1 COTTONWOOD: California Guitar Trio – Old Town Center for the Arts. Since 1991, the group has enthralled listeners with a singular sound that fearlessly crisscrosses genres. The trio's questing spirit drives it to explore the intersections between rock, jazz, classical, and world music. It even throws in the occasional surf or spaghetti Western tune for good measure. $20-25. 7 pm. http://[www.oldtowncenter.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Hpg-adIUYmnu_MeGmqg8_SoYhcnOQ3LUMMNpCNPkiXTOd3NqLsA45hsm0oGge4cFoS47AGBjCSEpGSqUFC5aQgQrFnbc2XOwBkoqAwWHdRBkT98kKKwbOWPf5OLDmQkGDLd9MlxJVFaiSvCD0OyBtOcnbbOrFRAhk-c99S5awZYBn4uKqxL5Ww==&c=OXPJa_ggY5cHR4d3T14yCki-tQ04Zs0FmJxFV50S-wAr5N_yLBBYbw==&ch=O_BYExdJQY35vjNc-w9XPkB70g6l1laDUlGUnt5UKbrvgWygrJYJgA==) or http://[www.showtix4u.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Hpg-adIUYmnu_MeGmqg8_SoYhcnOQ3LUMMNpCNPkiXTOd3NqLsA45oyEkQsp2eDZrf3xhhxT4Oac9GaD6LeXxAi1Ee1Z-EAzt5Fg2HQog21_W86QgIVrjBqR1JKuzfdgAvRe_fX9e2gO5gT0yt3W0nm3yqIxN14hfbJzOLNfNyo=&c=OXPJa_ggY5cHR4d3T14yCki-tQ04Zs0FmJxFV50S-wAr5N_yLBBYbw==&ch=O_BYExdJQY35vjNc-w9XPkB70g6l1laDUlGUnt5UKbrvgWygrJYJgA==)

1 PRESCOTT: In the Christmas Mood – The Best of Alabama – Elks Theatre and Performing Arts Center. Join a fantastic 7-piece band for this brand new concert tribute to Alabama!  If you were “Born Country” and are looking for some “Mountain Music” or "Love in the First Degree," this is the show for you.  And don’t you worry, we’re gonna have a fiddle in the band! $22-25. 7 pm. 928-777-1370 or http://www.prescottelkstheater.com

1 SEDONA: Sedona’s Holiday Tree Lighting & Santa Visit - Live entertainment, activities and refreshments available from 5-7 pm at the plaza on State Route 89A in Uptown with the 20' holiday tree, hear holiday favorites from musical and performing groups and let your youngsters tell Santa all their hopes and dreams, free family event presented by Sedona Main Street Program with Sedona Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sedona. 5 pm. <http://www.SedonaMainStreet.com>

1-3 GILBERT: Inaugural Gilbert Fine Art & Wine Festival – Gilbert Civic Center. Featuring jazz group, ‘AfterGlow.’ AfterGlow is a premier contemporary jazz/funk group located in the Phoenix area. They specialize in playing high-energy contemporary jazz and funk tunes instrumentally.

1-3 PHOENIX: Pops: Holiday Pops – Symphony Hall. Join The Phoenix Symphony and The Phoenix Symphony Chorus to experience this festive concert of seasonal favorites and the ever-popular Holiday Sing-Along, guaranteed to put you and your family in the holiday spirit. 7:30 & 2 pm. 602-495-1999 or http://[phoenixsymphony.org](http://tracking.wordfly.com/click?sid=MzE2XzEwNzI2XzIxNDYyXzcwMzI&l=80958e46-10f3-e611-baeb-e41f1345a486&utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2017%2F18HarryPotterPR&utm_content=version_A&promo=)

1-3 PHOENIX: The Music Man in Concert – Orpheum Theatre. With his fast-talking style, “Professor” Harold Hill convinces the parents of River City to buy instruments and uniforms for their youngsters, but chaos ensues as Hill’s credentials are questioned and he is called upon to prove himself. 800-776-7469 or http://theaterleague.com/phoenix/musicman/#squelch-taas-accordion-shortcode-content-7

1-3 TEMPE: 49th Annual Fall Festival of the Arts - Downtown Tempe. Largest arts & crafts festival in the Southwest; 450 national artists & craftspeople with original work, The Arizona Wine Festival, the Kids Innovation Station presented by APS with hands-on activities and performances, special cottage edibles and crafts area, music and street entertainment. Free. 10 am – 5:30 pm. 480-967-4877 or <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com> H z

1-10 PHOENIX: Black Nativity by Langston Hughes – Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center. Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes returns to the Black Theatre Troupe stage. A joyous company of singers, actors, dancers and musicians delivers its powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation. This song-play touches a special chord in the hearts of all at a very special time of the year. $38 and up. 602-258-8129 or <http://www.blacktheatretroupe.org>

1-17 FLAGSTAFF: It’s a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play – Doris Harper-White Community Playhouse. This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast.7:30 & 2 pm. 928-774-1662 or https://theatrikos.com/

1-17 SCOTTSDALE: Father Christmas and The Snow Queen – Theatre Artists Studio. An interactive holiday show in the style of The British Panto (audience participation is essential to the action and resolution of the play). Join the children, Richard and Juliet, as they venture through the magic cupboard to help save Father Christmas from the clutches of the wicked Snow Queen and her crafty servant, Modo.  Fri at 7pm and Sat & Sun at 2pm. 602-765-0120 or http://[www.thestudiophx.org](http://www.thestudiophx.org)

1-23 PHOENIX: Die Hard: A Christmas Story – Playhouse on the Park. John McClane tries to save his wife and several others from master criminal Hans Gruber during a Christmas party. Nothing is safe and no holiday memory unsoiled while the puppets wreak havoc on Christmas. There’ll be caroling, and gun-fights, curse words, and all the puppet anarchy you can shake a Yule log at. For mature audiences only. 8 pm. 602-254-2151 or http://www.allpuppetplayers.com

1-24 TEMPE: A Christmas Carol with Katie McFadzen - Tempe Center for the Arts. Comedic actresses, Katie McFadzen, brings to life Charles Dickens’s famous A Christmas Carol – all by herself. Using Dickens’s own immortal words, this one-woman tour-de-force will bring you the heartwarming story like you’ve never seen or heard it before. Fri 7 pm and various holiday performances. <http://www.childsplayaz.org>

1-26 SIERRA VISTA: Annual Santas in the Park – Veterans Memorial Park. Beautiful and intricately hand-painted Santas are displayed throughout the park. These Old World Santas are created by remarkable artists and share stories of Santa told throughout the world. Free. 8 am – dusk. 520-417-6960 or <http://visit.sierravistaaz.gov/>

2 BLACK CANYON CITY: 2nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest - Black Canyon Heritage Park. Offers history buffs, authors, potential authors, and supporting experts exciting opportunities. Meet authors selling and signing their books. Interact with booksellers, illustrators and other experts selling and signing their books. Interact with booksellers, illustrators and other experts of Arizona history. Free. 1-4 pm. 623-374-5282 or http://www.BlackCanyonHeritagePark.org H

