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December 2012

State of the Arts Newsletter

City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs

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Your monthly arts e-newsletter from the City of Ventura Community Partnerships Division promotes cultural activities all over Ventura County reaching more than 6,000 subscribers. City Hall will be closed Dec 22-Jan 2 for its annual winter shutdown so we ask for your submissions early for the January 2013 issue. For the next issue, contributors should email text and images as separate files by the 12th of December to glees@cityofventura.net. Thank you!

- Georgeanne Lees & Richard Newsham
SOTA Editors

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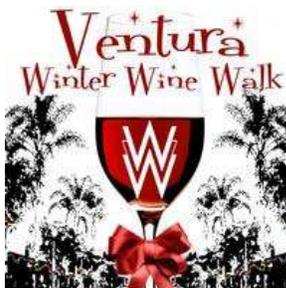
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FESTIVALS: TOP 3 AT A GLANCE



Ventura Winter Wine Walk Dec 1

This new annual Ventura tradition happens Saturday, Dec 1 from 12 to 8 pm with a Holiday Street Fair of vendors and live entertainment on the 400 and 500 blocks of Main Street (free and open to the public) followed by the Winter Wine Walk at 4 pm. For this showcase of world-class wines served in your favorite downtown businesses, guests stroll down Main Street surrounded by a winter holiday ambiance of live jazz and blues entertainment, beautiful lighting downtown and snow fall from 6:45 to 8 pm.

Tickets/info: www.venturawinterwinewalk.com

"The Nutcracker" at Ventura College Dec 1-2 & 15-16

Two local dance companies perform this holiday classic at the new Ventura College Performing Arts Center.
Tickets/info: www.venturacountyballet.com and www.aaballet.org.
See "[Dance Events](#)" below.





Ventura Harbor Parade of Lights & Fireworks Dec 14 & 15

Ventura Harbor celebrates the season with three festivals including the 36th annual Holiday Parade of Lights:

- December 9: [Chanukah Festival](#)
- December 14 & 15: [Ventura Harbor Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks](#)
- December 15: [Winter Wonderland](#)

Info: venturaharborvillage.com

Music Events

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- Roxy Opera in Cinema series in Camarillo
- Met Opera in HD series at Century Riverpark 16 in Oxnard



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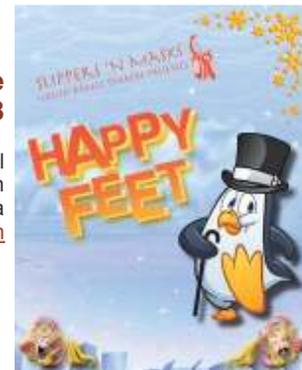
Ventura County Ballet Company's "Nutcracker" at Ventura College Performing Arts Center Dec 1-2

Complete your holiday experience with Tchaikovsky's glorious score and our local dance company of young dancers featuring Aaron Smyth from the Royal Ballet, England as the Prince on the stage of the new Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4700 Loma Vista Rd at 2 and 7 pm on Saturday, Dec 1 and at 1 pm on Sunday, Dec 2

Tickets/info: www.venturacountyballet.com/

Slippers 'n' Masks Youth Dance Theatre presents "Happy Feet" December 7 & 8

Directed and choreographed by Mayor's Arts Award winner Pam Cohen, this biannual dance presentation happens on Dec 7 at 7:30 pm and Dec 8 at 2:30 pm with free admission at Mound Elementary School, 455 S. Hill Rd, in Ventura
Info: 805.644.6542 or www.dancinwithpam.com



All American Ballet "Nutcracker" at Ventura College Performing Arts Center Dec 15-16



All American Ballet (AAB) of Ventura will present its annual production of The Nutcracker directed by founder/artistic director Clarissa Boeriu with Denise Renaldi, director of Santa Barbara Festival Ballet, at the Ventura College Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 15 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 16 at 2 and 5:30 pm. Professional guest artists will dance alongside the pre-professional and student dancers of All American Ballet and Santa Barbara Festival Ballet. Tickets (\$10-20) at www.aaballet.org or 805.650.6316.

Ballet in Cinema series

The acclaimed "Ballet in Cinema" series screens live HD performances from the Bolshoi, Royal Opera House, La Scala and other stages worldwide at these locations. See "[Cinema Events](#)" for listings.



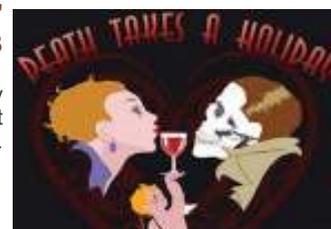
Katrina Agate as Chinese dancer soloist.

- [Ventura Century 10 Downtown](#), 555 E Main St.
- [Century Riverpark 16](#), 2766 Seaglass Way, Oxnard
- [Roxy Stadium 11](#), 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit).

