

# FRESNO ARTS & CULTURE

## DECEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

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**Librería Donceles Exhibition** (through Dec. 22) Arte Américas. *Librería Donceles* is a socially engaged art project that Mexican artist and educator Pablo Helguera created out of a desire to address the lack of Spanish bookstores that serve the growing Latinx communities in the United States.

**Little Women** (through Dec. 22) 8 p.m. (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), 2 p.m. (Sunday). 2nd Space Theatre. The Good Company Players present a performance based on Louisa May Alcott's novel that follows the lives, loves and tribulations of four sisters growing up during the Civil War. \$25

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Legally Blonde** (through Jan. 12, 2025) 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, 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 Marin's bronze mythical creatures have taken perch, silently watching the bustle of campus life.

**Free Sunday at the Fresno Art Museum** 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Enjoy free admission supported by the City of Fresno Measure P Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Fund.

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**Crowdsourced Cinema Screening: Home Alone** 6:30 p.m.–8:15 p.m. Royce Hall. Revisit this 1990s holiday flick completely remade by Fresno area residents.

**Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. Majestic brass fanfare by Kevin McKee with selections from *The Nutcracker Suite* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor. \$8

04

**Love Lights the Way** 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Woodward Park. An evening dedicated to honoring loved ones affected by cancer, featuring a candlelight ceremony, live music and a community gathering in the serene Art of Life Healing Garden. Free; register via Eventbrite.

**New Horizons Band & Orchestra of Fresno Winter Concert** 6 p.m. Bullard High School Auditorium. A string ensemble, jazz band and concert band perform music from classical to contemporary—and, of course, Christmas.

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**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/

**Rachel Eckroth Quartet** 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m. Fresno State Concert Hall. Fresno State Jazz Festival Concert featuring the Fresno State Jazz Orchestra and the Rachel Eckroth Quartet with Tina Raymond, Shane Endsley and Richard Lloyd Giddens Jr. \$10+

06

**Red Velvet** (through Dec. 14) John Wright Theatre. Organized by the Department of Theatre and Dance.

In 1833, when Edmund Kean, the greatest actor of his generation, collapsed on stage while playing Othello, a young black American actor was asked to take over the role. But as the public riot in the streets over the abolition of slavery, how will the cast, critics and audience react to the revolution taking place in the theater?

**Home for the Holidays** 7:30 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. The Fresno Philharmonic presents a festive concert featuring the Fresno Master Chorale and special guests, celebrating the holiday season with symphonic music. \$36+

**Ship Wreck** 8 p.m.–1:45 a.m. Fulton 55. Los Angeles-based deep house production and DJ team Collin Maguire and Tripp Churchill bring their high-energy beats to Fresno.

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**Cookies and Cocoa with Santa** 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shinzen Friendship Garden. A family-friendly event featuring warm cocoa, cookies, a holiday story read by Santa, photo opportunities, and arts and crafts activities in the serene setting of the Shinzen Garden.

**Saturday Science** (also Dec. 14, 21 & 28) 11 a.m.–noon. Fresno Discovery Center. Get creative and learn the science behind light-up holiday cards. This interactive session blends arts and STEM for a fun, festive experience.

**Water Protectors** Noon–2 p.m. Arte Américas. A bilingual reading and art workshop for children and families, focusing on environmental themes.

**'Tis the Season** 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall. The Fresno Community Concert Band kickstarts your holiday spirit with classic carols featuring vocalists Aaron and Sherah Burdick. \$14

**Chiquis in Concert** 8 p.m. William Saroyan Theatre. Latin Grammy-winning artist Chiquis performs live, bringing her energetic and heartfelt music to Fresno audiences as part of her "Diamantes" tour.

**Male Tears, Dark Chisme and Puppet** 8 p.m. Full Circle Brewery. Live performances by goth/synthpop/darkwave artists accompanied by DJs Abraxas Deity, Demonica and Lost Kin.

**Zingara** 9 p.m. Rainbow Ballroom. "For the Crystal Children Tour." With special guest Super Future.

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**Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** 3 p.m. University Presbyterian Church. This mix of reading and music combines the talents of Fresno Pacific University (FPU) and the Fresno community. Featuring the FPU Concert and Chamber choirs, Fresno Choral Artists, the University Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir and San Joaquin Chorale.

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**Jazz Composers Orchestra Holiday Concert** 7:30 p.m. Roger Rocka's. Holiday concert.

