

Amigos de la Fundacion Mascareñas, A.C.

Friends of the Mascareñas Foundation, which turned 30 in 2018, supports one of the leading charitable and artistic foundations in Juarez. They present a schedule of cultural events, plus the annual Rene Mascareñas Excellence Award and the “Expoarte” visual, performing and culinary arts event. Performances at Centro Cultural Paso del Norte in Juarez. El Paso office is 2727 Montana. Information: 612-3175, 612-4075 in Juarez; 544-5118 in El Paso. Online: fmascarenas.org.

The Border Theatre

The Border Theatre describes itself as a “performance ensemble” dedicated to creating original, cutting-edge works. Their main venue is The Glasbox, 210 Poplar, in El Paso. Information: 412-5283 or bordertheatre.org. Facebook: [bordertheatre](https://www.facebook.com/bordertheatre).

Bruce Nehring Consort

The consort was founded by El Paso Pro-Musica founder Bruce Nehring. The Consort still presents its annual Christmas performance, “The Beginning of Advent,” as well as free organ symposiums at Zion Lutheran Church. Mailing address is P.O. Box 3708, El Paso, TX 79923. Information on Facebook: at [brucenehringconsort](https://www.facebook.com/brucenehringconsort).

El Paso Ballet Theatre.

Created in 2009, El Paso Ballet Theatre, formerly El Paso Youth Ballet, produces a full-length Nutcracker Ballet, as well as a Spring and Fall season of classical dance and original choreographic works. Address: 1060 Doniphan Park Circle, Suite H. Information: 760-6062 or elpasoballettheatre.com. Facebook: [ElPasoBalletTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoBalletTheatre).

El Paso Chopin Music Festival

The El Paso Chopin Music Festival was founded in 1995 by Dr. Lucy Scarbrough, Musician in Residence at El Paso Community College, and is sponsored by El Paso Community College and El Paso Chopin Music Festival Society. The Festival offers three free concerts each fall, starring Scarbrough and two other world-class pianists performing works by Chopin, at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial. Information: elpaso-chopin.com.

El Paso Chorale & Orchestra

El Paso Chorale is conducted by J. Prentice Loftin, director of El Paso Conservatory of Music. Performances include Chorale, Chamber Choir and Orchestra concerts, as well as the El Paso Choral Society Children’s Choir performances. Performances this year include Handel’s Messiah in December at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. Information: epchoralsociety.org

El Paso Community College Department of Drama

El Paso Community College’s Performer’s Studio presents works year-round at EPCC’s Transmountain Forum Theatre, 9670 Gateway North, including the annual Summer Repertory series. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit theater scholarships. Information: 831-5056 or forumtheater.wix.com/epcc.

Guide to Performing Arts Organizations

El Paso Community Foundation Jewel Box Series

The Foundation, in partnership with El Paso Live, offers the as a showcase of high quality, locally produced theatrical, musical and other performances October through May in the intimate Philanthropy Theatre in the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Centre. Information: 533-4020 or epcf.org/jewelbox.

El Paso Live

El Paso Live promotes, markets and manages events in the El Paso Convention Center, Plaza Theatre, Abraham Chavez Theatre, McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre and other venues owned by the city of El Paso. Broadway in El Paso is presented at the Plaza Theatre for Performing Arts in conjunction with Jam Productions of Chicago. Information: 231-1111 or ElPasoLive.com. Information: 231-1111, ElPasoLive.com/Broadway. Facebook: [Broadway in El Paso](https://www.facebook.com/BroadwayinElPaso).

El Paso Opera

The Opera, now celebrating its 25th season, will offer two major performances this season: a concert version of Mozart’s “The Magic Flute” in January, and the mariachi opera “Cruzar la Cara de la Luna” in April. The Opera will introduce its season Sept. 15 at its “Encores and Overtures” gala. Artistic Director is Jason Lucero. Executive director is Arianne Marcee. Offices are at 310 N. Mesa, Suite 601. Information: 259-4999 or epopera.org. Facebook: [Epopera](https://www.facebook.com/epopera).

El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future

EPSMF began as the El Paso Summer Music Festival and still gives the border community a variety of classical musical events and outreach during the summer months. In addition, EPSMF hosts the Competition for Young Musicians and Instruments for Young Lives awards programs, as well as its Ambassador Leadership Program and its newest program, OM/NI- Original Music/New Ideas, which promotes young composers. Mailing address is 701 Waltham Court, 79922. Information: 449-0619 or epsmf.org. Facebook: [Epsmf](https://www.facebook.com/epsmf).

El Paso Playhouse

El Paso Playhouse at 2501 Montana provides a venue for artists, technicians, patrons and community members to participate in the arts through regularly scheduled season productions, children’s performances and holiday performances. Information: 532-1317 or elpasoplayhouse.com. Facebook: [elpaso.playhouse](https://www.facebook.com/elpaso.playhouse).

El Paso Pro-Musica

El Paso Pro-Musica, the premiere chamber music organization in the region, presents both a Main Series season and the El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival. Artistic Director is Grammy-winning cellist Zuill Bailey. Executive Director is

Felipa Solis.