2 BUCKEYE: 22nd Annual Hometown Holiday Boutique - Sundance Crossing. Handmade crafts and local artisans plus holiday entertainment for the entire family that includes: petting zoo, pony rides, pictures with Santa, AZ Dynasty Cheer & Dance, Odyssey Preparatory Academy Choir. Free. 9 am - 4 pm. 623-349-6350 or recreation@buckeyeaz.gov H

2 BUCKEYE: Magic on Monroe – Annual Christmas tree lighting, holiday movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas, cookie decorating, hot coco bar, ornament making, candy can hunt, visit and story time with Mrs. Claus. Free. 4-9 pm. 623-349-6350 or recreation@buckeyeaz.gov

2 CAMP VERDE: Annual Victorian Ornament Workshop – Fort Verde State Historic Park. Join us for our Victorian ornament workshop. Visitors will enjoy making their own Victorian ornaments – bring the kids and enjoy the fun. Free. 10 am – 2 pm. 928-567-3275 or <http://azstateparks.com> H

2 CLARKDALE: Santa Comes to Clarkdale - Clark Memorial Clubhouse. Children of all ages can visit with Santa, have their photo taken with the guest of honor, drink hot chocolate with cookies, and create an ornament with Made In Clarkdale artists to hang on the Town’s tree! Free. 1:45 pm. 928-639-2460 or http://www.clarkdale.az.gov

2 COTTONWOOD: 24th Annual Chocolate Lovers' Walk - Historic Old Town. More than 30 merchants compete to make the best chocolate, meander through the shops, purchase your ticket, receive map & collect chocolates. $20. 4-8 pm. 928-649-3038 or <http://www.oldtown.org/> H

2 COTTONWOOD: 63rd Annual Christmas Parade – 80 entrants, floats, walking units, music. Free. 11 am. 928-634-7593 or <http://www.cottonwoodchamberaz.org/> H

2 FLAGSTAFF: 57th Annual Turquoise Ball – High Country Conference Center. Benefits Northern Arizona healthcare’s area of greatest need. Previous beneficiaries have included Trauma Services, Cancer Centers of Northern Arizona Healthcare, and the Pediatrics and Pediatrics Intensive Care Unit. This formal benefit, celebrated for more than 55 years is one of the best attended events of the winter social season in northern Arizona. $125. 6 pm. <http://nahealthfoundation.org/turquoiseball> H

2 GLENDALE: Glendale Coin Show – St. James Catholic Church. The first coin show in Glendale in quite some time. Roughly 40 tables of dealers will be on hand to buy, sell & appraise; coins, paper money, gold and silver bullion, medals, tokens and other collectibles. Bring your father’s collection for an appraisal, or come search for the missing coins in your collection. Free. 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. 480-437-4454 H

2 MARANA: Holiday Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting – Marana Municipal Complex. Area choral and dance troupes provide the entertainment as Santa and Mrs. Claus meet with kids to hear their holiday wish lists, the main event is a Christmas Tree like none other in the region with lights dancing to choreographed music. 3-8 pm. http://[www.MaranaEvents.com](http://www.marana.com/)

2 MESA: Downtown Mesa Festival of the Arts – A free event featuring unique artistic creations, music, food and fun for the whole family. Features the work of established and emerging artists. Music provided by Peggy and Tim. 2-8 pm. http://www.dtmesafest.com

2 PARADISE VALLEY: The Brunch Club Debut – Mountain Shadows Resort. An experience for those who long for a bloody Mary at 11 am and rejoice at the smell of bacon in the morning. An all-inclusive ticket grants each guest access to unlimited brunch bites provided by the best brunch locations in the valley, and a drink card that is key to four full-size cocktails from any of the signature bars. This event is 21+ only. $40-75. 11:30 am. 480-945-7193 or http://thebrunchclubaz.org

2 PARKER: Buckskin Bash, Arizona State Parks & Trails 60th Anniversary - Buckskin Mountain State Park. Celebration for the public with Chili Cook-off; food & beer garden; car, boat and vintage trailer show; JackFM will broadcast live; Chuck E Bumps & Crocodiles will be performing. $10 per vehicle. 9 am – 3 pm. 877-MY Parks or http://azstateparks.com/buckskin

2 PHOENIX: 31st Annual APS Electric Light Parade: Winter Nights Dazzling Lights 2017 – The APS Electric Light Parade has long been an event where families, neighborhood groups and businesses from across the city come together and spread the joy of the holidays to more than 100,000 spectators. The parade begins on Central Avenue & Montebello and ends at 7th Street and Indian School. All entries lined with electric lights, from floats, to marching bands, performance groups, car groups and families. Free. 7 pm. 602-262-6437 or <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/elp> H z

2 PHOENIX: Inaugural Phoenician Half Marathon - This race weekend experience is limited to 1,000 participants. Guests may choose from one of three race distances: a 5k, 10k, or half marathon. The route takes individuals across a Sonoran setting marked by charming Valley neighborhoods, canals and breathtaking mountain views. Race reservations include limited edition apparel, a finisher medal and admittance to the champagne brunch and party.  <http://PhoenicianHalfMarathon.com>

2 PHOENIX: The World Bazaar & Phoenix Community Market - African beadwork, dresses, scarves, jewelry, baskets, and gifts; Middle Eastern women’s fashion and jewelry; craft goods made by refugee women; and more. KidsZone features face painting, hair braiding, and other activities. Foods and beverages like Ethiopian coffee, Iraqi bread, Middle Eastern candy, and baklava, and a farmer's market area. Free. 10 am - 2 pm. https://www.facebook.com/events/485164108523743

2 PHOENIX: The Unknown Symbols – A Journey of the Mind – Pueblo Grande Museum. Experience this world premiere of a multimedia piece combining film and music by artist Oliverio Balcells. A journey of color and textures through city ambience and nature that engages audiences through evocative images filmed throughout the Valley of the Sun. Original live and recorded music accompanying this piece. Free. 6 pm. http://[www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com)

2 PHOENIX: Jim Jefferies “Unusual Punishment” Tour – Celebrity Theatre. Jim Jefferies is one of the most popular and respected comedians of his generation entertaining audiences with his controversial, belief-challenging, and thought-provoking comedy. $39.75-59.75. 602-267-1600 ext. 1 or http://www.celebritytheatre.com

2 PHOENIX: The Unknown Symbols – A Journey of the Mind – Pueblo Grande Museum. Take a journey of color and textures through city ambience and nature that engages audiences through evocative images filmed throughout the Valley of the Sun. Original live and recorded music accompanying this piece invites us to re-discover our surroundings as we follow the travels of the films’ main character as he discovers himself and his place in this world. Free. 6 pm. http://[www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com)

2 PRESCOTT: 63rd Annual Courthouse Lighting & Ceremony - In Arizona's official Christmas City, 1 pm parade, free, 6 pm lighting, Frontier Christmas Open House at Sharlot Hall Museum, Christmas Indian Art Market at Smoki Museum, Jingle Bell 5K run. This must-see event is one of Prescott’s most beloved and time-honored traditions! 928-445-2000 or 800-266-7534 or http://www.visit-prescott.com or <http://www.prescottdowntown.com> H y

