

FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

- 01** **Chapter Two** (through Feb. 23) 2nd Space Theatre. A widower and divorcée meet, marry and nearly muck it up. \$29.49
- Beautiful: The Carole King Musical** (through March 16) Roger Rocka's. The feel-good, chart-topping celebration of a rock 'n' roll legend.
- 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.
- Jurassic Quest** 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Fresno Convention Center. The largest and most realistic traveling dinosaur exhibit on tour in the United States, it has animatronic dinosaurs, a 60-foot long Spinosaurus, an 80-foot long Apatosaurus and a life-size T.rex. \$27.85+
- Womxn 2 Womxn Arts and Culture Celebration** 2 p.m.–5 p.m. Dulce Upfront. Art, music and performances, workshops, vendors and more. All ages. Free.
- Purple Ones** 9 p.m.–11:30 p.m. Fulton 55. Insatiable tribute to Prince. \$27+
- 02** **Jurassic Quest** 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Fresno Convention Center. See Feb. 1 listing.
- La Bohème** 2:30 p.m.–5 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The classic opera is sung in Italian with English subtitles. Performed by the Fresno State Opera Theatre and the Fresno State Symphony Orchestra Artistic Team. \$10+
- 03** **Black History Month Art Exhibit** (through February) 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Room 186, Dean's Gallery, Music Building, Fresno State. Vanessa Addison-Williams' vibrant and evocative works explore themes of identity, strength and cultural heritage, weaving narratives that honor the struggles and triumphs of the Black experience.
- 05** **Workshop: Screenwriting** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Every great film starts with writing; this workshop covers the structure and various formats for storytelling.
- The Holdup** 7 p.m. Strummer's. "I owe the IRS 60K Dollars Tour (continued)" with Dylan Reese. The musical project of Michael Garmany, the music has influences from R&B, reggae and hip-hop. \$23+
- 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/
- Dopethrone, Kadabra, Chrch, Beastmaker and Smoking Mirror** 7 p.m.–11:30 p.m. Fulton 55. An evening of heavy metal. \$21+
- 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 Story of Exhibition: History of Music in Iran** 6 p.m. UU Church. Performance in both Persian and English.
- Benise** 6:30 p.m. Tower Theatre. The Emmy-winning "Prince of Spanish Guitar" captures the music and romanticism of Spain. \$130+
- Hearts of Soul** 7 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Rose Royce, Dazz Band and other legendary artists from the 1960s and 1970s for an evening of love, soul and classic hits. \$75+
- Gabriel Iglesias: Don't Worry Be Fluffy** 8 p.m. Save Mart Center. Iconic stand-up comedian with his cross-cultural and clean-spoken style of comedy. \$75+
- Metalachi** 8 p.m. Fulton 55. Heavy metal mariachi madness. \$32+
- 09** **Session of Irish and Breton Tunes** 2 p.m.–4 p.m. La Boulangerie. An open session on the patio. Free
- 10** **Sun Room** 7 p.m. Strummer's. American surf band from Southern California with a sense of garage rock from decades past. \$23+
- 11** **Annie** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. The beloved musical returns in a new traveling Broadway production. \$49+
- 12** **Annie** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. See Feb. 11 listing.
- The Wild Called Maxx** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. A re-telling of "Where the Wild Things Are" set in modern-day New York with updated themes for the millennial generation. \$15+
- 13** **Sounds of Mardi Gras 2025 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.** The Fresno Dixieland Society presents live music in four different venues under one roof. \$20+
- Dogman the Musical** 6:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Creating comics together ever since they were little, fifth graders George and Harold decide the time is right to bring their colorful creation Dog Man to the stage in his very own musical.
- Cowboy Bebop Live** 9 p.m. Tower Theatre. A complete multimedia experience highlighting the story of the critically acclaimed anime, *Cowboy Bebop*, on the big screen with live music by the Bebop Bounty Big Band. \$37+
- Sounds of Mardi Gras 2025 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.** See Feb. 13 listing.
- Valentine's Night Out** 7 p.m. Selland Arena. Dance and sing the night away with some of you R&B favorites including Jacquees, Lloyd, Nina Sky, Pretty Ricky and recently announced headliner Bow Wow. \$50+
- Dusty Slay: The Night Shift Tour** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. With long hair, tobacco, oversized glasses and a trucker hat, Dusty Slay is a self-effacing Southern stand-up comedian with a knack for laidback, observational, relatable working-class comedy. \$43+
- Walk in Peace Concert** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. The Fresno State and Fresno City College choirs come together annually for a moving and uplifting celebration of music, unity and the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. \$15+