Theater Events

"Death Takes a Holiday" at Santa Paula Theater Center through Dec 23

"Death Takes a Holiday" by Alberto Casella is the holiday season play from Nov 16 to Dec 23 at Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S Seventh St in Santa Paula with Fri/Sat performances at 8 pm and Sun at 2:30 pm. Tickets/info: 805/525-4645 or www.santapaulatheatercenter.org



Carpinteria's Plaza Playhouse presents "A Christmas Carol" Nov 30-Dec 9

The historic Plaza Playhouse, 4916 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria offers live theater year round. Tickets/Info: www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com

- Nov 30-Dec 9 "A Christmas Carol" (play)

Ventura College Performing Arts Center events

VENTURACOLLEGE

The new Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4667 Telegraph Rd. [Tickets/ info](#) or 805.654.6400

- Nov 29-8 pm **Chamber Music Performance**, ROBERT LAWSON conductor
- Nov 30-8 pm **Ventura College Choir** BRENT WILSON conductor: VIVALDI Magnificat/THOMPSON Frostiana
- Dec 1 at 2 pm & 7 pm **Nutcracker**, Ventura County Ballet with the Ventura College Orchestra
- Dec 2 at 1 pm **Nutcracker**, Ventura County Ballet, with the Ventura College Orchestras
- Dec 2 at 7 pm **Ventura College Jazz Band** LESLIE DRATON director
- Dec 6-8 at 8 pm; Dec 9 at 3 pm **PIRATES OF PENZANCE** by Gilbert and Sullivan
Ventura College Theater Department and Opera Workshop
JUDY GARY director BRENT WILSON music director KRENLY GUZMAN choreographer
- Dec 15-16 Sa-7pm Su-2 & 5:30 pm **Nutcracker**, All American Ballet

Ventura High Theater Dept presents "David and Lisa" Nov 29-Dec 8

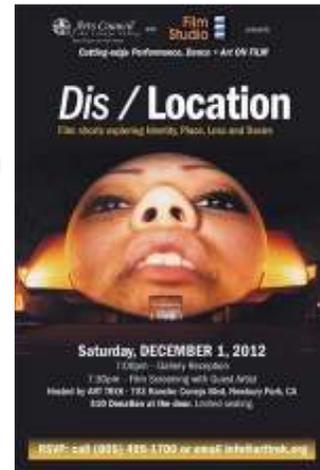
The Ventura High Theater Department presents "David and Lisa," a drama by James Reach, at the Ventura High School Auditorium Main Stage 7 pm Nov 29 & 30 & Dec 1, 6, 7 & 8; and 2 pm Dec 1. Tickets (\$5/\$7) at door. Info 805.641.5116 ext 2114.



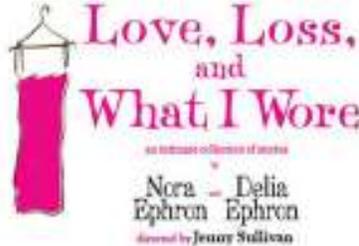
Dec 1 Cutting-edge Performance, Dance + Art ON FILM

The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley Film Studio presents "Dis / Location: Identity, Place, Loss and Desire" on Saturday, Dec 1, 7:30-9:30 pm, with a gallery reception at 7 pm, hosted by ART TREK, 703 Rancho Conejo Blvd,

Newbury Park, featuring Damien Walters, gravity-defying gymnast, acrobat, stuntman; Barry McGee, painter and cult figure of urban street culture; Margaret KilKallen, San Francisco street artist and muralist; Kryztof Wodiczko, monumental projections, public art, and community voices; Collier Schorr, photographic realism meets fiction, fantasy and identity; Wim Wender's documentary of legendary choreographer "PINA"; Do-Ho Suh, intricate sculptures defy notions of space and place; and Ramaa Mosley's dance short "In Dreams I Run Wild." Info: aria.edry@gmail.com.



Visit and "Like" www.facebook.com/ACCVFilmstudio. \$10 donation at the door. RSVP / Limited seating 805.499.1700, info@arttrek.org

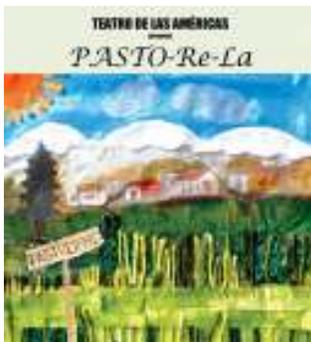


"Love, Loss, and What I Wore" benefit at Rubicon Theatre Dec 2

Rubicon Theatre Company presents a benefit performance of "Love, Loss, and What I Wore" with a star-studded cast of women including Emmy and Tony-winner Tyne Daly, Amy Peitz and Amanda McBroom on Dec 2 at 1 with a pre-show reception at noon and silent auction. Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman, the play was written by the late Nora Ephron and her sister Delia Ephron as a series of vignettes about important relationships, events and issues in our lives - mother-daughter relationships, first dates, weddings, etc., viewed through the prism of

clothing.

Tickets: 805.667.2900 or www.rubicontheatre.org



Teatro de las Américas presents PASTO-Re-La Dec 7-15

Teatro de las Américas will present the musical "PASTO-Re-La" Fridays and Saturdays, December 7, 8, 14, 15 at 7:30 and a matinée on Sunday, December 9 at 3 pm at the Oxnard College Black Box Theater, 4000 South Rose Ave., Oxnard. Mexico City's world-class harpist Mercedes Gómez-Benet wrote the libretto for the play staged in Spanish with English super-titles and Omar Guzmán is the composer.

Tickets: www.teatrodelasamericas.org

Season 5 of John White's 5 x 5 x 5 Dec 7

"5 artists, 5 performances, 5 minutes each" - that's the premise of "5 x 5 x 5," the popular performance series directed by John M. White during Ventura First Fridays monthly gallery crawl at 8 pm at the Sylvia White Gallery, 1783 E Main St in Ventura. Don't miss exciting performances by national and local artist/performers.