2 PRESCOTT: 35th Annual Prescott Chamber Christmas Parade – Downtown Prescott. Bring the family to watch more than 100 floats and entries. 1 pm. http://www.visit-prescott.com

2 SCOTTSDALE: Carl Carlton – Baby Boomer Dance Party – ASU Kerr Cultural Center. Break out your dancing shoes, Carl Carlton’s favorite jams are in store at this special live music dance event. Carlton--a living legend, GRAMMY nominee and soul, R&B and funk singer-songwriter--is best known for his hits “Everlasting Love” and “She’s a Bad Mama Jama.” $55-75. 7:30 pm. <https://asukerr.com>

2 SCOTTSDALE: ARTrageous Gala – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Ansel Adams: America showcases more than 100 breathtaking images by the celebrated photographer, paired with a commissioned symphonic work by the late jazz legend Dave Brubeck and his son, Chris Brubeck. Featuring a powerful, full-orchestra performance under the baton of Peter Jaffe, the music brings to life Adams’ exhilarating vision. 5 pm. 480-499-8587or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

2 SHOW LOW: Annual Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Electric Light Parade - On Deuce of Clubs Blvd., tree lighting at 7 pm, parade at 6 pm. 928-532-4140 or <http://www.showlowchamberofcommerce.com>

2 SUN CITY WEST: Catholic Daughters’ Cookie Walk & Bake Sale – Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Visitors receive a box they fill with selections from an eye-popping assortment of homemade holiday cookies. Baked good, cakes, candies, pies are also features. Free to look. 2-6 pm. 623-322-4139 or http://www.oll-pp.com

2-3 APACHE JUNCTION: Family Campout – Lost Dutchman State Park. Ideal for those new to camping. An activity filled weekend could include fishing, archery, mountain biking, hiking, or birding, depending on the date and park chosen. Trained camp coordinators will assist by teaching campers how to set up a tent, prepare food outside, build a fire and work on a service project. $90 for a family up to four. http://[AZStateParks.com/family-camp](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TXR0rHQHNsV5JFq0lgASR7pPZ991tgwdfa1XTDfEZytjSMGtAgT1vK35YretQXIKfL7Rsu3FMleIohsuUru02m1388RvStwcagDzPWK_QhhPw-cHd3dx6zND5F7yPY-fGqkW7c5RXJmXKmLlhURW5D7uNi5o1APX_TJg-4Hs8vP0kNdrY-2vlNFMH7ebCsW_&c=Sn2Nm__1DTwximDWm7eEvLK8KHKFZ6qAboRJkS_nY7Cq6wwYX1OEIQ==&ch=JffFOvtG8YsATUvtbD01ut7C38N5J-_duxFBfGrhNnMpAisur6HQtA==)

2-3 FLAGSTAFF: 10th Annual Fine Crafts Sale – Coconino Center for the Arts. Features 20 artists in a marketplace setting with much more artwork for sale, there will be pottery, jewelry, candleholders, scarves, clothing, furniture and more - all handmade and one-of-a-kind creations, from $10 and up. Free. Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun noon - 4 pm. 928-779-2300 or <http://flagartscouncil.org/>

2-3 SCOTTSDALE: Asian Treasures - 22nd Annual Arizona Asian Festival – Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. A culinary taste of Asia, Asian marketplace, souvenir booths, more than 20 Asian food vendors, cultural performances, dance and poetry contests, Avenue of Cultures, arts & crafts. Free. 10 am – 5 pm. 310-500-7256 or http://aaaa-az.org/

2-3 STANFIELD: Annual “Joy to the Herd” – Shamrock Farms. Guided tour, 15 tons of snow, holiday crafts, face painting and more, Santa and the spokescow – Roxie. Reservations and pre-payment required. $15 for adults and children. Children under 2 year old are free. Lunch available for an additional cost. 9 am – 3 pm. 602-477-2462 or <http://www.shamrockfarms.net>

2-3 TUMACACORI: 47th Annual La Fiesta de Tumacacori - Celebrating the many cultures that were historically and presently associated with the Santa Cruz Valley, traditional creations of all the cultures including 50 food and craft booths, continuous live entertainment on stage and children’s activities. Free. Sat 10 am – 5 pm. Sun 10 am - 4 pm. 520-398-2341 or <http://www.nps.gov/tuma> H

2-16 SCOTTSDALE: Scottsdazzle Culinary Demonstrations - Scottsdazzle festivities continue with a series of holiday cooking classes taught by well-known local chefs! Participants will learn to make flavored marshmallows, tamales and Italian dishes. Saturdays. 480-656-4197 or 602-736-2383 or 480-990-9500

2-17 PHOENIX: Snow Queen – Herberger Theater Center. Based on the Hans Christen Andersen fairytale and set to Prokofiev's lush score, Center Dance Ensemble brings the wicked Snow Queen to life! Families will delight in the mystical world of sprites, gypsies and ice maidens while the young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's Crystal Palace. $14-28. 2, 7 & 5 pm. 602-252-8497 or <http://www.Herbergertheater.org>

3 GLENDALE: The Trans-Siberian Orchestra Winter Tour 2017 – Gila River Arena. Trans-Siberian Orchestra is a critically-acclaimed, multi-platinum, musical powerhouse, and its annual winter tours a beloved, multi-generational holiday tradition. 2017’s tour is a completely updated presentation of TSO’s unforgettable “The Ghosts of Christmas Eve.” 99.9 KEZ presents the 3:30 pm show with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Operation Santa Claus. 100.7 KSLX presents the 8 pm show with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Arizona Animal Welfare League. http://Ticketmaster.com

3 ORACLE: Oracle Concert Series: Amazing Music in the High Desert – Xuesha Hu – Oracle Center for the Arts. The vibrant pianist Xuesha Hu will show the artistry and energy that won her the gold medal at this year’s international Bösendorfer competition. $30-35. 3 pm. http://[oraclepianosociety.org](http://oraclepianosociety.org)

3 SCOTTSDALE: Driftwood Quintet and The Phantom of the Opera film – ASU Kerr Cultural Center. Genre-bending chamber music innovators Driftwood Quintet explore everything from orchestral masterworks to imaginative soundtracks from the greatest video game and film composers. This special presentation features the silent 1925 film “The Phantom of the Opera” and Driftwood’s live musical accompaniment. $22-32. 4 pm. <https://asukerr.com>

5 GILBERT: Tanya Tucker – Higley Center. For four decades, her sultry voice and vivacious stage presence have helped make her one of the most admired and respected female vocalists in the Country Music genre. $41-64.60. 7:30 pm. 480-279-7194 or <http://higleycenter.org> H

5 PHOENIX: The Piano Guys – Comerica Theatre. <http://livenation.com>

5 PHOENIX: Valley of the Sun Shootout – Talking Stick Resort Arena. A basketball doubleheader featuring Arizona vs. Texas A&M and Grand Canyon vs. St. John’s. $30-300. 800-745-3000 or http://[www.talkingstickresortarena.com](http://www.talkingstickresortarena.com) or http://[www.valleyofthesunshootout.com](http://www.valleyofthesunshootout.com)