- Brincos Dieras** 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Experience the uproarious comedy of Brincos Dieras, hailed as "the most irreverent clown in all of Latin America." \$107+
- 15** **Sounds of Mardi Gras 2025 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.** See Feb. 13 listing.
- Fresno Philharmonic** 7:30 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. The world premiere of a new work, "Meguru: Dreams of Harvest," by California composers Hitomi Oba and Erika Oba inspired by the life and writings of Fresno author and organic peach farmer David "Mas" Masumoto. \$30+
- The Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. A heartfelt journey through Houston's greatest hits featuring Belinda Davids with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, vision and theatrical FX. \$45+
- Contemporary Dance Ensemble 2025** (through Feb. 22) 7:30 p.m. John Wright Theatre. The Fresno State Department of Theatre and Dance highlights contemporary classics, creative innovation and collaborations between students and faculty. \$10+
- Sounds of Mardi Gras 2025 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.** See Feb. 13 listing.
- 16** **Fresno Philharmonic** 3 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. The world premiere of a new work, "Meguru: Dreams of Harvest," by California composers Hitomi Oba and Erika Oba inspired by the life and writings of Fresno author and organic peach farmer David "Mas" Masumoto. \$30+
- The Great Gatsby Ballet** 6 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. The World Ballet Company is touring a world premiere production of F. Scott Fitzgerald's cherished novel. \$65+
- Jazz at the Library** 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Woodward Park Library. Live jazz performance.
- 18** **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
- 19** **Workshop: Podcasting** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. CMAC. Learn how to make a successful podcast.
- 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.
- Reverend Horton Heat** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. With guests Black Joe Lewis and Pinata Protest. Reverend Horton Heat plays psychobilly that "reveals and reinterprets the country-blues-rock roots of American music." \$38+
- 20** **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/
- Bored Teachers Comedy Tour** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. The Internet sensation educators/comedians bring their unique brand of classroom-based comedy to Fresno. \$135+
- Sam Grow Feels Like Driving Acoustic Tour 2025** 9 p.m. Fulton 55. Live country music for dancing and singing along. \$26.95+
- 21** **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.
- Fresno Filmworks: Oscar Shorts 2025** 5:30 p.m. animation, 8 p.m. live action. Fresno City College. \$25.31+
- The Little Mermaid** 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Warnors Theatre. Ballet performed by the State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara. An imaginative take on a classic story. \$60+
- Steve Trevino Good Life Tour 2025!** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. "America's Favorite Husband" entered the cultural consciousness during the Pandemic based on his skits on TikTok and YouTube. \$135+
- Inner Ear Beat Down Slams** 7 p.m. open mic, 7:30 p.m. slam. River Park Art Groove. Hosted by Bryan Medina.
- Philip Lorenz International Keyboard Concerts: Nikolai Lugansky** 7:30 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. An artist of extraordinary depth and versatility, Russian pianist Lugansky performs pieces by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Wagner. \$40
- Chelo: El Adiós De Una Grande** 7:30 p.m. Save Mart Center. "La Voz Ranchera de México" is a celebrated Mexican singer known for her dynamic vocal range and emotional depth and her contributions to traditional Mexican music. \$73+
- The Michael Jackson HiStory [Tribute] Show** 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. In this full-scale stage production, Garth Field is MJ with a live band, choreographed dancers, authentic costumes, state-of-the-art sound and theatrical lighting, vision and FX. \$55+
- 22** **Fresno Filmworks: Oscar Shorts 2025** 1 p.m. documentaries, 4 p.m. animation, 7:30 p.m. live action. Fresno City College. \$25.31+
- 25** **Workshop: Studio Production** 4 p.m.–7:30 p.m. CMAC. Learn the basics of recording in the CMAC studio.
- 28** **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
- 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+
- 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.
- Banda MS** 8 p.m. Save Mart Center. The MS Band, aka MS Band Sinaloa Sergio Lizarraga, formed in 2003 and has been entertaining audiences with their modern twist on Mexican brass-based traditional music. \$105+
- Tribute of a Down** 8:30 p.m. Fulton 55. Homage to the legendary band, System of a Down. \$29