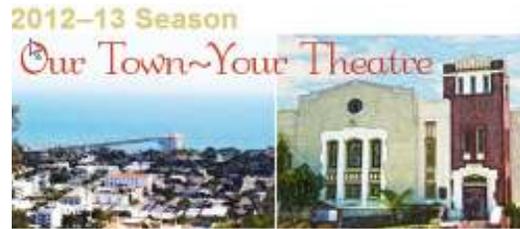


Performances to Grow On Ojai series continues with "Acrobat" starring Li Liu" Dec 8

The Ojai Art Center, 113 S Montgomery St in Ojai, hosts the "Toys for the Mind" family series at 4 pm, at the Ojai Art Center, continuing with "Acrobat" with Li Liu on Dec 8. Chinese-born Liu began attendance at the Chinese National Circus School at



age 7. Her performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Tickets / info: 805.646.8907 or www.ptgo.org and click on "Toys for the Mind": \$10/child; \$15/adult.



"Little Miss Scrooge" at Rubicon Theater Dec 12-23

The theater's "Our Town/Your Theatre" season continues December 12-23 with a world premiere staged concert "Little Miss Scrooge," a modern musical mash-up of "A Christmas Carol" and "Nicholas Nickleby" from the creators of "Daddy Long Legs," about Estella Scrooge, a young Wall Street tycoon descendent of Ebenezer tested beyond her wildest dreams. Tickets: 805.667.2900 or www.rubicontheatre.org

Literary Events



San Buenaventura Friends of the Library speaker series December 1

SBFOL and Bank of Books present local historian and raconteur Richard Senate, 4-5 pm, in the E.P. Foster Library Topping Room, 651 E Main St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. RSVP to Marcia Ortiz at mrortiz@earthlink.net or 805.643.4281

- December 1 **Fiestas of Old California**

The Form of Poetry with Tree Bernstein Dec 2

Join this Naropa University MFA in writing and poetics instructor for an afternoon of "Immersion Writing the Epistolary Poem" on Sunday, Dec 2, 1- 3 pm. Limited to 7 poets \$30 (materials included). Tree teaches Creative Writing and Narrative Forms at the Brooks Institute and is a regular contributor to the Ojai Quarterly Magazine, which publishes her column Ask Ms. Metaphor. Info: [flyer \(pdf\)](#) or email treebernstein@gmail.com



Artists Union Poetry Dec 4, 11, 15 & 18

After a brief hiatus the Tuesday Poetry Series at 7:30 pm is back at the Artists Union Gallery, 89 S. California St in Ventura, with host Phil Taggart, TBA featured readers and open-mic on Dec 4, 11 & 18 plus a "Askew" poetry journal reading on Saturday, Dec 15, all part of the "Off the Wall and Beyond" exhibit sponsored by The Henning's By-Pass Trust. Email ptagga@aol.com to be added to Phil Taggart's monthly literary events distribution list for readings in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. See "[Visual Arts](#)" below for more Artists Union events.

ARTBOUND

KCET Artbound columnist Tracy Hudak covers the Ventura County scene

KCET, the nation's largest independent public television station, is also a vital source of new social media, devoted to the Southern California lifestyle, arts, culture and people, including "Artbound" providing cultural journalism from all eleven



counties in Southern California. The KGET Artbound columnist for Ventura County is Tracy Hudak. [View her bio and recent articles.](#)

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California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest by Jan 31, 2013

California students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to submit their work to the California Coastal Commission's annual Coastal Art and Poetry Contest by January 31, 2013. More information, tips and entry form in Spanish: www.coastforyou.org or (800) Coast-4U

Image at right: *Sky's Lighthouse* by Skylar Scripter, 3rd grade, Laguna Hills



Writers everywhere invited to enter 5th annual Art Tales contest by March 1, 2013

View images and get complete contest rules and info kit at www.cityofventura.net/arttales. Works selected for the library this year represent the artistic process of creating "Color in Landscape."

Other Poetry Events



Arcade Poetry Series: 3rd Saturdays at 7 pm, Oxnard Carnegie Art Museum, 424 South C St, Oxnard. Host: Jackson Wheeler.

Bohemian Beat Spoken Word: 1st Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Bohemia Coffee House, 214 W Ojai Ave, Ojai. Host: Tree Bernstein, 805/640-7210. Open mic sign ups at 7:15 pm.

Ventura County Writers Club:
3rd Wednesdays poetry workshop; meetings 2nd
Tuesdays at Pleasant Valley Senior Center, 1605 Burnley
Street, Camarillo. Info: www.venturacountywriters.com



The Poetry Zone: 2nd Saturdays, 2-4 pm, Karpeles Manuscript Museum, 21 West Anapamu, Santa Barbara. Host: Suzanne Frost, 805/252-1655. Open-mic follows.

- December 8 Razorbabes
- January 12 Michael Ford
- February 9 Christopher Buckley

Favorite Poem Reading: 3rd Mondays, 5:15-6:30 pm, The Blue Agave 20 East Cota, Santa Barbara. Host: Lois Klein.
Open Mic: All poets and non-poets invited to read a favorite poem (not their own) or two

Santa Maria Rhythm & Rhyme: Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Cafe Noir, 1555 South Broadway, Santa Maria. Open Mic with Host BJ Riley everlearnmore@yahoo.com



KPFK Poets Café: 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays at 8:30 pm. LA 90.7 FM/ Santa Barbara 98.7 FM. Rotating Hosts: Lois P. Jones, Myrenna Ogbu and James Palacio. [Facebook](#)

Santa Barbara Poetry Series: Contemporary Arts Forum

At Paseo Nuevo Mall Upper Arts Terrace for recently published poets
www.santabarbarapoetryseries.org/



Reading Series at Presidio Chapel

Presidio Chapel: 123 E Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara.
 Host Kurt Brown 917.647.1613 or kurtbrown1@mac.com



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Ask Ms. Metaphor

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More Poetry Information:

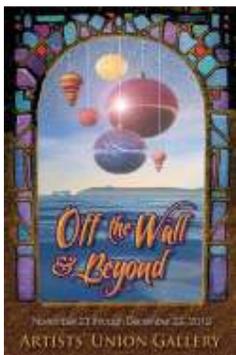
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Visual Arts Events

San Buenaventura Artists' Union Gallery features "Off the Wall and Beyond"

The Henning's By-Pass Trust is the SBAUG sponsor for a second exhibit in their beautiful location at 89 S. California St in Ventura. "Off the Wall and Beyond..." includes a celebration of some of Ventura County's renowned artists (Hiroko Yoshimoto, Gayel Childress and Don Ulrich) plus a large selection of original artworks for \$100 or less allowing the public to



buy art as gifts for the holidays. The Gallery will also participate in the Winter Wine Walk (see above) and SBAUG Arts & Crafts by the Sea members will participate in the Holiday Street Fair, both events on Dec 1. See "[Literary Events](#)" for SBAUG poetry events. Info: Dona Wieckowski, 805.766.1353



Ventura County Potters' Guild Holiday Sale Dec 7 & 8 plus open house Dec 15

The Ventura County Potters' Guild Holiday Sale happens Dec 7 (12-9) & 8 (10-5) at the Bell Arts Factory, 432 N Ventura Ave, with reception Dec 7



(5-9 pm). Info: Cecile Gurrola-Faulconer, 805.985.5038 or gipsylily@gmail.com



The VCPG this year will display some of their best wares--an amazing variety of styles, colors, and types of hand-made functional and decorative works in clay. Friday's opening coincides with "Ventura's First Friday" gallery crawl.

The Holiday Open House and Marketplace on Saturday, December 15, 11 am-6 pm, held in conjunction with Ventura Harbor's Winter Wonderland and Parade of Lights, features artists inside the gallery and outside around the Carousel garden patio with potters wheel demonstrations by Troy Schmidt of Santa Barbara and Larry Carnes of Ojai. At Ventura Harbor Village, 1567 Spinnaker Drive #105, Ventura (805) 985-5038.

Buenaventura Art Association News:



2nd annual Community Memorial Hospital Open Competition

The Buenaventura Art Association's second annual Community Memorial Hospital Open Competition, entitled "Recycle: Eco Art" and juried by Rhode Island artist Tom Deininger runs December 2 through January 6 in the ground floor public spaces of Community Memorial Hospital, 147 N Brent St., Ventura. info@buenaventuragallery.org

"Best of BAA"- "Small Image Show"- "Ornament Competition" receptions Nov 30 & Dec 4, 8 & 15

The Buenaventura Art Association is offering double the opportunity to snatch up original works of fine art by holding its annual "Small Image Show" at each of its two gallery locations - the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura and the Harbor Village Gallery at the Ventura Harbor. The "Small Image Show" is the perfect time for collectors to purchase works from their favorite artists at prices meant for gift giving. In addition, the Buenaventura Gallery will feature a Holiday Boutique with unique artisan-made gifts and ornaments. The "Small Image Show" and "Ornament Competition" at the Harbor Village Gallery will be running concurrent to a fine art show entitled "The Best of BAA 2012" with a reception Friday, Nov 30, 5-8 pm at the Harbor Village Gallery. A reception and award ceremony for the "Ornament Competition" will be held Saturday, Dec 15, 5-6:30 pm at the Harbor Gallery, right before the annual Parade of Lights starts. The downtown Buenaventura Gallery's "Small Image Show" runs now through January 5. The public is also invited for a holiday party/reception with live music and refreshments at the downtown Buenaventura Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 8, 4-8 pm.

The Harbor Village Gallery is located at 1591 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 117C in Ventura Harbor Village. Hours are Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesday) from 12-5 pm. For more information, call the gallery at 805-644-2750 or visit www.HarborVillageGallery.com. The Buenaventura Gallery is located at 700 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 12-5 pm and Saturdays 11am-5 pm. Extended holiday hours start Friday December 7 during First Fridays Ventura. The gallery will be open Fridays and Saturdays until 8pm through December 22, and will open on Sundays from 12-5 pm through December 23. The gallery will also be open Christmas Eve, December 24 from 10 am-2 pm. For more information call the Buenaventura Gallery at 805-646-1235 or visit www.BuenaventuraGallery.org.

Dianne Bennett and Scott Gordon recipients of Gerd Koch & Carole Milton Grants

Dianne Bennett of Ojai, and Scott Gordon of Ventura are the Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) sponsored recipients of the Gerd Koch & Carole Milton Grants for Professional Artists of Ventura County grant program. A distinguished panel of artists and arts professionals reviewed thirty applications. VCAC is looking for philanthropists to take over this grant program. For more information about the Grants for Ventura County Professional Visual Artists contact the Ventura County Arts Council at (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartscouncil.org.



Ventura County Government Center Installation Show a Success

"The Installation Show was a first for the Atrium Gallery, for most of the participating artists, and for the County

staff," said Todd Collart, Atrium Gallery Director for the Ventura County Arts Council, and the motivator for the entire project. "It was a stretch for everyone. It tested our collective skills, abilities, and patience; but everyone survived to bring an absolutely unique art exhibit to the Ventura County Government Center and those who visited it. Installation shows are very rare and normally only occur in large art museums and up-scale private galleries. Therefore, to stage such an exhibition in a government workplace is totally unique." [Read more here \(pdf\)](#).