5 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Northern Arizona Suns vs. South Bay Lakers – Prescott Valley Event Center. The Northern Arizona Suns take on the South Bay Lakers at home to in their second season in the NBA G League. Tickets start at $9. 6:30 pm. 928-772-7867 or <http://www.nazsuns.com> H

5 SCOTTSDALE: Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel – Keys to the Classics – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Keys to the Classics features Haydn’s entertaining, vivacious Sonata in D, Mozart’s soulful Rondo in A minor and Beethoven’s ever-popular Sonata Pathétique. $29-49. 7:30 pm. 480-499-8587or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

6 PHOENIX: Peppa Pig Live – Comerica Theatre. <http://www.livenation.com>

6 SCOTTSDALE: Handel's Messiah - Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. An annual holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed “Hallelujah” chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists in Handel’s masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. 7:30 pm. <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

6 TUCSON: Makana - Sea of Glass Center for the Arts. Described as “dazzling” by the New York Times, Makana is an internationally acclaimed Hawaiian slack key guitarist, singer, and composer who is widely known as the world’s greatest living slack key guitarist. $20-25. 7 pm. 520-398-2542 or <http://theseaofglass.org>

7 SUN CITY: Handel's Messiah – American Lutheran Church. An annual holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed “Hallelujah” chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists in Handel’s masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. 7:30 pm. <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

7-17 PEORIA: Agnes of God – Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. Compass Players performs this murder mystery seemingly ripped from today’s headlines and based on a true story. $27-30. 623-815-7930 or <http://www.theaterworks.org> or <http://www.compassplayers.com>

8 BISBEE: Oliver House Ghost Hunt - Paranormal investigators on a guided tour of the Oliver House to point out haunted locations within the building, learn to use professional ghost hunting equipment, including K2 Meters, EMF detectors, digital voice recorders, learn to take proper photographs while on a ghost hunt, use their borrowed equipment to search for paranormal evidence, a spirit communication session commences in the Parlor Room. $35. http://[OldBisbeeGhostTour.com](http://www.OldBisbeeGhostTour.com)

8 MESA: Handel's Messiah – Mesa Arts Center. An annual holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed “Hallelujah” chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists in Handel’s masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. 7:30 pm. <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

8 WICKENBURG: 22nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights - Illuminated parade entries start on west side of Yavapai street into the historic district, includes classic cars, church groups, youth organizations, wagons, individuals, local businesses and APS Electric Automobiles, Santa & Mrs. Claus immediately afterwards greet children and adults at WCO Little Red School House with cookies and hot cocoa, then parade awards. 6:30 pm. 928-684-5479 or <http://www.wickenburgchamber.com>

8-9 CAMP VERDE: 9th Annual Candlelight Tours – Fort Verde State Historic Park. Enjoy the celebration of a Victorian Christmas with our traditional candlelight tours. Re-enactors dressed in period clothing provide guided tours with hot chocolate and light refreshments. 928-567-3275 or http://azstateparks.com

8-9 FLAGSTAFF: 15th Annual The Nutcracker Suite in Modern Bare Feet – A 21st century Interpretation of the Holiday Classic – Clifford E. White Theater on NAU Campus. By Canyon Movement Company, aerial dance, updated choreography and costumes, along with fun versions of the music by Tchaikovsky, with Canyon Dance Academy, Velocity Dance Company, and Rakasaat, as well as Flagstaff Aerial Arts. $12-16. 7:30 pm & 11 am. <http://www.canyonmovementcompany.org>

8-9 GILBERT: Riparian After Dark - The Riparian Preserve comes alive with a holiday glow! Stroll around the candle-lit trail at with hundreds of luminaries as well as numerous festive light displays. A rare opportunity for those who appreciate nature to experience the thrill of night time at the preserve. Also features a variety of school choirs, carolers and other live holiday entertainment.  5:30-9 pm. <https://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events/riparian-after-dark> H

8-9 SHOW LOW: Santa & the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane - See the holiday lights and decorations and listen to beautiful holiday music as you stroll along Gingerbread Lane with family and friends. Watch the kids whisper in Santa's ear, enjoy tasty treats and hot beverages while keeping a watchful eye out for that special gift that one of the more than 40 vendors have on display. Live radio remote and Santa will be on hand to visit with the kids. Fri noon - 6 pm, Sat 10 am - 4 pm. 928-532-2680 or http://www.showlowmainstreet.org/events

8-10 PHOENIX: 39th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens. Experience the beauty of more than 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags, thousands of white twinkle lights and unexpected views of familiar spaces. As you walk the Garden paths, you will be welcomed by the sights and sounds of nine entertainment ensembles. Additional dinner is available. $10-25. 5:30 pm, pre-register. 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org> H

8-10 PHOENIX: 6th Annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts – Hance Park. This year we’ve got over 150 art vendors and organizations, plus more awesome entertainment and food vendors than ever before! Free. Fri noon - 5 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am – 5 pm. 602-254-3100 or <http://phoenixfestivalofthearts.org/> H

8-10 SEDONA: The Perfect Tree – Wayside Bible Chapel. The message is of finding what we are all looking for, and discovering it was there all along. Family-friendly production incorporates well-known Christmas carols, plus a selection of original music and songs too. Gift drawing prior to each production, free general seating, reserved row seats are $5 at the door one hour prior to performances, Fri. 7 pm, Sat & Sun 3 pm. <http://pottershandproductions.com/The_Perfect_Tree.html>

8-10 STATEWIDE: Winter Outdoor Adventure Quest – A 3 day multi-sport Build-Your-Own Adventure Challenge that digitally provides you 500+ challenge tasks in 12 outdoor sport categories to take a stab at over 3 days in Arizona. http://outdooradventurequest.com/

8-17 SCOTTSDALE: Sister’s Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi’s Gold – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Sister, the tart-tongued, ruler-wielding nun, teaches her students the story of the Nativity and asks for their help to solve the greatest Christmas caper ever — who swiped the gold that those three wise men gave to Baby Jesus? $39. 8 & 2 pm. 480-499-8587or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

8-24 PEORIA: A Christmas Carol – Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. Theater Works resurrects our original production of the most well-known of all Holiday classics, Charles Dicken’s A Christmas Carol.  See the legendary transformation of an old miser taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas apparitions. http://www.theaterworks.org

8-24 PHOENIX: The Nutcracker – Symphony Hall. With more than 150 performers, hundreds of costumes and the beauty and athleticism of Ballet Arizona’s nationally recognized dancers, a timeless holiday tradition for all ages. Choreography by artistic director Ib Andersen danced to Tchaikovsky’s famous score, with the Phoenix Symphony. 602-381-1096 or <http://balletaz.org/>

9 ANTHEM: 16th Annual Anthem Holiday Classic Triathlon & Classic Kids’ Triathlon – Community Center. USAT sanctioned, adults swim 400m, bike 14 mile, run 3.1 mile, kids swim 200 m, bike 4.5 miles, run .5 miles kids triathlon. 9 am. 623-330-0913 or <http://www.4peaksracing.com/> or <http://www.trifind.com/>

