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SAXsational
The Next Generation



Rob Verdi explores the new generation of popular music with student musicians from Irvin High School, performing a repertoire of swing era classics along with trendy pop, rock and R&B songs.

Verdi is a master saxophonist who entertained Disneyland guests for 22 years with the Side Street Strutters and also created the show Saxophobia.

Tickets are \$30 general admission at the door
(\$10 children 6-18, or full-time students with ID ages 18-25)

5-ticket packages available for \$75 that can be used interchangeably for SAXSational or our other two remaining season shows. For more information, go to www.showtimeelpaso.com

February Roundup

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Heritage Museum. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7 (\$4 age 6-11; free for age 5 and younger); includes museum admission. Information: (575) 522-1232 or lcmuseum-rocks.com.

Mardi Gras in the Clouds — The Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce will bring a little New Orleans to the mountain community **March 1-3**, on Burro Avenue with this year's theme "History of America." Food, music, vendors, games a parade and more. Information: (575) 682-2733 or coolcloudcroft.com.

Cajun cook-off is 6 p.m. Friday. Tasting trays; \$7. Street dance is 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Annual parade is 3 p.m. Saturday.

Las Cruces Arts Fair — Doña Ana Arts Council's 9th annual regional juried fine arts event is **March 1-3** in the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E University. More than 100 artists from across the country, some returning favorites and other first-time exhibitors, will offer work in eight categories, including jewelry, mixed media, fabric, painting and drawing, print making and photography, porcelain-pottery-glass, recycled materials, and woodwork-metalwork-sculpture. This year's featured artist is Hal Marcus.

Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, with entertainment by flamenco guitarist Jake Mossman Friday and Saturday, and food and beverages will be available to purchase.

Tickets: \$10 at the door; \$15 for a two-adult pass when purchased in advance; free for age 12 and under. Ticket holders may reenter the event one additional day at no charge. Tickets available in advance at DAAC offices, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla; Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo; the Frame and Art Center, 1100 S. Main, and in El Paso at the Hal Marcus Gallery, 1308 N. Oregon or online at daarts.org. Information: (575) 523-6403.

The DAAC offers two student booths, representing emerging artists from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

Silent auction featuring works by each participating artist is 2 p.m. Sunday.

A Quick Art contest is 11 a.m. to noon with 16 artists creating art as the audience watches, with all pieces then available to purchase by silent auction.

Cowboy Days — The 20th annual celebration of Southwest pioneer heritage is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, **March 2-3**, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces, with two days of cowboy demonstrations, chuckwagon cooking, children's activities, mounted shooting, the 3rd annual CASI Chili Cook-Off, cowboy music, pony rides, gunfight re-enactments, and food and craft vendors. Admission: \$5 per person; age 4 and younger free. Information: (575) 522-4100 or nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Mechanical bull and mini-train rides are \$3 each, and pony rides are \$5.

West Texas

Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering — The 33rd annual gathering is **Feb. 22-23** at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas. The second oldest of its kind in the country, the event offers stage shows and individual performances by nationally known cowboy poets, musicians

and storytellers. Daytime sessions are free. Information: (432) 837-2326 or texascowboy-poetry.com/.

Headline events include a tribute to Marty Robbins featuring Jeff Gore at 1 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 22**, and "Once Upon the West" poetry and music of Doris Daley and Eli Barsi at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 23**, in Marshall Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 per event.

Showcase events are 7:30 p.m. each night. Friday headliners are Chris Isaacs, Jill Jones & Three Hands High, Kay Nowell, Jean Prescott, Gary Prescott, and Jim Wilson. Saturday headliners are Mike Blakely, Kristyn Harris, Yvonne Hollenbeck, R.P. Smith and Rod Taylor. Admission: \$15.

A chuckwagon breakfast is 7:30 a.m. each morning. Cost: \$5.

Something for everyone

Free tax preparation — AARP Foundation offers free tax preparation for individuals with low or moderate income **Feb. 1-April 12** at selected El Paso Parks and Recreation Senior Centers. Tax returns done by appointment only; call the Senior Center in advance to set up an appointment at location desired.

Locations:

- Grandview Sr. Ctr., 3134 Jefferson, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. 566-1217
- Hilos de Plata Sr. Ctr., 4451 Delta, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Thursday. 533-3207.
- Polly Harris Sr. Ctr., 650 Wallenberg, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 581-9525
- Eastside Senior Center, 3200 Fierro, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. 591-4292.
- Galatzan Rec. Center, 650 Wallenberg, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. 581-5182.

Free Tax Services — United Way of El Paso County (UWPEC) offers tax return services for individuals and families with household incomes of \$66,000 or less to file for free through MyFreeTaxes through April 15. Information: MyFreeTaxes.com.

Taxpayers needing one-to-one assistance can also visit a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site to access IRS-certified volunteers who can prepare basic returns for families or individuals with an annual household income of \$54,000 or less. Final tax preparation day is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **April 6**. Full list of sites available at freetaxeselpaso.org.

Families in the Canutillo area can visit the VITA site located at the Canutillo High School Library, 6675 S. Desert, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays **Feb. 13-April 3** (except Feb. 27, March 13 and 20).

Cars and Coffee — The Substation, 145 E. Sunset, hosts its monthly meetup for car lovers 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 2**. Coffee available at 2Ten Coffee Roasters. Information: or on Facebook at SubstationEP.

Health and Wellness Classes — Rio Grande Cancer Foundation, 616 N Virginia, Suite D, hosts the following Saturday classes 10 to 11:30 a.m. Classes are free but space is limited; call for reservations. Information: 562-7660 or rgcf.org.

- **Feb. 2:** Nutrition 101 with Sofia Maragoudakis
- **Feb. 9:** Breathing Techniques for Overall Health and Wellness, with Deb Grado
- **Feb. 16:** Self-Healing, Introduction to Your Energy Body & Wellness, with Lynn Provenzano.

Bonhoeffer Seminar — Jonathan Sorum will lead a 5-day seminar on Dietrich Bonhoeffer 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through

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