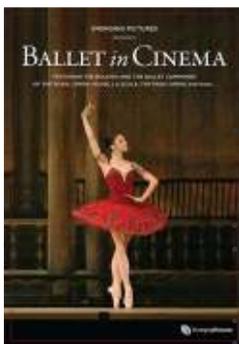
Cinema Events



Carpinteria's Plaza Playhouse presents movie classics

The historic Plaza Playhouse, 4916 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria, screens vintage films year round. Tickets/info: www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com/

- Dec 21 "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Dec 22 "A Christmas Story"
- Dec 23 "Polar Express"



Ballet in Cinema series

The acclaimed "Ballet in Cinema" series screens live HD performances from the Bolshoi, Royal Opera House, La Scala and other stages worldwide at these locations.

Ventura Century 10 Downtown, 555 E Main St.

Tickets/info [HERE](#)

Dec 2 & 4 Bolshoi Ballet: **The Pharaoh's Daughter**

Dec 23 Royal Ballet: **The Nutcracker**

Century Riverpark 16, 2766 Seaglass Way, Oxnard

Tickets/info [HERE](#)

Dec 3, 2 pm & 7:30 pm [Mariinsky Theatre's The Nutcracker](#)

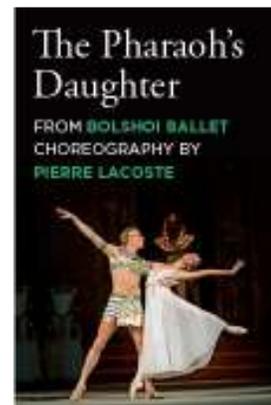
Roxy Stadium 11 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit)

Sign up for the Roxy e-newsletter [HERE](#), Roxy Ballet [schedules \(pdf\)](#)

Dec 2-1 pm & 5-6:30 pm Bolshoi Ballet: **The Pharaoh's Daughter**

Dec 16-1 pm & 19-6:30 pm Royal Opera: **La Cenerentola**

Dec 23 Royal Ballet: **The Nutcracker** 1pm



Century Downtown 10 special cinema events

- Dec 8 & 9, 11 am **Lord of the Rings Trilogy Marathon** (also at Century Riverpark 16)

- Century 10 Downtown **Restored Classic Film Series:** Tickets/info [HERE](#)
- Dec 5 **A Christmas Story**
- Dec 12 **Home Alone**
- Dec 19 **It's a Wonderful Life**



Century Riverpark 16/Oxnard Met in HD Opera series & special events

The new Ventura Century Riverpark 16 at 2766 Seaglass Way in Oxnard ([see map](#)) offers screenings of live and encore opera and ballet performances as well as music concerts, restored vintage films, documentaries and other special events throughout the year. The Metropolitan Opera's "Live in HD" screenings continue Saturday mornings (with Wednesday evening encores) at the Century Riverpark in Oxnard (see below for

directions). The Cinemark Stadium 16 at 2875 Elba Street in Ventura is now closed. [Click here for schedule](#)

- Dec 1, 9:55 am **Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito** (live)
- Dec 8, 9:55 am **Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera** (live)
- Dec 15, 9:55 am **Verdi's Aida** (live)
- Dec 12, 6:30 pm **Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito** (encore)
- Jan 5, 9 am **Berlioz's Les Troyens** (live)
- Jan 9, 6:30 pm **Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera** (encore)



Tickets/info: [HERE](#) . Directions: Exit Oxnard Blvd towards Riverpark; turn right onto Town Center Dr; Left after a few blocks onto Seaglass Way. ([MAP](#))



Ojai Film Society screenings

The Ojai Film Society screens independent, foreign and documentary films. Contact OFS office at 805.646.8946 or ojaifilmsociety@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ojaifilmsociety.org
Sundays at 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave, Ojai

- Dec 1 & 2 **Beasts of the Southern Wild**

Insomniac Cinema every Thursday at the Regency Buenaventura

Insomniac Cinema hosted by Andrew Gualtieri screens classics every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Regency Buenaventura, 1440 Eastman Ave., Ventura, 805.658.6544 (show times: www.regencymovies.com). Insomniac Cinema discounted advance tickets/monthly newsletter www.insomniaccinema.com

- Nov 29 **Dirty Dancing**
- Dec 13 **White Christmas**
- Dec 20 **It's a Wonderful Life**



Oxnard Film Society

Join the OFS for Monday screenings at 3:30 and 6:30 pm (\$9.75/\$6.25 seniors) at Plaza Cinemas 14, 255 West 5th St, Oxnard, followed by discussions at its new office at 519 South C Street (CCS office) after the 6:30 pm film. All non-English speaking films are presented in their original language accompanied by English subtitles. Info: OFS President/CEO George J. Sandoval, 805.798.0830 or geosand47@gmail.com. Like us on [Facebook](#)

- Dec 3 **The Other Son** (Israel)
- Dec 17 **Sound of Noise** (Sweden)

Roxy Stadium 11

5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit)

- Nov 25 - 1 pm & 28-6:30 pm An Evening with Netherlands Dans Theater: Kylián



- Dec 2 - 1 pm & 5-6:30 pm **Bolshoi Ballet: The Pharaoh's Daughter**
- Dec 16 - 1 pm & 19-6:30 pm **Royal Opera: La Cenerentola**
- Dec 23 - 1 PM **Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker**

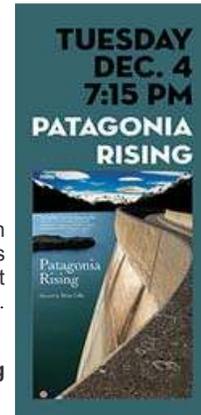
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Ventura Film Society screenings

The Ventura Film Society fourth season continues with screenings on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at 420 E. Santa Clara St. Tickets at: www.venturafilmsociety.com

- December 4 - **Patagonia Rising**



Museum Events



Museum of Ventura County (MOVC)

Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for members and children ages 5 and younger. On first Sundays of the month, admission is always free at both sites. For more info go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 805.653.0323. 100 E Main St, Ventura -- Open: 11 am-5 pm Tu-Su

MOVC Agriculture Museum

The Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula, in the historic downtown, near the Depot and next to the railroad tracks. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for Museum of Ventura County members, and for children ages 5 and younger.