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**Symphonic Band: Storm, Urge and Ascent** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. A winter concert featuring the Fresno City College Symphonic Band with the Parlier High School Symphonic Band. \$8

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**Chamber Ensembles Concert** 7:30 p.m. FCC Theatre. Featuring Fresno City College's Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, String Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. Free

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**Game Night: Lotería!** 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Arte Américas. An evening of traditional Lotería games as part of the "Arte, Pero Later" program, offering enriching evening events.

**We Out Here Comedy Tour** 8 p.m. Tower Theatre. With Omar Gooding, Charles Allen and Charlie Mac. \$21.32+

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**HOPE** 7 p.m. Tower Theatre. HOPE, which was created to explore the struggles of the human condition in the search for hope, is a show born out of Fresno that uses live music, dance, aerial silks, live painting, poetry, audiovisual elements and so much more to move, entertain and connect with the audience. \$16.17+

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**Fresno SantaCon 2024** 1 p.m.–4 p.m. See pubcrawls.com (select Fresno). Join the festive SantaCon bar crawl, where participants dress in holiday attire and enjoy drink specials across multiple venues.

**Putting the X Back in Xmas** 8 p.m. Fulton 55. Legendary punk band X's original lineup will perform as part of their farewell tour; experience the energy of a band that shaped LA's punk scene and influenced countless artists. \$49

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**Free Sunday at the Fresno Art Museum** 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Enjoy free admission supported by the City of Fresno Measure P Expanded Access to Arts and Culture Fund.

**Bilingual Zine Poetry Workshop** 1 p.m.–3 p.m. Arte Américas. A creative workshop where participants craft bilingual poetry zines. Materials fee and registration required.

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**Brit Rock 6: El Cap, The Alps and Devils Tower** 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m. Crest Theatre. The SoYo Collective presents a series of films collected by world-famous British filmmaker Alistair Lee showcasing some of the world's most iconic rock climbs in an event to raise funds for the SoYo Collective's local conservation efforts. \$28.52

**Musica Viva Chamber Music** 7 p.m. First Mennonite Church, 1208 L St., Reedley. (see article on page 12)

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**Musica Viva Chamber Music** 7 p.m. University Presbyterian Church. (see article on page 12)

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**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

**Musica Viva Chamber Music** 6:30 p.m. Concordia Lutheran Church, 1800 Sierra St., Kingsburg. (see article on page 12)

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**Musica Viva Chamber Music** 4 p.m. St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave. (see article on page 12)

**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/

**Posada Navideña** 5 p.m. Arte Américas. Celebrate Las Posadas in Librería Donceles, a social practice project created by Pablo Helguera.

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**Growing Up with Tamales** 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Arte Américas. A cultural event exploring the tradition of tamale-making.

**Comedy in the Brewery** 8 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Full Circle Brewing. A night of laughter as DoKnow, one of the fastest rising stars in stand-up comedy, headlines his first show in Fresno.

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**Fiesta Navidad** 4 p.m. Tower Theatre. This popular festive and joyous holiday performance by Mariachi Los Camperos celebrates and honors the unique cultural traditions of Mexico. \$47.07+

### 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, 2025. 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, 2025. fresnotransposummit.org

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



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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	Fulton 55 • 875 Divisadero St. • info@fulton55.com / fulton55.com	Royce Hall/Fresno High School • 1839 N. Echo Ave. • 559-457-2780
Art of Life Healing Garden/Woodward Park • 7775 N. Friant Rd. • 559-621-2900	Fresno Art Museum • 2233 N. First St. • 559-441-4221 / fresnoartmuseum.org	John Wright Theatre • Speech Arts Building/Fresno State • 559-278-2216	Shinzen Friendship Garden • 114 W. Audubon Dr. • 559-478-4848
Arte Américas • 1630 Van Ness Ave. • arteamericas.org	Fresno Discovery Center • 1944 N. Winery Ave. • fresnodiscoverycenter.org	Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall • 2770 E. International Ave. • 559-327-5000	Tower Theatre • 815 E. Olive Ave. • 559-485-9050 / fresnotowertheater.com
Bullard High School Auditorium • 5445 N. Palm Ave. • 559-451-4320	Fresno State Concert Hall • 2380 E. Keats Ave. • 559-278-2654	Rainbow Ballroom • 1725 Broadway St. • 559-354-1017	University Presbyterian Church • 1776 E. Roberts Ave. • upc@upcfresno.org
Crest Theatre • 1170 Broadway Plaza • 559-268-0044	Full Circle Brewery Co. • 712 Fulton St. • 559-319-8195 / fullcirclebrewing.com	Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre • 1226 N. Wishon Ave. • 559-266-9494 / rogerrockas.com	William Saroyan Theatre • 700 M St. • 559-445-8100

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