9 BUCKEYE: 4th Annual Buckeye Marathon/Half Marathon/5K – Buckeye Municipal Airport. This event will be run on a USATF Certified Course and serves as a Boston/National Qualifier. All events will be chip timed. The marathon course will be a closure time of 6 hours, requiring a minimum pace time of 13:45/mile. 623-349-6350 or <http://www.arizonaroadracers.com> or http://www.buckeyemarathon.com

9 COTTONWOOD: Caravan Dreams – Old Town Center for the Arts. The annual theatrical belly dance showcase, features many of the best Middle Eastern dance artists in Northern Arizona. Come enjoy an enchanting evening and a mesmerizing journey thru traditional, classical and modern music and dances of the Orient, sure to enliven your senses with the awe, wonder and magic of the holiday season. $20-25. 7 pm. http://[www.oldtowncenter.org](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Hpg-adIUYmnu_MeGmqg8_SoYhcnOQ3LUMMNpCNPkiXTOd3NqLsA45hsm0oGge4cFoS47AGBjCSEpGSqUFC5aQgQrFnbc2XOwBkoqAwWHdRBkT98kKKwbOWPf5OLDmQkGDLd9MlxJVFaiSvCD0OyBtOcnbbOrFRAhk-c99S5awZYBn4uKqxL5Ww==&c=OXPJa_ggY5cHR4d3T14yCki-tQ04Zs0FmJxFV50S-wAr5N_yLBBYbw==&ch=O_BYExdJQY35vjNc-w9XPkB70g6l1laDUlGUnt5UKbrvgWygrJYJgA==) or http://[www.showtix4u.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Hpg-adIUYmnu_MeGmqg8_SoYhcnOQ3LUMMNpCNPkiXTOd3NqLsA45oyEkQsp2eDZrf3xhhxT4Oac9GaD6LeXxAi1Ee1Z-EAzt5Fg2HQog21_W86QgIVrjBqR1JKuzfdgAvRe_fX9e2gO5gT0yt3W0nm3yqIxN14hfbJzOLNfNyo=&c=OXPJa_ggY5cHR4d3T14yCki-tQ04Zs0FmJxFV50S-wAr5N_yLBBYbw==&ch=O_BYExdJQY35vjNc-w9XPkB70g6l1laDUlGUnt5UKbrvgWygrJYJgA==)

9 GILBERT: 9th Annual 12K’s of Christmas® & Santa’s Pet Village - Freestone District Park. A unique family celebration, features Christmas carolers at every K and in the park, a 12K and 6K run and a 1.2K for families and kids fun run/walk, a Christmas Bazaar with hand-made items, Santa’s Pet Village with pet adoptions, inflatables, supports Maricopa County Animal Care & Control, leashed pets welcome. 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. 480-609-3978 or <http://www.12krun.com>

9 GOODYEAR: O.U.R. Phoenix Rescue Run - Millennium High School, Sponsored by Knight Transportation and sanctioned by USATF. Begins on H.S. track and exits to nearby Scenic Park on a flat and fast, straight 5k course, final lap on the track. Family and stroller friendly. Race t-shirts and custom medals to all who complete 5k with prizes for top finishers in each category. Also a 1-mile Kids Run. $10-40, <http://ourphoenixrescuerun.wixsite.com/rescue>

9 MESA: Desert Voices of Christmas – First United Methodist Church. Begins with the Chorale and Dr. Bonnie Loney at the organ sharing Behold New Joy: Ancient Carols of Christmas. 7:30 pm. $18-20. 480-305-4538 or http://SonoranDesertChorale.org

9 ORACLE: 23rd Annual Holualoa Tucson Marathon – This primarily downhill event includes marathon, half-marathon, and relay races, runners drop almost 1,800 feet in elevation as they run downhill along the beautiful Santa Catalina mountain range, 520-320-0667 or <http://www.tucsonmarathon.com> or <http://www.azroadrunners.org> H

9 PARADISE VALLEY: Handel's Messiah – Camelback Bible Church. An annual holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed “Hallelujah” chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists in Handel’s masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. 7:30 pm. <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

9 PHOENIX: The Suns vs. San Antonio – Talking Stick Resort Arena. Arizona’s original professional sports franchise celebrates the 50th season of Suns basketball with a series of “Decade Nights” commemorating the different eras of the Suns rich history. This evening’s premium is Decade Night (1980’s) / Tom Chambers Bobblehead courtesy of FSAZ for the first 5,000 fans. 7 pm. 602-379-SUNS or http://Suns.com

9 PHOENIX: 16th Annual Christmas Pudding – Celebrity Theatre. Includes performances from musician/comedian Gary Mule Deer, the Solid Rock Dancers, and the winners of this year’s Proof is in the Pudding Musical Talent Search, Alice’s own version of American Idol. Plus more surprise guests. $120-$800. 7 pm. 602-267-1600 ext. 1 or http://[www.celebritytheatre.com](http://www.celebritytheatre.com)

9 SCOTTSDALE: ‘Twas a Girls Night Before Christmas: The Musical – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. From the producers of the box office smash Girls Night: The Musical comes this new, must-see holiday show. The five ladies we have all come to know and love gather for a night on the town to laugh, cry, gossip and just let their hair down during the craziest of times – the holidays. $29-49. 5 & 8 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

9 SCOTTSDALE: 19th Annual Holiday Festival of Trees – JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa. Professionally designed and decorated holiday trees, wreaths and other festive items. A silent auction, 3 course meal, and of course the always thrilling live tree auction! Speaking and performing will be Kechi O, a 2017 finalist on America's Got Talent on NBC. Benefits the Arizona Burn Foundation. $400. 6 pm. 602-230-2041 or http://azburn.org/holiday-festival-trees

9 SEDONA: 44th Annual Festival of Lights - Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village. A cherished tradition which involves the lighting of six thousand luminarias in Tlaquepaque’s courtyards and walkways at 5 pm, entertainment abounds with carolers, choirs and musicians, specially designated Luminarias honoring cancer survivors can be purchased in advance. Free. 3-8 pm. 928-282-4838 or <http://www.tlaq.com> H x

9 TEMPE: Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Presented by SRP - Tempe Town Lake. 50 decorated and lighted boats of all sizes and makes, a thousand lights illuminate the sidewalks and paths of Tempe Beach Park. The event kicks off at 4 pm with live music, selfies with Santa, food trucks and more! Come early, get your spot, a bite to eat and listen to some music. The parade launches at 7 pm and fireworks at 8 pm. Free. <http://www.downtowntempe.com>

9 TUCSON: A Holiday Celebration - Presidio San Agustin del Tucson. Celebrate the season colonial style at this replica of the city’s original adobe-walled fortress, the Presidio comes to life lit in luminarias, and visitors can also enjoy Presidio-era holiday foods and live holiday music. $5. 3-8 pm. 520-837-8119 or <http://www.tucsonpresidiotrust.org/>

