8

Six days of theater, music, dance, comedy, magic, poetry, performance art, fun and complete fringe performance madness. (See related story on page 11.) All performances are in the Tower District. Visit fresnoroguefestival.org to “Find Shows by Date,” “Find Shows by Venue” and “Performer Information”

01 **Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play** (through March 8) 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. In this post-catastrophic future where the grid has failed, a group of survivors come together to rebuild their world through the life-affirming act of telling stories under the stars during which time they begin to recount an episode of *The Simpsons*, “Cape Feare.” \$14

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

The Importance of Being Earnest (through April 19). 2nd Space Theatre. Oscar Wilde’s play about fast friends and false identities; farce at its finest. \$29.49+

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.

The Harmon & Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper (through June 29) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. The 65 works in this exhibition date from the late 1800s to 2002 and represent just a fraction of one of the country’s major African American art collections.

Tony Natsoulas: Artist Heroes (through June 29) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. Natsoulas, a student of famed ceramist and educator Robert Arneson, continues the Funk Clay Movement of the 1960s into the 21st century.

Pixels: Image as Mythology, Contemporary Paintings by Michael Azgour (through June 29) Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Fresno Art Museum. This exhibit explores the various ways in which images have been used to tell stories over time.

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.

John Sierra: A Retrospective Arte Américas. Born in Kerman, Sierra’s work as a muralist, author, illustrator and educator has shaped not only the artistic landscape of the Central Valley but also fostered the creation of Arte Américas.

Workshop: Animate with After Effects 1 p.m.–5 p.m. CMAC. Transform your videos with dynamic graphics.

Leanne Morgan 7 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Southern belle and comedian Morgan infuses her stand-up comedy with relatable tales of navigating life, motherhood and marriage. \$84.48+

Paula Poundstone 7:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. Appearing on stage with a stool, a microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi, Poundstone returns with her razor-sharp wit and spontaneity. \$49.13+

02 **Tower Mardi Gras Parade & Festival** 1 p.m. Tower District. Seeds of Change: Cultivating Community.

Messiah 3 p.m. University Presbyterian Church. Fresno Pacific Concert Choir, San Joaquin Chorale and Fresno Choral Artists present selections from the first three parts of Handel’s masterpiece. Free

03 **Big Bands in Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Performances by Fresno State’s talented jazz ensembles, featuring a dynamic mix of swing, bebop and contemporary jazz styles. \$15+

06 **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/

07 **Hermanos de Leche** 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. A night of bold, unapologetic comedy as Ivan Fematt “La Mole” and Adrian Marcelo take the stage on their first international tour. \$84+

The Nu Metal Party Tour 8:30 p.m. Strummers. A nu kind of DJ night for all the pimps, freaks and maggots that are dreamin’ to celebrate the golden age of nu-metal. \$17+

History Happy Hour: A Sojourn of Thoughts and Stories with John Cho 5 p.m.–8 p.m. The Archive on Kern. An evening of poetry, food and friends that is sure to offer stimulating conversation in a unique setting.

08 **Workshop: Editing with Adobe Premiere** 10 a.m.–1 p.m. CMAC. Learn the basics of video editing using Adobe’s leading video editing software, Premiere Pro.

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

The Expendables 7 p.m. Strummers. 25-Year Anniversary Tour with Kyle Smith. Signature reggae rock vibes. \$28+

Basscapade 2025 8 p.m. Valdez Hall. Featuring Nightmre, Layz, One True God, Brondo and ENS for a mind-blowing, elite bass adventure. \$35

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

Black Jacket Symphony 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. Re-creating Pink Floyd’s iconic *Dark Side of the Moon* live in its entirety—note for note, sound for sound—plus a full set of Pink Floyd’s greatest hits. \$43.47+

12 **Workshop: Getting Started at CMAC** 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. CMAC. Discover how CMAC can elevate your creative video endeavors.

Musica Viva Chamber Music Concert 7 p.m. University Presbyterian Church. Susan Doering, violin; Dieter Wulfhorst, violoncello; and Faith DeBow, piano. “Escape to Hollywood: From Europe Across the Sea.” Free

Stavros Halkias: The Dreamboat Tour 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. Comedian, actor and writer whose special *Fat Rascal* is now on Netflix. \$41.92+

Cathedral Bells 8 p.m. Strummers. The indie/dreampop band project of multi-instrumentalist Matt Messore. Also with Billy Changer and Bummer Daze. \$18+

14 **Central Valley Guitar Summit** 8 a.m. Old Administration Building. Student performances all day (free). Feature concert with special guest at 7:30 p.m. (\$15)

15 **Workshop: Videos for Social Media** 1 p.m.–3 p.m. CMAC. Learn how to create videos that are visually appealing and effective at communicating your message.

