

## EPSMF supports young musicians

El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future is bridging generations through power of music, according to EPSMF Board President Lynn Provenzano.

"It has been another great season," she said. "(The 2017-2018 season) for the El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future presented us with more young musicians with outstanding talent and passion. It turns out that this generation is the bridge to bring power to the classical arts as we experience the changing dynamics of our world. Consequently, EPSMF programs are designed to provide opportunities for our youth that cultivate discipline, creativity, and the power of the musical moment."

This year's competition gave the society international flavor with applications from north and south of our border. Provenzano said again the talent was exceptional and the judging was close.

"The winner was 14-year-old Vincent Yang on piano. Second and third places showcased clarinet and violin," she said. "The repertoire was amazingly diverse. Additionally, a Bb clarinet and double bass were awarded to Horizon High School and Eastwood High School students."

Provenzano said applications for this season's EPSMF programs (Competition for Young Musicians, Instruments for Young Lives, and OM/NI) will be available online beginning Sept. 15 at [epsmf.org](http://epsmf.org).

EPSMF's Ambassador Leadership Program participants are now out in their communities doing outreach, sharing their time and music, and inspiring peers, parents, and the public, she said.

"We successfully launched our newest program, OM/NI- Original Music/New Ideas. This program fills a niche that reaches out to composers between the ages of 9 and 25 and provides an opportunity to share original music. Original scores for solo piano were received from across the nation. Finalists' compositions were featured in the OM/NI Composition Showcase, a collaboration with the Sounds of St. Mark's Series and local pianists."

These new works will be published in an OM/NI New Works Compilation.

The young musicians also took the stage for the Summer Concert "Unforeseen Journey" of percussion at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. They also participated in the El Paso Community Foundation's Jewel Box Series, with "Amor."

Provenzano looks for audiences "expect more excitement and surprises to unfold" in this next season.

"Hosting NPR's From the Top is even back on our agenda. Watch for announcements. Join us at our events," she said. "Experience the musical talent and passion that we see and hear. It's all incredible!"

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**'Young Frankenstein'** — Las Cruces Community Theatre presents musical based on the Mel Brooks comedy **April 25-May 12**. Directed by Susie Ouderkerk. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket information: (575) 523-1200 or [lctnm.org](http://lctnm.org).

**EPSO's 'Mariachi & Bernstein'** — El Paso Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bohuslav Rattay, presents its season finale at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **April 26-27**, in the Plaza Theatre. Selections include Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story", Marquez's Danzon No. 2, Ginastera's Estancia Four Dances, op. 8a and Moncayo's "Huapango" accompanied by a mariachi band. Tickets: \$16-\$45; \$9 and \$11 for student. Information: 532-3776 or [epso.org](http://epso.org).

**UTEP Opera Spring Production** — Opera UTEP performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **April 26-28**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission: \$12; \$8 seniors and military, non-UTEP Students; \$3 UTEP students, faculty & staff. Information: 747-5606 or [utep.edu/opera](http://utep.edu/opera).

**'Oedipus El Rey'** — The UTEP Department of Theater & Dance presents the contemporary adaptation of Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" written by Luis Alfaro **April 26-May 5** at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Wise Family Theatre. Directed by guest director Deanna L. Downes with choreography by Christina Goletti. Alfaro's adaptation is set in the prison system and a barrio of Los Angeles. With seamless choral song and movement, Alfaro's adaptation questions whether a Latino can change

his tragic and predestined fate within the American culture. Showtimes and ticket information: 747-5118, [theatredance.utep.edu](http://theatredance.utep.edu) or on Facebook.

**'Jump Jive & Wail' starring The Jive Aces** — The 6-man British swing band performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, **April 27**, at Spencer Theater in Alto, N.M. Decked out in brilliant zoot suits and armed with big brass horns, the Jive Aces are renowned for its infectious arrangements of big band classics and rockabilly rhythms: "Sing, Sing, Sing," "That Old Black Magic," "Boogie Woogie Country Girl" and more, with actress/vocalist Makinna Ridgeway. Tickets: \$39-\$65. Information: (575) 336-4800 or [spencertheater.com](http://spencertheater.com).

**UTEP Wind Symphony** — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **April 30**, at Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Ticket information: 747-5606 or [utep.edu/liberalarts/music/](http://utep.edu/liberalarts/music/).

### May

**UTEP Symphony and Concert Bands** — The joint concert is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, **May 2**, at Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Information: 747-5606 or [utep.edu/liberalarts/music/](http://utep.edu/liberalarts/music/).

**'Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone'** — Kids-N-Co. presents the play by Dean O'Carroll **May 3-19**, at First Presbyterian Church, 1340 Murchison. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$7 (\$5 children, students, senior citizens, military). Information: 274-8797 or on Facebook at El Paso Kids-n-Co.

**'Peter Pan'** — **May 3-19** at El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana. Information: 532-1317 or [elpasoplayhouse.com](http://elpasoplayhouse.com).

**'Fallout'** — No Strings Theater Company presents the play by Laura King, directed by Ceil Herman, **May 3-19** at the Black Box Theater, 430 N. Main in Las Cruces. Information: (575) 523-1223 or [no-strings.org](http://no-strings.org).

**Jóvenes Zapateadores** — Amigos de la Fundacion Mascareñas's Matices Culturales 2019 performance series presents the Veracruz dance troupe at 8 p.m. Saturday, **May 4**, at Centro Cultural Paso del Norte in Juarez. Ticket information: 544-5118 in El Paso; 612-3175 or 612-4075 in Juárez, or [fmascarenas.org](http://fmascarenas.org).