On first Sundays of the month, general admission is always free. For more info visit www.venturamuseum.org or call (805) 525-3100] 926 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula -- Open: 10 am-4 pm W-Su



Farm implements used in the extensive agriculture industry in the county are on permanent exhibit with special exhibits on clothing and accessories from the 18th century to the present, and textiles such as quilts and other household linens, flags and banners, furniture and other decorative arts from local families, plus many other types of objects, including toys, medical equipment, tools, musical instruments, office equipment, and saddles and tack.

For the latest exhibits visit www.venturamuseum.org.

MOVC Agriculture Museum exhibits & events

Art & Agriculture Exhibition at Two Museums in Santa Paula

See the beauty of all things bountiful and agricultural in "Art About Agriculture" through March 17. The 5th annual exhibit is on display in Santa Paula at both the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum and the Santa Paula Art Museum. The two neighboring museums are co-hosting the juried work of more than 50 artists working in both two and three-dimensional media. All the art draws its inspiration from local agricultural heritage or contemporary agriculture. "Art About Agriculture" is curated by painter Gail Pidduck and photographer John Nichols. The Santa Paula Art Museum is at 117 North 10th Street. For more information go to www.santapaulaartmuseum.org or call 805-525-5554.



Children's Authors Read in English & Spanish Dec 2

During the "Story Time for Families: Hora de Cuentos para Familias" on Dec 2, 2-4 pm, hear children's book authors Kathleen Contreras and Amada Irma Perez read their stories in English and in Spanish at the Agriculture Museum's Free First Sunday. The free event also includes craft projects related to the stories and free opportunity drawings for books written and read by the authors.



Historian Cherie Brant on Theodosia Burr Shepherd Dec 15

Learn from historian Cherie Brant about the frail but determined Theodosia Burr Shepherd, who established California's flower industry in the 1870s. The pioneering Ventura floriculturist was a free thinking feminist who turned her love of gardening and propagating flowers into a

commercial business that would bring national attention to Ventura County. At 2 pm on Saturday, December 15, at the Museum of Ventura County's Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula, Brant will shed light on a woman ahead of her time. Admission to the presentation is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for museum members; for reservations call 805-525-3100. All events include entry to Agriculture Museum exhibits, such as the current Dollars & Scents: The Business of Cut Flowers.

"Dollars and Scents: The Business of Cut Flowers" at Agriculture Museum through Dec 30

At the museum's current exhibit "Dollars and Scents: The Business of Cut Flowers," running through December 30, visitors can see the museum's working beehive, a tractor and carriage for children to climb, and other vintage farm implements from its nationally recognized collection. Interactive exhibits tell the story of agriculture in Ventura County from Mission times to the present.



Museum of Ventura County (MOVC) exhibits & events



"Island Treasures: Artworks from the Santa Cruz Island Foundation" exhibit opens Dec 2

The beauty of California's remote Channel Islands has captured artists for more than a century. Santa Cruz Island rancher Dr. Carey Stanton was captured not only by their beauty, but also by the art the islands have inspired. See many of the works of art he collected, including studies, sketches, drawings and small paintings by his close friend Richard Diebenkorn, on exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County in "Island Treasures: Artworks from the Santa Cruz Island Foundation." The exhibit opens to the public December 2, 2012 and continues through March 3, 2013.

Tidepool Discoveries: Images from a Different Point of View by Dan Harding

Tide pools teem with creatures often tiny and secretive, hard to see even when wading among them. Macro-photographer Dan Harding can show you what you missed when you visit the exhibition "Tidepool Discoveries: Images from a Different Point of View," at the Museum of Ventura County from Dec 2 through March 3. His macro-portraits reveal what our naked eye can miss, such as fine details on the less



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than inch long tentacles of a Two Spot Octopus hatchling hiding in a clump of red algae. Meet Dan Harding at a Free First Sunday reception on Feb 3 from 2 to 4 pm.



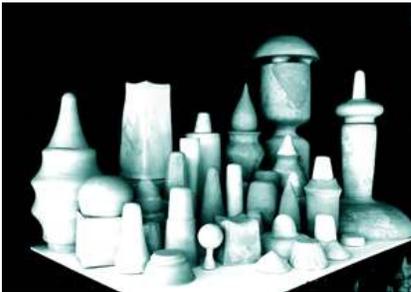
Museum's Las Vegas Holiday Party Dec 8

Las Vegas visits Ventura on Saturday, December 8 when the Museum of Ventura County's Next Generation presents Vegas In Ventura: A Holiday Party from 8 pm to midnight at the museum. Partygoers can dance to the music of Mini Elvis DJ Mighty Mike, visit the casino tables, mashed potato buffet and no-host bar, smile for the photo booth, and cash in their chips for an opportunity drawing for a three-day, two-night stay in Laughlin, Nevada. The event is presented by Next Generation, museum-goers who enjoy parties, art, history and film, and who wish to encourage membership and participation in the Museum of Ventura County. Tickets are \$35 for the general public, \$25 for museum members, and \$50 at the door. There is a \$25 savings for those who purchase an individual museum membership along with their Vegas In Ventura ticket. The package includes a yearlong membership in Next Generation as well in the

Museum of Ventura County in Ventura and its Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula. Event RSVPs must be made by December 5 and prepaid to (805) 653-0323 x 304, or on line at www.nextgenlasvegas.eventbrite.com.

