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November 2012

State of the Arts Newsletter

City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs

**December issue deadline:  
November 20**

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. For the next issue, contributors should email [glees@cityofventura.net](mailto:glees@cityofventura.net) text and images as separate files by the 20th of this month. Thank you!

- Georgeanne Lees & Richard Newsham  
SOTA Editors

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**TOP 3 AT A GLANCE**

Everyone is invited to take advantage of these "top three" city sponsored public art events:

1. Final call! Enter the 2012 [City of Ventura Photography Contest](#) by November 5
2. [Mayor's Arts Awards](#) November 15
3. [BVC Holiday Boutique](#) Benefit for Arts Scholarships November 24

**Festivals**



Ojai Film Festival Oct 25-28





**LIBBEY BOWL**  
OJAI, CALIFORNIA

This year's festival includes the screening of 71 independent films plus seminars and workshops on acting, screenwriting, stop motion animation, storytelling and makeup. Enjoy a free Libbey Bowl community screening of "Yellow Submarine" Oct 25 at 7 pm with a special appearance of one of the original animators at Libbey Bowl - sign up to receive the Libbey Bowl calendar at [www.libbeybowl.org/](http://www.libbeybowl.org/). Film festival tickets info: [www.ojaifilmfestival.com](http://www.ojaifilmfestival.com)



### Ghost Tours Season Continues!

Ghost, ghoul, murder and mystery lovers may choose from an array of mostly nighttime walking and bus tours into Ventura's folk-lurid past during the haunting season of October, November and beyond with local historians and paranormal experts. Register online 24/7 at [www.cityofventura.net/recreation](http://www.cityofventura.net/recreation) or call 805.658.4726 (M-F 8-5, closed alternate Fridays). Or purchase tickets daily at the counter inside the Ventura Visitors Bureau, 101 S. California St., open weekdays 8:30 am-5 pm, Saturdays 9 am-5 pm and Sundays 10 am-4 pm (805.648.2075).

- Oct 27 **Pumpkin Plunge** at Ventura Aquatic Center \$3/5
- Oct 27 **Kerosene Cal Spooky Show & Halloween Workshop FREE**
- Oct 27 **The Ghosts of City Hall** \$20
- Oct 29 **Mysterious Ghosts of the Ortega Adobe** \$20
- Nov 3 **Ghost Bus Tour of Santa Paula** \$25
- Nov 17 **Ghostly "Ladies of the Night"** \$20
- Dec 9 **A Walk Back in Time** \$20
- Jan 12 **History and Mystery of Chinatown** \$20

### Kerosene Cal Spooky Show & Halloween Workshop Oct 27

Enjoy performances by "Kerosene Cal" at 1 pm and 2:30 pm with his spooky stories enhanced by live actors and puppets with Halloween crafts between shows at the Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive. Come in costume (optional) and bring the whole family to this FREE event that is suitable for all ages.



### Hispanic/Latino Heritage Celebration Finale Nov 2-4

Museum of Ventura County Day of the Dead Family Sunday Nov 4  
See ["Museum Events"](#) below

### Mayor's Arts Awards Nov. 15

Please join Mayor Mike Tracy for a reception with refreshments free and open to the public honoring the 2012 recipients of the seventh annual "Mayor's Arts Awards" on Nov. 15, 7-9 pm, at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., celebrating the artistic achievements and contributions by city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders.  
For more info at: 805/677.3911.





## Music Events



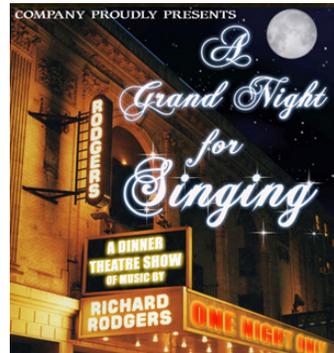
### Andy Hackbarth & Friends opens Fresh Roasted Concert Series Nov 10

The Fresh Roasted Concert Series opens Sat., Nov. 10 with Denver singer/songwriter Andy Hackbarth and Friends at Matilija Auditorium, 703 El Paseo Rd Ojai at 7:30 pm. The Denver singer/songwriter injects classical and Spanish guitar beats into folk and indie pop songs backed by a wonderful ensemble of musicians that includes stand-up bass, fiddle, keyboards and guitar. The Fresh Roasted Series also includes: John McCutcheon on Jan. 25, Jazz REach of New York on Feb. 9, On Ensemble Taiko on March 30 and Robert Michaels on May 25. Series and individual concert tickets/info: available at Ojai Coffee Roasting, by phone at 805-646-8907 or online at [www.ptgo.org/fresh.html](http://www.ptgo.org/fresh.html)

### "Company" VUSD show choir dinner theatre benefit on Nov 18

"Company," the Ventura Unified School District all district high school show choir, under the direction of Heidi House, proudly presents a dinner theatre performance "A Grand Night For Singing" on November 18, 6 pm, at Foothill Technology High School, in Spirito Hall, 100 Day Rd in Ventura. Please join us for an amazing evening of music by Richard Rodgers.

**Tickets/info:** \$25/person or reserved table for 8 for \$300. Advanced tickets only! In person at Reception Desk at Ventura High School (cash or check). Online at VUSD website: [www.venturausd.org](http://www.venturausd.org) click on the COMPANY link (credit cards). Questions: call 805/641-5116 ext. 1000.