**LCSO with Maria Schleuning and Jolyon Pegis** — Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra performs with guest cellist Maria Schleuning and guest violinist Jolyon Pegis at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, **May 4-5**, at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall, performing a newly commissioned work partnering LCSO and composer David Amram, "Partners: A Double Concerto for Violin, Cello & Orchestra," as well as "Der Rosenkavalier" by Strauss. Tickets: \$35, \$40 and \$45. Information: (575) 646-3709 or [lascrucessymphony.com](http://lascrucessymphony.com).

**Beginnings: The Ultimate Tribute to Chicago** — Showtime! El Paso closes its season with a tribute to the golden age of Chicago at 7 p.m. Saturday **May 11**, at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. Information: 247-2726 or [showtimeelpaso.com](http://showtimeelpaso.com).

**'Cats'** — The Andrew Lloyd Webber stage phenomenon is 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, **May 14-15**, at Spencer Theater in Alto, N.M. Winner of 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical, "Cats" features an Equity cast of performers, outstanding singers, dancers, sets and costumes, and one of the most treasured melodies in musical theater, "Memory." Tickets: \$79-\$85. Information: (888) 818-7872, (575) 336-4800 or [spencertheater.com](http://spencertheater.com).

**Rosy Arango y Celso Duarte** — Amigos de la Fundacion Mascareñas's Matices Culturales 2019 performance series closes its season with the harpist and singer at 8 p.m. Saturday, **May 25**, at Centro Cultural Paso del Norte in Juarez. Duarte is a Paraguayan musician and singer who performs Paraguayan harp and Mexican jarocha harp. Arango is winner of Grandes Voces Televisa, Queen of Mariachi 2010 and La Voz del Bicentenario IMER. Ticket information: 544-5118 in El Paso; 612-3175 or 612-4075 in Juárez, or [fmascarenas.org](http://fmascarenas.org).

**'Emilie: La Marquise Du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight'** — No Strings Theater Company presents the play by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Nikka Ziemer, **May 31-June 16** at the Black Box Theater, 430 N. Main in Las Cruces. Information: (575) 523-1223 or [no-strings.org](http://no-strings.org).

**Alfresco! Fridays** — The 17th season of free outdoor summer concerts are 6 p.m. Fridays May through the summer months at Convention Center Plaza. Information: 534-0600, [alfrescofridays.com](http://alfrescofridays.com) or on Facebook.

**Mayor's Jazz Fest** — City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation opens its Music in the Park summer concert series opens with the annual free jazz event Memorial Day weekend at Plaza de Las Cruces on Main Street. Information: (575) 541-2550 or [las-cruces.org](http://las-cruces.org).

**Cool Canyon Nights** — The 9th annual series of free outdoor summer concerts usually run Thursdays late May through July at McKelligon Canyon, Amphitheatre, sponsored by WestStar Bank. Admission is free but space is limited. Schedule to be announced.

Information: 544-9550 or [kisselpaso.com](http://kisselpaso.com).

**Neon Desert Music Festival** — The 9th annual music festival is tentatively set for May in Downtown El Paso, presented by Southwest University, featuring a weekend of live national, international and regional music. Information: [neondesert.com](http://neondesert.com) or on Facebook.

### June

**'Glorious'** — Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall closes its season with the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the "Worst Singer in the World" by Peter Quilter **June 7-23**. Directed by Vanessa Dabovich. Ticket information: (575) 523-1200 or [lctnm.org](http://lctnm.org).

**'The Graduate'** — El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana. Check for dates. Information: 532-1317 or [elpasoplayhouse.com](http://elpasoplayhouse.com).

**'Viva El Paso!'** — The 42nd season of the summertime outdoor musical extravaganza is tentatively in June and July at McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. Information: [ElPasoLive.com](http://ElPasoLive.com).

**Music Under the Stars** — The summer concert series presented on Sundays during the summer months. Admission is free. Information: [elpasolive.com](http://elpasolive.com).

**Music in the Park** — The Las Cruces summer concert series are Sundays June through August, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada, unless otherwise listed. Admission is free. Information: (575) 541-2550 or [las-cruces.org](http://las-cruces.org).

### July

**Fourth of July at the Chamizal** — The Independence Day annual performance of patriotic music is Thursday, **July 4**, at the Chamizal National Memorial amphitheater, with a fireworks show. Admission is free. Information: [elpasolive.com](http://elpasolive.com) or on Facebook at Music Under the Stars.

**'Hello Dolly!'** — UTEP Dinner Theatre closes its season with the classic musical from composer Jerry Herman **July 5-21**. Broadway's greatest leading ladies has starred as "Dolly," beginning with Carol Channel, and including Pearl Bailey, Ethel Merman and Mary Martin, and most recently, Bette Midler. The comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and "woman who arranges things," are told with memorable songs like "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Before the Parade Passes By" and "It Only Takes a Moment." Show time is 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; non-dinner matinees are Sunday 1:30 p.m. July 14 and 21; dinner matinee is 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 7. Tickets: \$33.50 to \$43.50 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday discount dinner performances; \$36.50 to \$48.50 (Friday and Saturday dinner performances), and \$19.50 to \$29.50 no-dinner matinee performances (Ticketmaster). Information: 747-6060 or [utep.edu/udt](http://utep.edu/udt).

### August

**'Matilda'** — Kids-N-Co. closes its season with the musical based on the Roald Dahl book **Aug. 16-Sept. 1**, at First Presbyterian Church, 1340 Murchison, directed by Anthony Michael Stokes with book by Dennis Kelly and music by Tim Minchin. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$7 (\$5 children, students, senior citizens, military), available at the door. Information: 274-8797 or on Facebook at El Paso Kids-n-Co.