Let'em Eat Cake: George Stuart Exhibit and Monologues explore the Tragic Rise and Fall of Marie Antoinette

Marie Antoinette, one of European history's most infamous queens, is the subject of the newest George Stuart Historical Figures® exhibition "Let'em Eat Cake," opening at the Museum of Ventura County on November 20 and running through February 24. The exhibit of one-quarter life-size sculpture of Antoinette and other personalities from the French Revolution sheds light on her extravagant life and tragic end by the guillotine. Accompanying monologues by historian and artist George Stuart include "Queen of France" on Tuesday, January 15 at 2 pm., and "The Mob at the Gates!" on Tuesday, February 12 at 2 pm. in the museum's Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. Admission to each monologue is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members, and includes entry to all museum exhibits. For reservations, call (805) 653-0323 x 7.



Sculptor Len E. Burge III Particle Garden opens Dec 2

Sculptor Len E. Burge III has applied his interest in particle physics to a recent series of sculptures, which he explains is an attempt to visualize the "seemingly invisible that is in a sense, the island of Santa Cruz" in "The Particle Garden" Dec 2 through March 3.

Artist Opportunities



Public Art Cultural Cut-Outs Project RFPs due Dec 3

The Public Art Commission is extending the deadline to Dec 3 as well as the range of artists who can participate to all Southern California Regional Artists. Contact Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach at 805-658-4759 or troach@cityofventura.net. [Info \(pdf\)](#)

Call To Artists And Crafters: Fifth Annual Holiday Ornament Competition by Dec 9

The Buenaventura Art Association has announced that dry pasta, aka "macaroni" is the jumping off point and required primary ingredient for all works eligible to participate in its Fifth Annual Holiday Ornament Design Competition, this year playfully named "Call it Macaroni". Non-cash prizes of assorted gift baskets and certificates will be awarded in youth and adult

categories. To qualify for the youth category entrants must be 14 years or younger. Entries must be brought in to the Buenaventura Art Association's Harbor Village Gallery, 1591 Spinnaker Dr., Entrance #3, Ventura Harbor Village, between Monday, November 26 and Sunday, December 9 during open gallery hours, every day except Tuesdays, from 12 to 5 pm. For more information, call the Harbor Village Gallery at 805-644-2750 or visit www.harborvillagegallery.com or www.buenaventuragallery.org



Americans for the Arts Joins Vans as Custom Culture Contest Partner

As its national charity partner, Americans for the Arts is proud to announce the fourth annual Vans Custom Culture contest inspiring high school students across the United States to embrace their creativity while drawing attention to the importance of art as an integral part of a well-rounded education. The first 1,500 U.S.-based public or private high schools that register will receive four pairs of blank canvas Vans shoes to make their own creations around four themes: Action Sports, Music, Art, and Local Flavor. Students submit photos of their shoes via the Vans Custom Culture website, then an internal selection and external public vote whittle the entries down to a group of five finalists who will travel to New York City for the Vans Custom Culture final event in June 2013. The top school will receive \$50,000 for their visual arts program. We'll have more information about this exciting opportunity as the registration period begins in January 2013.

California Coastal Commission Art & Poetry Contest: enter by Jan 31

See "[Literary Events](#)" above or www.coastforyou.org.



Request for proposals from artists for Coastal Community Cancer Center now on-going

Recruitment is now on-going for quarterly rotations by a trio of artists to create and display positive and healing artwork for installation in the building's "art under glass" outer walls. Contact Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach at 805-658-4759 or troach@cityofventura.net. [Info/pdf](#)

2012 City of Ventura Photography December Exhibit

Amateur and professional adult and youth photographers entered their best images celebrating our community in the seventh annual City of Ventura Photography Contest. Judging in November by photography professionals and community leaders selected images

that best depict Ventura in six categories: Environment, Architecture, People Portraits, Community Life, Altered Images and Photo Voice. All participants are invited to a City Hall Bridge Gallery exhibit of winners in December (reception date TBA) and all entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print

and electronic media with photo credit. Details at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest



Give a Children's Celebration of the Arts classroom workshop to your neighborhood school

Parents, friends, family and anyone with an interest in keeping the arts alive in the classroom are encouraged to purchase a gift certificate for your neighborhood school as part of the 22nd Children's Celebrations of the Arts (CCA). The Office of Cultural Affairs offers this program to elementary school classrooms beginning in April 2013. Since its inception two decades ago, CCA has reached over 107,000 elementary school students. During this exceptional educational outreach program, professional artists visit the classroom during the school day and conduct a variety of arts workshops highlighting the art forms of world cultures. Purchase gift certificates (\$40) at the Barranca Vista Center Office, 7050 Ralston St or for more information contact Kathryn Dippong Lawson at 654-7552 or kdippong@cityofventura.net.

**Be A Saint, Valentine's Day Auction and Gala
returns Feb 14, 2013**



Save the date for the Sylvia White Gallery's "Be A Saint, Valentine's Day Auction and Gala" on Feb 14, 2013, at 1783 E Main St in Ventura. Artists apply Jan 1-Feb 1 (no fee to enter this juried show). The top 100 artists selected to participate in the auction and exhibition are also entered into the ArtAdvance drawing. One artist, drawn at random, wins \$1000 with five or more \$500 winners selected, depending on the funds generated through the auction. Event tickets (\$25) include dinner, live music, admission and participation in FREE raffle prizes. [View the 2011 event](#). Businesses are invited to support the arts and donate goods or services to raffles by calling the gallery Wed-Sat 11-5 at 805.643.8300.