9-10 MESA: See Trains in the Garden Open House Tours – Celebrating the holidays with several homes and a children’s medical center with G-scale garden railroads on display. See maps, photos and videos on ABTO website. Donations are accepted. 5:30-8:30 pm. 610-256-1121 or http://azbigtrains.org

9-10 MESA: 25th Annual "It's Feline a Lot Like Christmas" – Mesa Convention Center. All breed championship/ household pet/Feline agility, more than 300 top cats competing -- pedigreed cats and kittens for sale. Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 9 am – 4 pm. 623-217-4205or <http://www.phxfeline.com>

9-10 PHOENIX: 41st Annual Pueblo Grande Indian Market - Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park. 200 Native American artisans with handmade art ranging from jewelry, baskets, pottery, paintings, Kachina dolls, weavings and sculptures, raffles, children’s area, traditional & contemporary music & performances, fry bread. $10, 12 and under free. 9 am. 602-495-0901 or <http://www.pueblogrande.org/events/annual-pgma-indian-market/> H

9-10 PHOENIX: Chamber: Tchaikovsky & Mozart Concert 1 – The MIM. This season’s Chamber Music series spotlights Tchaikovsky and his favorite composer with three charming and exuberant programs. Hear works of sublime beauty and expressive power in a classically intimate setting, featuring exceptional soloists and musicians from your Phoenix Symphony. 7:30 & 2 pm. 602-495-1999 or http://[phoenixsymphony.org](http://tracking.wordfly.com/click?sid=MzE2XzEwNzI2XzIxNDYyXzcwMzI&l=80958e46-10f3-e611-baeb-e41f1345a486&utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2017%2F18HarryPotterPR&utm_content=version_A&promo=)

9-26 TUCSON: 68th Annual Winterhaven Festival of Lights – Tour the lights on a hayride wagon, a bus trolley, a pedal-powered group bike. You can also see the lights on foot. The rides are popular ways to see the lights, so reservations are recommended. Free to walk through. Please bring a donation for Tucson Community Food Bank. 6-10 pm. <http://www.winterhavenfestival.org>

10 PRESCOTT: Esteban – Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas – Elks Theatre and Performing Arts Center. Esteban and full band, along with violinist Teresa Joy, will warm and captivate your hearts this Christmas Season. Come share in the experience that is only... Esteban. $25-39. 3 pm. 928-777-1370 or http://www.prescottelkstheater.com

10 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Northern Arizona Suns vs. Westchester Knicks – Prescott Valley Event Center. The Northern Arizona Suns take on the Westchester Knicks at home to in their second season in the NBA G League. Tickets start at $9. 3 pm. 928-772-7867 or <http://www.nazsuns.com> H

10 SCOTTSDALE: Handel's Messiah – Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. An annual holiday favorite, Handel’s Messiah returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed “Hallelujah” chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join The Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus and world-class soloists in Handel’s masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. 3 pm. <http://phoenixsymphony.org>

10 SCOTTSDALE: Scottsdale Philharmonic – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Conducted by Robert R. Nichols, the professional musicians of the Scottsdale Philharmonic perform a special holiday program featuring classics of the season. $5-10. 4 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

10 SCOTTSDALE: Desert Voices of Christmas – La Casa De Cristo Lutheran Church. Begins with the Chorale and Dr. Bonnie Loney at the organ sharing Behold New Joy: Ancient Carols of Christmas. 3 pm. $18-20. 480-305-4538 or http://SonoranDesertChorale.org

12 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Northern Arizona Suns vs. Santa Cruz Warriors – Prescott Valley Event Center. The Northern Arizona Suns take on the Santa Cruz Warriors at home to in their second season in the NBA G League. Tickets start at $9. 6:30 pm. 928-772-7867 or <http://www.nazsuns.com> H

13 PHOENIX: The Suns vs. Toronto – Talking Stick Resort Arena. Arizona’s original professional sports franchise celebrates the 50th season of Suns basketball with a series of “Decade Nights” commemorating the different eras of the Suns rich history. This evening’s premium is Ugly Sweater T-Shirts Giveaway brought to you by Takis for the first 2,500 fans. 7 pm. 602-379-SUNS or http://Suns.com

14 PHOENIX: 3rd Annual Masters of Scotch Autumn Tasting Series – The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa. Whether a novice whisky drinker or long-standing Scotch enthusiast, the tasting series provides a fun and informative evening sampling Scotch whiskies in hour-long presentations led by Scotch experts. This evening features alvenie. $65. 6:30 pm. Reservations required. 480-624-1202 or http://[www.kierlandresort.com](http://www.kierlandresort.com)

14 SCOTTSDALE: Scottsdazzle ArtWalk – Downtown Scottsdale. **ArtWalks are every Thursday** evening along Main Street from Scottsdale Rd. west to Goldwater Blvd., and on Marshall Way north of Indian School Rd. to Fifth Ave. Restaurants, museums and trolley and/or horse-drawn carriage rides are available to transport folks from numerous free parking areas throughout the Scottsdale Arts District and Downtown. Free. 6:30-9 pm. http://www.scottsdalegalleries.com

14-17 SEDONA: Sedona Northern Lights – 3D art projected onto Camelhead Rock. Showcases the area’s natural beauty and thriving arts scene, while raising awareness of the need to preserve Sedona’s dark night skies. Sedona Northern Lights will be visible from all of Uptown Sedona and Gallery Row, with shows at the top of each hour. Bring the whole family and join us for this fun, festive and awe-inspiring light painting experience! 6-9 pm. http://www.SedonaNorthernLights.com

14-17 TUCSON: A Tucson Pastorela – Leo Rich Theater. A Tucson holiday tradition for 21 years! Archangels send a group of shepherds on a harrowing journey to meet El baby Jesus. But first they must make it past ornery devils. A Tucson Pastorela is generously infused with musical numbers, and farcical satire lampooning 2017’s biggest political and pop cultural events. $10-27. 7:30 & 2 pm. https://www.borderlandstheater.org/

15 PHOENIX: SiriusXM Presents The Brian Setzer Orchestra’s 14th Annual ‘Christmas Rocks! Tour’ – Celebrity Theatre. The group’s set list will feature music off their latest Christmas album Rockin’ Rudolph (available now as a limited edition box set, CD, vinyl or download) plus music off their three previous best-selling holiday albums; and original material from Brian Setzer. The first three rows will be removed for dancing!  $58-91. http://[www.celebritytheatre.com](http://www.celebritytheatre.com/)

15 PRESCOTT: Christmas with the Rat Pack – Elks Theatre and Performing Arts Center. Holiday music never had it so good as when it was being crooned by legendary “Rat Pack” members Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr.  Get ready to be transported back to a Vegas-style lounge for a night of familiar standards and swingin' Christmas songs.  “Christmas with The Rat Pack” is an instant classic! $22-25. 7 pm. 928-777-1370 or http://www.prescottelkstheater.com

15 SCOTTSDALE: David Britton Christmas – Sounds of the Season – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. World-class baritone and Nashville recording artist David Britton and his musicians celebrate the season with an enchanting evening of Christmas music from around the world, featuring spirited vocals and comfy, cozy arrangements of familiar favorites blended with soaring holiday anthems. $19-39. 8 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