Pro-Musica’s offices are at UTEP’s Center for Arts, 3rd floor of the UTEP Department of Music. Information: elpasopromusica.org.

El Paso Symphony Orchestra

The symphony’s pre-concert events include the Backstage Pass dress rehearsal and casual dinner, “Opening Notes,” pre-concert discussions one hour before the classical concerts. Conductor, Bohuslav Rattay, a native of the Czech Republic, Rattay also serves as Music Director for the Midland Symphony Orchestra and the Lake Charles Symphony Orchestra. Performances at The Plaza Theatre.

Mailing address is P.O. Box 180, El Paso, TX 79942. Information: 532-EPSO (3776) or epsos.org. Facebook: [ElPasoSymphony](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoSymphony). Season tickets: \$66-\$222.

El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra

The El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestras, under direction of James O. Welsch, were founded in 2005 as an Educational Program of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra. The symphony includes young musicians age 8-22 from throughout the El Paso area. Performances are regularly at the Plaza Theatre and Abraham Chavez Theatre. Information: 525-8978 or EPSYO.org.

El Paso Wind Symphony

The El Paso Wind Symphony, founded by its current director Dr. Ron Hufstader in 1995, is composed of music teachers and other musicians from the El Paso area. The main 5concert season performances are at UTEP’s Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall, and the symphony traditionally performs at the Chamizal each July 4.

Mailing address is P.O. Box 22038, El Paso, TX 79913. Information: 760-5599 or elpasowindsymphony.com. Facebook at [El Paso Wind Symphony](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoWindSymphony).

Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso

The Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso (G&S) was founded in late 1969 by Joan Quarm to produce the operettas of W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. The annual production is presented each summer in Las Cruces and El Paso. Information: 591-6210, 584-9319, GSelpaso.org.

Impact I Programs of Excellence

The nonprofit presenter organization has presented more than 350 performances in its more than 35 years. Offices are at 444 E. Robinson, Suite B. Information: 545-5068 or impactprogramsofexcellence.org. Facebook: [Impactprogramsofexcellence](https://www.facebook.com/ImpactProgramsofExcellence).

Kids-N-Co.

Kids-N-Co. is a non-profit organization that provides quality theater experiences and training to area youth. Camps and

classes, including summer camps, are offered throughout the year for 5-to 21-year-olds, and main stage plays designed to appeal to the entire family are presented each season by teenagers and adults. Mailing address is P.O. Box 971333, El Paso, TX 79997. Information: 351-1455 or Facebook: [El Paso KIDS-N-CO](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoKIDS-N-CO).

Music Forum El Paso

Music Forum El Paso is a non-profit presenter of free classical music concerts at El Paso Museum of Art, One Arts Festival Plaza, and in area churches. Information: musicforumelpaso.net.

Showtime! El Paso

Founded in 1934 as part of the nationwide Community Concerts network. the El Paso association renamed itself in 2003 but remains a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a variety of top-class entertainment at a very affordable season subscription rate. All performances are at the Abraham Chavez Theatre, 1 Civic Center Plaza. Information: 544-2022 or showtimeelpaso.com. Season tickets are \$75 (\$35 student; \$175 family). Parking passes: \$35.

Sun City Musical Theatre

The new community theatre group is based at 3733 Shell Suite C, and last season put on shows such as “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” and “The Wizard of Oz.” Information: 637-1618 or Facebook: [suncitymusicaltheatre](https://www.facebook.com/suncitymusicaltheatre).

UTEP Department of Music

The UTEP Department of Music performances are the Fox Fine Arts Center. The adjoining 1,200-seat Magoffin Auditorium houses the department’s opera, ballet and large music ensemble productions. Ensembles include: UTEP Ballet, The Jazz Lab Ensemble, Marching Miners and Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Chorale, Chorus and Jazz Singers.

Information: 747-5606 or music.utep.edu. Facebook: [utepmusic](https://www.facebook.com/utepmusic).

UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance

Each season, the department, hosts a variety of popular and original plays that highlight the many talents of the university’s students and faculty. In addition to its regular season, the department hosts the American College Theatre Festival and high school U.I.L. One-Act Play competition. Department chair is Dr. Joel Murray.

All performances are at UTEP’s Fox Fine Arts Wise Family Theatre or Studio Theatre. Information: 747-5146, theadance.utep.edu or on Facebook at [UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance](https://www.facebook.com/UTEPDepartmentofTheatreandDance).

UTEP Dinner Theater

Since its first production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in 1983, The University of Texas at El Paso Dinner Theatre has presented musicals ranging from Broadway classics to regional premieres of acclaimed contemporary shows. Director is theatre founder Gregory Taylor. The season also includes one “Side Dish” student produced show.

The Theatre’s Union Ballroom is at 207 Union West. Information: 747-6060, utep.edu/udt or udt@utep.edu. Facebook: [The UTEP Dinner Theater](https://www.facebook.com/TheUTEPDinnerTheater).

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