

## Southern New Mexico

### American Southwest Theatre Company

Formed in 1984 by Tony and Oscar winning playwright Mark Medoff and Dr. Bruce Street, American Southwest Theatre Company is a company of theatre professionals and guest artists that work alongside. NMSU's Department of Theatre Arts. Performances are at NMSU's Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Avenue in Las Cruces. Mailing address is 500 West University Ave., Fox D 371, El Paso, TX 79968. Information: (575) 646-4515, 1-800-525-ASTC or nmsutheatre.com. Facebook: NMSU Theatre Arts/American Southwest Theatre Company.

### Doña Ana Arts Council and Rio Grande Theatre

Doña Ana Arts Council, Inc. (DAAC) is a non-profit organization working on behalf of the performing, visual and literary arts in Las Cruces and surrounding Southern New Mexico. All performances at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces, N.M. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1721, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Information: (575) 523-6403 or daarts.org. Facebook: Dona Ana Arts Council.

### Flickinger Center for Performing Arts

The Flickinger Center at 111 New York Ave. in Alamogordo, NM opened more than a decade ago to offer the surrounding communities a place to enjoy world-class entertainment, from local talent to performers from around the world. The center's popular summer Tailgate Series bring live music to the Alamogordo Museum of Space History every other Saturday in June, July and August. Information: (575) 437-2202 or flickingercenter.com. Facebook: fcfpa. Premiere Series season tickets on sale Sept. 17.

### Grant County Community Concert Association

The all-volunteer Grant County Community Concert Association provides a variety of touring entertainment at WMNU's Fine Arts Auditorium in Silver City, N.M. Season tickets are \$55. Information: (575) 538-5862 or gconcerts.org.

### Las Cruces Civic Concert Association

Established by Las Cruces in 1945, the non-profit, all volunteer concert organization presents national and international musical events. Performances are at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. Information: (575) 405-7429 or lascrucescca.org. Facebook: Las Cruces Civic Concert Association. Season tickets are \$60.

### Las Cruces Community Theatre

The all-volunteer, non-profit Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 Downtown Mall in Las Cruces, was founded in 1963 and has staged performances in the Las Cruces

Downtown Mall since 1977. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1281m Las Cruces, NM 88004-1281. Information: (575) 523-1200 or lcctnm.org. Facebook: lcctnm. Season tickets are \$80 (\$65 for seniors, students and military).

### Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra

The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra at New Mexico State University, directed by Maestro Lonnie Klein, offers classical, pops concerts, youth/family concerts and a Chamber Orchestra concert. Main series performances are at New Mexico State University Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe; and the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University in Las Cruces.

Mailing address is P.O. Box 1622 Las Cruces, NM 88004. Information: (575) 646-3709 or lascrucessymphony.com. Facebook: Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra.

Spotlight lunches are 11:30 a.m. every Thursday prior to each Classics concert at Paisano Café in Mesilla.

### Mimbres Region Arts Council

The Mimbres Region Arts has been rated the No. 1 Local Arts Council in New Mexico by New Mexico Arts multiple times. Events include a Performance Series at WNMU's Fine Arts Theatre, a Folk Series at Buckhorn Opera House, The Silver City Blues and Bikes Festival Memorial Day weekend, Chocolate Fantasia and more.

Information: (575) 538-2505, mimbresarts.org or Facebook at mimbresarts.org.

### NMSU Department of Music

The New Mexico State University Department of Music was established as an independent department in 1962. In addition to its many vocal and instrumental ensembles, the Atkinson Music Recital Hall is also home to Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, Dona Ana Lyric Opera, Mesilla Valley Concert Band and New Horizons Orchestra, as well as the NMSU Cultural Series. Information: (575) 646-2421 or music.nmsu.edu.

### No Strings Theatre Company

No Strings Theatre Company, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces, is a community-based non-profit organization providing a wide range of theater experiences. Artistic Director is Ceil Herman.

Mailing address is 430 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces, 88001. Information: (575) 523-1223, no-strings.org or Facebook: Nostringstheatre.

### Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts

The Spencer Theater for Performing Arts, located on the high plateau outside of Ruidoso, hosts a Fall/Winter series and Summer series. The theater is at 108 Spencer Road, Airport Highway 220 in Alto, NM. Information: (888) 818-7872, (575) 336-4800 or spencertheater.com. Facebook: spencertheater.

Fall/Winter 2018/19 season ticket sales begin Sept. 10 (if four or more shows are purchased). Single show ticket sales begin Sept. 11. Buffet tickets are \$20; served two hours before performances; no buffet with "Nutcracker."

# 'Sound of Music' launches 15th Broadway in El Paso

El Paso Live and Jam Theatricals celebrate the 15th season of El Paso Electric Presents Broadway in El Paso by bringing El Paso area audiences the best of Broadway that are a little bit "Kinky," a little "Rotten," and filled with a trip to "Neverland" and "Wonderland."

The El Paso Electric Presents Broadway in El Paso 2018-19 season features some of the most popular recent Broadway shows such as *Finding Neverland*, *Kinky Boots*, and *Something Rotten!* The season also includes audience favorites such as *Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music*, *Evita*, *Jersey Boys* and the holiday special, *Christmas Wonderland Holiday Spectacular*. All shows will be performed at the Plaza Theatre.

"We are celebrating 15 years of Broadway in El Paso by offering magical and beloved family hits, award-winning musicals, hilarious comedy and even a holiday spectacular," said Bryan Crowe, Destination El Paso General Manager. "There are a variety of shows this season for everyone to enjoy."

The season opens Nov. 10-11 with a new production of the spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music*.

The musical's Tony, Grammy and Academy Award-winning Best Score includes "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song. The show features the most successful collaboration in Broadway history: Richard Rodgers, who composed the music, Oscar Hammerstein II, who wrote the lyrics, along with the book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. The 50th anniversary of the film version starring Julie Andrews was celebrated in 2015, and it continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.

*Finding Neverland*, Broadway.com's Audience Choice Award for Best Musical, comes to El Paso Dec. 11-12. Directed by visionary Tony-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically acclaimed Academy Award winning film, "Finding Neverland" tells the story behind one of the world's most beloved characters, Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers.

The 2006 Tony, Grammy and Oliver Award-winning Best Musical, *Jersey Boys*, about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, The Four Seasons, takes the Plaza stage Jan. 29-30. This true story of Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Mass shows how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. The Four Seasons wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175

million records worldwide – all before they were 30. The musical features their hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

The hit musical *Kinky Boots*, winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Choreography, arrives Feb. 9, featuring songs by Grammy and Tony-winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, and a book by Broadway legend and four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein ("La Cage Aux Folles"). Inspired by true events, the musical travels from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

Tim Rice's and Andrew Lloyd Webber's groundbreaking Broadway and London hit *EVITA* returns to El Paso on March 9, capturing the rise and fall of one of the world's most glamorous first ladies, Eva Peron, who enthralled a nation and enchanted the world. Her story unfolds in *EVITA*, the Tony Award® winning Best Musical, a high-flying theatrical experience that is adored the world over.

The season closes April 2-3 with the hilarious smash musical *Something Rotten!* Set in 1595, the show tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write a hit play. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical.

In addition to the regular season is the holiday show, *Christmas Wonderland Holiday Spectacular* on Dec. 8, featuring "glittering costumes and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole." The nostalgic musical journey includes holiday favorites like "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Chestnuts Roasting," "Jingle Bells," "Away in a Manger," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Let it Snow," "Silent Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Deck The Halls," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "O Holy Night," and more.

The benefits of being a Broadway in El Paso season ticketholder include guaranteed same seats to all shows and the chance to renew those seats from year to year. Several packages are available, including a 6-show package and 5-show package (excluding "Jersey Boys"). The "Christmas Wonderland" tickets are sold separately.

For more information, call (915) 231-1111 or visit [ElPasoLive.com/Broadway](http://ElPasoLive.com/Broadway), [Facebook.com/BroadwayInElPaso](https://www.facebook.com/BroadwayInElPaso) or [Twitter.com/BwayInElPaso](https://twitter.com/BwayInElPaso).