15-16 GILBERT: Riparian After Dark - The Riparian Preserve comes alive with a holiday glow! Stroll around the candle-lit trail at with hundreds of luminaries as well as numerous festive light displays. A rare opportunity for those who appreciate nature to experience the thrill of night time at the preserve. Also features a variety of school choirs, carolers and other live holiday entertainment.  5:30-9 pm. <https://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events/riparian-after-dark> H

15-17 GILBERT: 11th Annual Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre presents The Nutcracker – Higley Center for the Performing Arts. Under the artistic direction of renowned ballerina, Yen-Li Chen, the **Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre** presents this holiday classic the whole family will love. Enjoy the ballet accompanied with live music performed by the **Chandler Symphony Orchestra** conducted by Alex Zhang. $14-34. http://higleycenter.org

15-17 PHOENIX: 39th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens. Experience the beauty of more than 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags, thousands of white twinkle lights and unexpected views of familiar spaces. As you walk the Garden paths, you will be welcomed by the sights and sounds of nine entertainment ensembles. Additional dinner is available. $10-25. 5:30 pm, pre-register. 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org> H

15-24 PHOENIX: Phoenix Ballet’s The Nutcracker – Orpheum Theatre. Join Phoenix Ballet and internationally recognized dance stars Juliet Doherty, Avery Gay, Madison Penney, Tia Wenkman, Anthony Tette and more, along with top students from the acclaimed Master Ballet Academy as they present Slawomir Wozniak's acclaimed The Nutcracker. https://phoenix.ticketforce.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=374

16 ANTHEM: Comfort and Joy: Featuring the Bach Magnificat and Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite – Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. PMAZ’s annual Christmas concert will include sacred and secular music featuring the magnificent works of Bach and Tchaikovsky plus family favorites and other holiday pieces to inspire the hope and joy of the holiday season. $12-20. 7:30 pm. http://www.pmaz.org

16 CLARKDALE: Echoes from the Past School of Ancient Technology: Flintknapping – Tuzigoot National Monument. Experimental archaeologist, Zack Curcija, provides archaeology students and the public with a tangible view of how prehistoric south westerners interacted with their environment and natural resources. http://[www.nps.gov/tuzi](http://www.nps.gov/tuzi)

16 FLAGSTAFF: NACA & First Nations Development Institute Native American Festival of Arts & Culture – Doubletree Hilton Flagstaff. This is an artist show and also Native American cultural dances throughout the day. Free. 10 am – 7 pm. 928-606-1941 or <http://www.nacainc.org> H

16 MESA: Downtown Mesa Festival of the Arts – A free event featuring unique artistic creations, music, food and fun for the whole family. Features the work of established and emerging artists. Music provided by Peggy and Tim. 2-8 pm. http://www.dtmesafest.com

16 PRESCOTT: Beach Boys Surfin’ Holiday – Elks Theatre and Performing Arts Center Get ready to ring in the holiday season with a tribute to the enduring soundtrack of Brian Wilson’s music and America’s beloved boys of summer – The Beach Boys! $22-25. 7 pm. 928-777-1370 or http://www.prescottelkstheater.com

16 SCOTTSDALE: Mariachi Sol de México® de José Hernández Presents **A Merry-Achi Christmas** – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. A graceful blend of classical, pop, jazz, swing and Broadway tunes, Hernández’s  organic, irreverent renditions have become instant classics. This special performance includes treasured holiday favorites and selections from the mariachi songbook. $29-59. 8 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

16 SEDONA: Holiday Sweet Stroll – Tlaquepaque. Discover unique gifts, and strolling carolers, retailers will open their doors till 7 pm and celebrate the holidays with sweet treats, special give-a-ways, and discount offers, featuring some of the best boutiques, galleries and restaurants in Sedona. Free. 3-7 pm. 928-282-4838 or <http://www.tlaq.com>

16 SOMERTON: 11th Annual Somerton Tamale Festival – Somerton Main Street/US Hwy 95. This new local tradition is presented by El Diabilito ASU Alumni Club. About 85,000 tamales of all varieties will be served up to fund scholarships for local students, along with live music and entertainment. Free. 11 am – 10 pm. 928-388-4837 or <http://www.somertontamalefestival.com/> or http://www.visityuma.com/

16-17 MESA: See Trains in the Garden Open House Tours – Celebrating the holidays with several homes and a children’s medical center with G-scale garden railroads on display. See maps, photos and videos on ABTO website. Donations are accepted. 5:30-8:30 pm. 610-256-1121 or http://azbigtrains.org

17 PEORIA: Desert Classic 30K, 5K, 30K Relay - Rio Vista Park. A 30K, 5K a 30K relay on an out-and-back course, 30K and 5K will have the usual 5-year age groups for awards, relay will use 10-year age groups (and the age group will be that of the youngest member of the team), awards for female, male and coed teams, registration begins at 7 am. 602-684-1496 or [http://arizonaroadracers.com/](http://arizonaroadracers.com/events/desert-classic-30k-5k-30k-relay-1)

17 PHOENIX: Carol Burnett – An Evening of Laughter and Reflection – Comerica Theatre. Carol Burnett, award-winning actress and best-selling author, will be featured. 800-745-3000 or <http://Ticketmaster.com>

17 PRESCOTT: 23rd Annual Christmas-Birthday Dinner-Show Celebration – ‘80’ Year Birthday-Christmas Gala. The Historic Prescott Jazz Society presents live entertainment, buffet, door prizes and dancing, dinner at 5 pm, show at 6 pm, dancing. Enhances performance format with re-union performers of past events. 4-9 pm. 928-237-7908 or <http://www.pjazz.org>

17 SUN CITY: Comfort and Joy: Featuring the Bach Magnificat and Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite – American Lutheran Church. PMAZ’s annual Christmas concert will include sacred and secular music featuring the magnificent works of Bach and Tchaikovsky plus family favorites and other holiday pieces to inspire the hope and joy of the holiday season. $12-20. 3 pm. http://www.pmaz.org

19-23 PHOENIX: 39th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens. Experience the beauty of more than 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags, thousands of white twinkle lights and unexpected views of familiar spaces. As you walk the Garden paths, you will be welcomed by the sights and sounds of nine entertainment ensembles. Additional dinner is available. $10-25. 5:30 pm, pre-register. 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org> H

19-24 TEMPE: Cinderella – ASU Gammage. This lush production and Tony Award®- winning Broadway musical features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Part of the ASU Broadway Series. <http://asugammage.com>

20 GILBERT: Jason Lyle Black – Higley Center. Back by popular demand, Black will present his 2017 Christmas show, “A Merry Little Christmas,” featuring favorites like “O Holy Night,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.” And, of course, he’ll take live requests and delight with his trademark backwards piano shtick. A one-of-a-kind piano experience you’ll never forget! $18-25. 7:30 pm. 480-279-7194 or http://higleycenter.org