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“Wings of the City”

Fresno State is currently showing five of the nine bronze sculptures of Mexican artist Jorge Marín’s “Wings of the City” collection. The statues were made from 2005 through 2010.

The sculptures were originally exhibited in 2010 in Mexico City as part of a grand exhibition on the Chapultepec Forest side of Paseo de la Reforma. Since then, the exhibit has traveled around the world through cities in the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. The exhibit is sponsored by the México Consulado en Fresno, Diplomacia Cultural de México and the Instructionally Related Activities program at Fresno State.

Several of the pieces have larger-than-life male bronze figures with wings. The figures are balancing on orbs. One unwinged figure seems to be defying gravity by balancing

himself on a ball. Others have the winged figures on pedestals. There is a sense of balance and naturalism in all the statues that are on balls, which are countered by the mystical qualities of the masks and wings.

The exhibition enables a vital link between student artists and community members, facilitating an environment in which visitors can engage with art and reflect on its significance.

“The fact that California State University, Fresno, is exhibiting for the first time an exhibition by a Mexican sculptor and that, in addition, it chooses to place the pieces in an iconic place on campus, shows that the university understands and recognizes that the Mexican and Latino community constitute a significant part of the region’s culture,” artist Marín said.

With wings unfurled or caught in mid-motion, the beings invoke curiosity, potential and empathy while inviting individual interpretation and meaning in their existence. The five bronze sculptures are centrally

showcased along the Maple Mall at Fresno State and will remain for the enjoyment and enrichment of students and the community through August 2025.



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VENUES

2nd Space Theatre • 928 E. Olive Ave. • 559-266-0660 / gcplayers.simpletix.com	FCC Theatre • Fresno City College • 559-442-8221	John Wright Theatre • Speech Arts Building/Fresno State • 559-278-2216	Santa Fe Basque Restaurant • 3110 N. Maroa Ave. • 559-226-7499	UU Church • 2672 E Alluvial Ave. • 559-322-6146 / uufresno.org
Arte Américas • 1630 Van Ness Ave. • arteamericas.org	Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / fresnoartmuseum.org	La Boulangerie • 730 W. Shaw Ave. • 559-222-0555	Save Mart Center • 2650 E. Shaw Ave. • savemartcenter.com	Warnors Theatre • 1400 Fulton St. • 559-264-2848 / warnorscenter.org
CMAC • 1555 Van Ness Ave. • 559-266-2622 / cmac.tv	Fresno Convention Center • 700 M St. • 559-621-8789	Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall • 2770 E. International Ave. • 559-327-5000	Selland Arena • 700 M St. • 559-621-8789	William Saroyan Theatre • 700 M St. • 559-445-8100
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel • 2233 Cesar Chavez Blvd. • fresnodixie.com	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	Strummer’s Bar & Grill • 833 E. Fern Ave. • 559-485-5356 / strummersclub.com	Woodward Park Regional Library • 944 E. Perrin Ave. • 559-600-3135 / fresnolibrary.org
Dulce UpFront • 2026 N. Van Ness Blvd. • 559-202-3099	Fulton 55 • 875 Divisadero St. • info@fulton55.com / fulton55.com	Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / rogerrockas.com	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / fresnotowertheater.com	

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