Click [HERE](#) to see past entries.

Residencies for Artists, Critics & Curators from www.e-artnow.org:

Belvedere: Das CIR-Programm (Curator-in-Residence) des Belvedere/21er Haus richtet sich an Kuratorinnen und Kuratoren weltweit, die für die Dauer von drei bis fünf Monaten im Belvedere/21er Haus insbesondere zu einem für die Sammlung des Museums relevanten Thema forschen möchten. Austria. Deadline: ongoing.

www.belvedere.at/de/forschung/cir

Spark Box Studio's Artist Residency Program provides live/work space to accommodate both emerging and professional printmakers, photographers, painters, illustrators, curators and writers. Canada. Deadline: Ongoing

www.sparkboxstudio.com/residency/

Useful Links

Have ongoing events, an arts e-newsletter or website you'd like State of the Arts to list? Email Georgeanne Lees at grees@cityofventura.net with your entries for future issues.

Red Dot Blog: Is the Physical Portfolio Dead?

Read these and previous useful cutting edge art marketing articles, discussion and news for artists [HERE](#).

- [Is the Physical Portfolio Dead?](#)
- Discussion: Is Selling & Marketing Your Art Akin to Prostitution?
- Control Your Time and Become a More Successful Artist



First Fridays

Each month on First Fridays, 6-9 pm, visual fine art spaces in downtown and midtown Ventura offer art, demonstrations and performances. www.s232036650.onlinehome.us

Rubicon Theatre

For upcoming plays, visit www.rubicontheatre.org



Poetry & Art at the Artists Union Gallery



Art exhibits and Tuesday/Saturday night poetry series at www.venturaartistsunion.org or send an email to ptagga@aol.com with a request to be put on the distribution e-list for Phil Taggart's periodic email calendar of poetry readings in Ventura, the county and beyond. *New Address: 89 S. California St.*

Get ArtSmart

Office of Cultural Affairs monthly video magazine on the arts. [View schedule here](#) and view shows at www.capstv.org

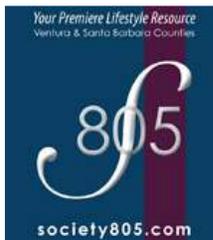


Bell Arts Factory

Gallery, studios and community room at 432 N. Ventura Ave. with youth arts, exhibits and calendar at www.bellartsfactory.com.

WAV/ Working Artists Ventura

State-of-the-art community at 175 S. Ventura Ave. offers affordable living and working space for 77 artists from 21 countries who are painters, sculptors, dancers, musicians, writers, actors and filmmakers with Theater/Gallery space for concerts, exhibits and special events. Studio guide, blog and calendar at www.wavartists.com.



Society805.com

The Society805.com online magazine launched an Arts & Culture section featuring coverage and reviews of art and culture in Ventura and has developed a significant Los Angeles readership to choose what they want to see in Ventura. For more info contact www.Society805.com

All American Ballet School & Company

Ballet teaching center for all ages and levels at 1932 Eastman Ave # 105, Ventura, is led by founder Clarissa Boeriu. For more info contact www.aaballet.org or (805) 650-6316



Ballet Academy Ventura

Director Kathleen Noblin heads this creative movement academy, located at 2750 E Main St in Ventura, for 2 year olds to adults in modern, jazz, hip hop, flamenco and ballet plus summer dance camps. Info at 805.652.2800 or www.balletacademyventura.com

Footworks Youth Ballet

Artistic Director Kirsten Oakley heads the Oakley Ballet Center, 1594 Saratoga Ave, Suite A in Ventura (805.676.1600 * www.oakleyballet.com) which through Footworks Youth Ballet performances "provides serious ballet students who aspire to a professional career in dance the opportunity to develop their artistry and refine their ballet technique while performing on stage."

www.FootworksYouthBallet.org



Ventura County Arts

See what Art, Theatre, Literature, Dance, and Music events are happening in Ventura County: [Facebook](#) or [Blog](#).

To have your event posted to the blog, e-mail venturacountyarts@gmail.com where membership (benefits: unlimited and preferred posting) is available for \$10/year.

ARTLAB

Ventura's new art school offers classes for children and adults in drawing, painting, design and printmaking. ARTLAB instructors are artists with Master of Fine Art degrees and dedicated educators with over ten years of college-level teaching experience offering the best of structured guidance and encouraging support. 805.334.0086 or www.artlabventura.com or artlabventura@gmail.com

**Teatro de las Americas**

Studio: 816 Wagon Wheel - Office: 732 W Vineyard Av Oxnard, CA 93036-1919
Attn: Margaret Cortese 805-616-6039

Ventura County Community Foundation

Philanthropic organization focused on providing resources for charitable groups within Ventura County. Non-profit news, workshops, donor/grant seeker opportunities & gallery. Nonprofit office space below market rates available early 2013. 1317 Del Norte Road, Suite 150, Camarillo CA 93010 805.988.0196 www.vccf.org



**Center for
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**Zoey's Café**

Ventura's premiere music venue, at 185 E Santa Clara St, features local and stellar international acts weekly. Tickets/info: 805.652.1137 or www.zoeyscafe.com



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Articles: www.kcet.org/arts/artbound/columnists/tracy-hudak/

Columnist and cultural journalist Tracy Hudak covers our

Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau

The official visitor and travel information center about Ventura including hotels, restaurants, events, and online resource open daily welcomes new Executive Director Marlyss Auster. 101 South California Street, Ventura, CA 93001
www.ventura-usa.com/ 805.648.2075

**About Us**

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artists and arts organizations; foster cross-cultural understanding; and support economic development and tourism, especially in the downtown core.

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