21 CASA GRANDE: Day Out Downtown Living History Tour – Main Street Patio. Historical walking tour, refreshments, living history tour, merchant scavenger hunt and more on each third Thursday through April. 9:30 am. 520-836-8744 or http://www.cgmainstreet.org

21 SCOTTSDALE: **Windham Hill®: Winter Solstice** – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Celebrate the winter solstice and its warm traditions with a concert of original and traditional acoustic music drawn from the label’s multi-platinum-selling Winter Solstice series, as well as its many solo releases. $29-49. 7:30 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

22 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Northern Arizona Suns vs. Oklahoma City Blue – Prescott Valley Event Center. The Northern Arizona Suns take on the Oklahoma City Blue at home to in their second season in the NBA G League. Tickets start at $9. 7 pm. 928-772-7867 or <http://www.nazsuns.com> H

22 SCOTTSDALE: **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Wild Swingin’ Holiday Party** – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. One of the most popular swing bands on the road today, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy cruises into town with its jumpin’ and jivin’ Christmas extravaganza featuring one-of-a-kind originals and reworked Yuletide classics. $39-69. 8 pm. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

22 TUCSON: Keith Secola – The Cody Blackbird Band – Sea of Glass Center for the Arts. Keith Secola is an icon and ambassador of Native music. He is one of the most influential artists in the field today. The Cody Blackbird Band are the 2017 NAMMY Winners for "Group of the Year". $15-20. 7:30 pm. 520-398-2542 or http://theseaofglass.org

22-23 GILBERT: A Christmas Story – The Musical – Higley Center. Actors Youth Theatre presents A Christmas Story – The Musical, and is based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on television every Christmas. The versatile score ranges from gentle ballads to show-stopping full-ensemble numbers. Its an exciting new dimension to those who loved the movie and will stand on its own for those who haven't seen it. $19-22. 2 & 7 pm. 480-279-7194 or http://higleycenter.org

26 PHOENIX: The Suns vs. Memphis – Talking Stick Resort Arena. Arizona’s original professional sports franchise celebrates the 50th season of Suns basketball with a series of “Decade Nights” commemorating the different eras of the Suns rich history. This evening’s premium is Latin Night / Sombrero Giveaway for the first 2,500 fans. 7 pm. 602-379-SUNS or http://Suns.com

26 PHOENIX: 29th Annual Cactus Bowl – Chase Field. Featuring Pac-12 team vs. Big 12 conference team, football. $10-50. gates open at 6:30 pm. 7 pm. 480-350-0911 or <https://www.fiestabowl.org/>

26-30 PHOENIX: 39th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens. Experience the beauty of more than 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags, thousands of white twinkle lights and unexpected views of familiar spaces. As you walk the Garden paths, you will be welcomed by the sights and sounds of nine entertainment ensembles. Additional dinner is available. $10-25. 5:30 pm, pre-register. 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org> H

26-30 SCOTTSDALE: **Sing-a-Long-a Grease** – Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Sing-a-Long-a Grease is a fully interactive screening of the classic film with subtitled lyrics. Audience members are encouraged to dress up like a Rydell High T-Bird or Pink Lady, and sing along and dance with John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John and the gang. $18. 480-499-8587 or <http://www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org>

26-31 PHOENIX: Holidays at the Heard Museum - Heard Museum. Exciting performances and artist demonstrations introduce visitors to traditional and contemporary American Indian music, dance and art throughout the week, included in general museum admission. $7.50-18, Sat-Thu 9:30 am - 5 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm. 602-252-8848 or <http://heard.org/holidays>

27 PRESCOTT: 4th Annual Storytellers at Smoki - Smoki Museum. Indian artists share a variety of stories from their cultures. $5-7. 10 am - 4 pm. http://www.smokimuseum.org

27-1/1 PHOENIX: 70th Annual Arizona National Livestock Show – Arizona State Fairgrounds. Livestock shows and sales, Cowboy Classics Western Art & Gear show, working ranch horse competition, Chuck Wagon Cook Off, Dutch Oven Cook Off, ranch rodeo, Farm Experience interactive area for children. $10 parking & admission per car. 602-258-8568 or <http://www.anls.org> H z

28 PHOENIX: The Comedy Get Down - Talking Stick Resort Arena. Numerous motion picture appearances, countless television shows, sitcoms and standup specials, a talk show, three radio shows, and three books. Cedric ‘The Entertainer,’ Eddie Griffin, D.L. Hughley, and George Lopez have been breaking ground in the comedy business and bringing the laughs for decades. See four members of comedy royalty come together. 800-745-3000 or http://ticketmaster.com

29-1/1 SCOTTSDALE: 10th Annual ArabHorse Farm Tour - Open barns and special presentations, hands on, close up interaction offered at the farms, visit farms, admire and interact with the beautiful horses. http://www.arabhorsefarmtour.com/

30 GLENDALE: 47th Annual PlayStation Fiesta Bowl Football Classic – University of Phoenix Stadium. Top teams play, the champion of the Big 12 Conference and another one of the nation’s top college football teams. Tickets start at $95. 2 pm. 480-350-0911 or http://www.fiestabowl.org

30 PHOENIX: 47th Annual National Bank of Arizona Fiesta Bowl Parade - Central Phoenix. Arizona Coyotes legend Shane Doan will be the Grand Marshal. Floats, bands, specialty and equestrian units; bleacher seating $25. 9 am. <http://www.fiestabowl.org> z

31 PHOENIX: New Year Eve Celebration – Symphony Hall. End the year on a high note with The Phoenix Symphony and conductor Stuart Chafetz for the most popular New Year’s Eve Celebration in Arizona. Enjoy famous Strauss waltzes, seasonal classics and Broadway and contemporary favorites all with a complimentary glass of Champagne to celebrate the New Year. Don’t miss this joyous and popular musical event that is sure to sell out. 4 & 7:30 pm. 602-495-1999 or <http://www.phoenixsymphony.org>

31 SHOW LOW: Deuce of Clubs Drop – Festival Marketplace. Countdown to midnight, ushers in the new year giant electrified Deuce of Clubs (playing card) dropped from a crane, free photo booth, cocoa & popcorn available, free noisemakers & party items, and fire pits to keep you toasty, the evening comes to a climax with a giant fireworks show immediately following the dropping of the Deuce of Clubs. 11 pm – midnight. 928-532-4140 or <http://www.showlowchamber.com/>

31 TEMPE: NYE on Mill Ave. – Bars and restaurants are rolling out the red carpet, popping the bubbly and offering an unparalleled experience for holiday revelers. No cover to enter the downtown district to enjoy the throngs in the streets making merry, taking selfies at the larger-than-life 2018 selfie-station, and oohing-and-ahhing to a spectacular fireworks display at midnight courtesy of our friends at Four Peaks Brewing Company. <http://www.downtowntempe.com/holiday17>

31 TUCSON: Rick Braun’s New Year's Eve Jazz Getaway - JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa. New York theme featuring world-renowned trumpet player Rick Braun along with top-caliber jazz musician headliners for a two day event featuring seven hours of live contemporary jazz. $209-269. Doors open at 6:45 pm. <http://www.tucsonnewyearseve.com/>

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