

# FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

## MAY 2025 CALENDAR

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**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.

**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.

**Evany Zirul** (through June 1) Fig Tree Gallery. Evany Zirul exhibits her newest piece, Big Bird, created from steel coat hangers and 5' tall.

**John Sierra: A Retrospective** 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 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.

**Tony Natsoulas: Artist Heroes** 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.

**Art of the Word: Once Upon a Book** (through June 29) 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) 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.

**Pixels: Image as Mythology, Contemporary Paintings by Michael Azgour** (through June 29) 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.

**ArtHop** 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Downtown Fresno. Exhibitions, gallery shows, special performances and unique art experiences. Free

**Fresno Pacific University Student Art Show** 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Warkentine Arts & Culture Center. Free

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**Silent Sky** (through June 22) 2nd Space Theatre. Henrietta Leavitt, a pioneering astronomer, made groundbreaking discoveries at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, despite being a woman in a male-dominated field. \$29.49

**for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf** Artistry Unbound. The premier performing arts program of the African American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley. \$21+

**Cinco De Mayo Celebration** 6 p.m. 10 p.m. Old Administration Building. Fresno City College's Latino Faculty & Staff Association kicks off the weekend with tacos, drinks, live music and dancing.

**Swede Fest** 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Royce Hall. Film festival for sweded films—short, homemade recreations of your favorite Hollywood movies. Free

**Soli Deo Gloria Performs "In Love's Shadow"** 7 p.m. University Presbyterian Church. Love, in all its beauty and sorrow, casts both light and shadow; exploring the dual nature of love, both spurned and returned. \$20+

**State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine: Sleeping Beauty** 7 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. World-class artistry with lavish sets, hand-painted scenery and exquisite costumes. \$49+

**The Sins of Sor Juana** (through May 10) Fresno State University Theatre. See "Sins of Sor Juana" sidebar.

**Fresno State Symphony Orchestra Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. \$15+

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**Bilingual Storytime** 10 a.m. noon. Arte Américas. Listen to a story in English and Spanish followed by making art together inspired by the day's book.

**Communities Read Together** 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Betty Rodriguez Regional Library. Author Ernesto Cisneros discusses his award-winning book, *Efrén Divided*.

**Nakology 2025** 10 p.m. Strummer's. The biggest college party of the year is back with a Y2K theme. \$26+

**San Joaquin Valley Bookfest 2025** 9 a.m. Old Administration Building. A daylong gathering to celebrate San Joaquin Valley readers and writers. Free

**2 Fast 2 Fiesta: A 2000s Latin Night** 9 p.m. Fulton 55. The biggest 2000s Latin hits. \$20+

**Fresno City College Choir** 7:30 p.m. End-of-semester music during this spring concert. Old Administration Building. \$8

**Nu'u Yavi Culinary: Culinary Heritages** Noon–8 p.m. Madera Courthouse Park. Traditional foods from Oaxaca prepared by indigenous women from Oaxaca. Flavors with Love: A Mother's Day Celebration will celebrate mothers through food, youth art and garden unveiling.

**Nights in the Plaza Concert** 6 p.m. Arte Américas. Featuring Grammy Award winners La Santa Cecilia. \$30

**Fresno City College Jazz Combos** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. The Fresno City College Small Jazz Ensembles and Large Jazz Ensemble. \$8

**Old Time Fiddlers & Music Jam** 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Santa Fe Basque. Free

**Let's Go Bowling** 7:30 p.m. Fulton 55. Legendary ska pioneers. \$26.95

**George Lopez Live** 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Lopez has broken ground for Latino comics by embracing his ethnicity and confronting racial stereotypes. \$49+

**Mother's Day Brunch** 11 a.m. Arte Américas. Annual fundraiser to celebrate those who mother in our community. \$85

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

**Cold** 6:30 p.m. Fulton 55. Celebrating 25 years of 13 Ways to Bleed on Stage. \$25+

**Tina: The Tina Turner Musical** (also May 13) 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Experience the powerful journey of a music icon who redefined music and inspired generations. \$49+

**Fresno City College Jazz Concert** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. The Fresno City College Small Jazz Ensembles and Large Jazz Ensemble. \$8

**Nurse John: The Short Staffed Tour** 7 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Nurse John's comedy is like talking to your work bestie: You trauma dump, cry, scream and laugh together through all the high and the lows of working in the service industry. \$59+

**Buzzcocks** 7 p.m. Strummer's. A constant, ever-evolving presence over the last 45 years of pop culture. \$37

**Luis Coronel** 7 p.m. Fulton 55. "Eterno Enamorado 2025": A night of romance and music. \$42

**Inner Ear Beat Down Slams** 7 p.m. 9 p.m. River Park Art Groove. 7 p.m. open mic, 7:30 p.m. slam. Hosted by Bryan Medina.

**Fresno Folklore Society: Kevin Burke** 7 p.m. Wolk Garden. Exquisite fiddle tunes from the Irish tradition. \$25+

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**Artur Zakiyan Solo Piano** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. Skillfully blends the captivating essence of ethnic music with the timeless charm of classical contemporary and the soothing vibes of new age influences. \$41+

**Nora En Pure** 9 p.m. Fulton 55. Catch the queen of deep house, up close and personal. \$25+

**Bilingual Storytime** 10 a.m. noon. Arte Américas. Listen to a story in English and Spanish followed by making art together inspired by the day's book.

**Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite** 2:30 p.m. St. James Episcopal Cathedral. Fresno Community Chorus featuring Coro Piccolo.

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

**Fresno City College Symphonic Band Concert** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. Last concert of the spring semester. \$8

**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.

**Art Grooves Got Jokes** 7 p.m. 9 p.m. River Park Art Groove. 7 p.m. open mic (3-minute limit for jokes, singing, poetry), 7:30 p.m. comedian talent contest.

**MURS The Final Run Tour** 7 p.m. Strummer's. A true rap icon from the sun-drenched streets of Los Angeles, bringing a raw and unfiltered voice to the culture of hip hop. \$22

**ArtHop** 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Fresno Metro Area. Exhibitions, gallery shows, special performances and unique art experiences for art lovers of all ages. Free

**1776** (through July 20) Roger Rocka's. A musical based on the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. \$45+

**Hermanos Espinoza** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Highly acclaimed regional Mexican music group known for their versatility and unique talent. \$98+

**The Emo Night Tour** 8 p.m. Fulton 55. Spinning all the angst your teenage dirtbag heart desires all night long. \$18+

**The Big Fresno Beer & Taco Festival** 2 p.m. Rotary Amphitheater. Come get your eat on and your groove on with your friends and family. \$39

**The Purple Ones** 8 p.m. Fulton 55. An insatiable tribute to Prince. \$20+

**Youth Orchestras of Fresno** 4 p.m. William Saroyan Theater. 75th Anniversary Gala Concert. \$25+

**Ringo Deathstarr** 8 p.m. Strummer's. American shoegaze band. \$24

**New Wrinkles: That's Entertainment** (through June 8) FCC Theatre. A salute to the icons of stage and screen. \$15

**Tower Rats** 7 p.m. Strummer's. *I Aim to Please* release celebration. \$21

**Margaret Cho Live and Livid** 2025 7:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. Cho staunchly supports the causes important to her—anti-racism, anti-bullying and gay rights—all while fulfilling her successful creative side. \$42

Submit arts-related events to [calendar@fresnoalliance.com](mailto:calendar@fresnoalliance.com) by the 15th of the month preceding publication, or you can post anytime online at [fresnoalliance.com](https://fresnoalliance.com) (select Calendar).

VENUES

ArtHop Venues • <a href="https://fresnoartscouncil.org/programs/arthop">fresnoartscouncil.org/programs/arthop</a>	Fulton 55 • 875 Divisadero St. • <a href="mailto:info@fulton55.com">info@fulton55.com</a> / <a href="https://fulton55.com">fulton55.com</a>	Santa Fe Basque Restaurant • 3110 N. Maroa Ave. • 559-226-7499	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / <a href="https://fresnotowertheatre.com">fresnotowertheatre.com</a>	William Saroyan Theatre • 700 M St. • 559-445-8100
Betty Rodriguez Regional Library • 3040 N. Cedar Ave. • 559-600-9245	La Boulangerie • 730 W. Shaw Ave. • 559-222-0555	Save Mart Center • 2650 E. Shaw Ave. • <a href="https://savemartcenter.com">savemartcenter.com</a>	Wahlberg Recital Hall • Fresno State • 559-278-2654	Wolk Garden • 6661 N. Forkner Ave. • 559-431-3653
FCC Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall • 2770 E. International Ave. • 559-327-5000	Strummer's Bar & Grill • 833 E. Fern Ave. • 559-485-5356 / <a href="https://strummersclub.com">strummersclub.com</a>	Warkentine Culture & Arts Center • Fresno Pacific University • 559-453-2267	Woodward Park Regional Library • 944 E. Perrin Ave. • 559-600-3135 / <a href="https://fresnolibrary.org">fresnolibrary.org</a>
Fig Tree Gallery • 644 Van Ness Ave. • 559-485-0460 / <a href="https://figtreegallery.us">figtreegallery.us</a>	River Park's Art Groove Event Center • 80 E. Via Del Oro • 559-840-8886	Studio Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	Warnors Theatre • 1400 Fulton St. • 559-264-2848 / <a href="https://warnorscenter.org">warnorscenter.org</a>	<i>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.</i> 
Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / <a href="https://fresnoartmuseum.org">fresnoartmuseum.org</a>	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / <a href="https://rogerrockas.com">rogerrockas.com</a>	T-400 Building • Fresno City College • 559-442-8273	Washington Union High School Theatre • 6041 S. Elm Ave. • 559-495-5680	
Note: All locations are in the city of Fresno unless otherwise noted.				

# Sins of Sor Juana

*The Sins of Sor Juana* by Karen Zacarías and directed by Gina Sandí-Díaz is a student production at Fresno State organized by the School of Music that runs from May 2 to May 10.

Legendary Mexican poet Juana Inés de la Cruz writes expressive, sensual verse at the Viceroy’s court in the

1600s, a time when it was unfashionable and sinful for women to exercise their intellect.

The Viceroy is jealous of Juana’s influence on his beautiful wife, the Vicereine, who has arranged a profitable marriage to ensure that Juana will always have a place in court. Believing his own marriage is threatened by Juana’s engagement, the Viceroy hires a charming, educated rogue to seduce Juana and destroy her reputation.

When Juana refuses to compromise her poetry for what the church ordains appropriate, she stands to lose everything she loves.

May 2–3: 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

May 4: 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

May 6–10: 7:30 p.m –9:30 -p.m.

All performances are at the Fresno State University Theatre at a cost of \$10–\$20.