Fresno Community Concert Band: Dance With Me 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. FCC Theatre. “Step to the polka, waltz, tango, swing, fox trot, two-step, country western and even a little ballet! Featuring the dynamic dancing duo of Leah Dickerson and Franco Peraza.” Free

Kane Brown 7 p.m. Save Mart Center. High Road Tour. \$105+

Yuridia 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Sin Llorar U.S. Tour 2025. The queen of Mexican regional music. \$75+

Annual Dr. Lawrence R. Sutherland Wind Festival 8 p.m.–10 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. An evening celebrating the artistry and excellence of wind ensembles featuring exceptional high school, collegiate and professional wind ensembles from across the region. \$15

Sleaze Freaks 9 p.m. Fulton 55. An indie sleaze revival night—indie rock, electroclash and alternative hits. \$16+

16 **Annual Dr. Lawrence R. Sutherland Wind Festival** 4:20 p.m.–5:15 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. High School Honor Band Concert. \$8

18 **Jazz at the Library** 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Woodward Park Library. Live jazz performance.

5th Annual Festival Showcase Concert 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. The Fresno City College Music Department’s Concerto Competition winners perform with both the Symphonic Band and the Symphony Orchestra. Donation.

19 **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: Camera Basics 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Learn to record using CMAC cameras in this hands-on workshop.

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.

20 **33rd Fresno City Jazz Festival** (through March 21) 8 a.m.–5 p.m. FCC Theatre. Celebrating 33 years of jazz education and performance, Fresno City College’s jazz program is the most diverse in central California and has earned a national reputation. Free

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/

21 **Waitress** (through May 18) Roger Rocka’s. A waitress/pie chef living in a small town feels trapped in an unhappy marriage but sees the grand prize in a pie contest as her chance to get out.

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

Female Tributes 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. Mistress of Reality tribute to Black Sabbath and Far Beyond Hostile tribute to Pantera. \$22.35+

Violin and Viola Festival 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Faculty Chamber Music Concert. \$15+

22 **Ali Siddiq** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. “I Got a Story to Tell” tour, bringing his storytelling comedy style on the road. \$70

Violin and Viola Festival 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Fresno State Symphony Orchestra Gala Concert. \$15+

23 **Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts** 4 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The Tetzlaff String Quartet, which has been praised for its “dramatic, energetic playing of clean intensity” (*New York Times*), performs pieces by Mendelssohn, Widmann and Dvorak. \$40

All-White Party: A Tribute to Frankie Beverly 7 p.m. Fulton 55. Come dressed in your favorite all-white attire to celebrate the legendary Frankie Beverly and his music. \$20+

25 **Night Club** 8 p.m. Strummers. A dark electronic duo from Los Angeles featuring Emily Kavanaugh and Mark Brooks. \$18+

27 **Fresno Philharmonic Farm to Fiddle Fundraising Dinner Party** 5:30 p.m.–9 p.m. The Barn. California wine, food, specialties and a special performance by Rei Hotoda and members of the Fresno Philharmonic. \$200

The Grogans 7 p.m. Strummers. This genre-hopping Australian trio showcases their musical ability, touching on blues, surf and garage rock, as well as manoeuvres in punk and psych. \$18+

Fresno State Spring Choral Concert 7:30 p.m.–9 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. \$15+

Grasmere (through April 2) Studio Theatre. A part fact, part fiction play about love, loss and passions. Four friends discover each other when their lives begin to unravel. \$14

Antigone (through April 5) Dennis & Cheryl Woods Theatre. The conflict between justice and law rises to poetic heights in this innovative translation of Sophokles’ classic tale of civil disobedience. Presented by the Fresno State University Theatre Program. \$20

Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts 7:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Zlata Chochieva, who has “consistently inspired, masterfully executed and beautiful sounding interpretations” (*Gramophone*), performs pieces by J.S. Bach, Schumann, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn. \$40

29 **Alfred Robles** 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. Since getting kicked out of the police academy, Robles has risen to become one of the hottest young comedians in the country. \$46.04+

30 **Johnny Manchild & the Poor Bastards** 7 p.m. Strummers. The Double Vision Tour. With special guest Volores. \$12+

VENUES

2nd Space Theatre • 928 E. Olive Ave. • 559-266-0660 / gcplayers.simplerix.com	Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / fresnoartmuseum.org	Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall • 2770 E. International Ave. • 559-327-5000	Strummer's Bar & Grill • 833 E. Fern Ave. • 559-485-5356 / strummersclub.com	University Presbyterian Church • 1776 E. Roberts Ave. • upc@upcfresno.org
Arte Américas • 1630 Van Ness Ave. • arteamericas.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	Studio Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Valdez Hall • 702 M St. • 559-445-8100
CMAC • 1555 Van Ness Ave. • 559-266-2622 / cmac.tv	Fulton 55 • 875 Divisadero St. • info@fulton55.com / fulton55.com	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / rogerrockas.com	The Archive on Kern • 2120 Kern St. • 559-777-4092 / valleyhistory.org	<p>Submit arts-related events to calendar@fresnoalliance.com by the 15th of the month preceding publication, or you can post anytime online at fresnoalliance.com (select Calendar).</p>
Dennis & Cheryl Woods Theatre • 5241 N. Maple Ave. • 559-278-4240	La Boulangerie • 730 W. Shaw Ave. • 559-222-0555	Santa Fe Basque Restaurant • 3110 N. Maroa Ave. • 559-226-7499	The Barn at San Joaquin River Parkway • 11605 Old Friant Rd. • 559-248-8480 / riverparkway.org	
FCC Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Old Administration Building • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Save Mart Center • 2650 E. Shaw Ave. • savemartcenter.com	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / fresnotowertheater.com	

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