### New Ventura College Performing Arts Center opens this fall

The new Ventura College Performing Arts Center (PAC) opens at 4667 Telegraph Rd. Tickets/ info: 805.654.6400 or click [HERE](#)

- Nov 17 (8 pm) & 18 (3pm) **The Nutcracker** at Oxnard Performing Arts Center: Ventura College Orchestra with the Ventura County Ballet
- Nov 30 (8 pm) Ventura College Choir with conductor Brent Wilson: **Vivaldi's Magnificat & Thompson's Frostiana**
- Dec 1 (8 pm) **Ventura College Jazz Ensemble** with director Leslie Drayton
- Dec 6-9 (8 pm, 3 pm Sunday) **Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance**: Ventura College Theater Department and Opera Workshop

### Opera: See "[Cinema Events](#)" below for these HD series:

- **Metropolitan Opera 2012-13** Live in HD Season
- **Century 10 Downtown Opera/Ballet** in Cinema Series



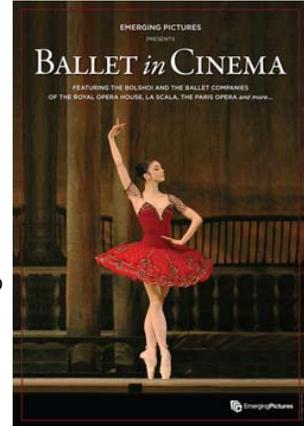
- **Roxy Opera/Ballet** in Cinema Series

## Dance Events

### Ballet in Cinema fall season announced

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

- Ventura Century 10 Downtown, 555 E Main St. Tickets/info: [http://www.fandango.com/century10downtown\\_aajay/theaterpage](http://www.fandango.com/century10downtown_aajay/theaterpage)
- Roxy Stadium 11, 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit). Sign up for the Roxy e-newsletter at <http://www.srentertainmentgrp.com/locations.asp>



## Theater Events

### Season 5 of John White's 5 x 5 Nov 2

"5 artists, 5 performances, 5 minutes each" - that's the premise of "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.



### Hillcrest Center for the Arts Theatre on the Hill events

Purchase tickets for Theatre on the Hill at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W Hillcrest Dr in Thousand Oaks, [HERE](http://www.hillcrestarts.com/) and sign up for Hillcrest's email list at [www.hillcrestarts.com/](http://www.hillcrestarts.com/). The Young Artist Ensemble 2012-13 Season - Get discounted season subscription for

these 3 shows (\$35/adult & \$30/child, student & senior) at [www.YAEonline.com](http://www.YAEonline.com) or call (805) 381-1246 or visit the Hillcrest Center box office.

- Nov 2-18 **Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King & I**
- Feb 1-17 **The Hobbit**
- May 9-13 **Louisa May Alcott's Little Women**



### Rubicon Theatre 2012-13 season opens with La Razón Blindada through Nov 11

In his **La Razón Blindada** (Armored Reason), Argentinean theatre artist Arístides Vargas links Cervantes' classic of rejecting and transcending reality to the experience of his brother Chicho, imprisoned during their country's brutal military dictatorship, who told how the prisoners once a week escaped their dire

circumstances through storytelling, playacting, and imagination. In this Beckett-meets-Kafka dark comedy that has been performed and celebrated throughout Latin America, two unnamed political prisoners allowed out into the jailhouse yard re-imagine various roles from Don Quijote with powerful results.

This Rubicon- LA's 24th Street Theatre co-production features performances in Spanish with English super-titles. View the Rubicon Theatre 2012-13 "Our Town Your Theatre" season [HERE](http://www.rubicontheatre.org/). Tickets/info: [www.rubicontheatre.org/](http://www.rubicontheatre.org/).

- Through Nov 11 **La Razón Blindada**

- Dec 12-23 **Little Miss Scrooge**
- Jan 30-Feb 24 **Food Confessions**
- Mar 6-31 **Our Town**
- Apr 24-May 19 **Lonesome Traveler**
- Sept 7-29 **The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe**
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**La Razon Blindada**  
Photo Credit: Loli Castaños

**"Death Takes a Holiday" at Santa Paula Theater Center Nov 16-Dec 23**



**"Death Takes a Holiday"** by Alberto Casella is the upcoming 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/](http://www.santapaulatheatercenter.org/)



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

The Ojai Art Center, 113 S Montgomery St in Ojai, hosts Theatreworks USA's acclaimed touring production of "Thomas Edison: Inventor, Lecturer and Prankster" on Sept 29 at 4 pm featuring Patrick Garner portraying the famous scientist and demonstrating his most famous experiments while sharing his homespun philosophy. The show offers a fun and engaging experience with one of America's most famous scientists.

"Thomas Edison" is the first in the "Toys for the Mind" family series at 4 pm, at the Ojai Art Center (except for One Thousand Cranes). Tickets / info: 805.646.8907 or [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org) and click on Toys for the Mind: \$10/child; \$15/adult



- Dec 8 **Acrobat with Li Liu**
- Jan 19 **World of Wonder**
- Feb 3 **Little Red Riding Hood**
- Apr 14 **One Thousand Cranes** at Matilija Auditorium

**Carpinteria's Plaza Playhouse**

The historic Plaza Playhouse, 4916 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria offers live theater year round.

Tickets/Info: [www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com/](http://www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com/)



- Nov 10 **Minstral Streams** (play)
- Nov 16 **John McEuen and Sons** featuring Nathan & Jonathan McEuen
- Nov 30-Dec 9 **"A Christmas Carol"** (play)
- Dec14 & 15 **Glen Phillips & Grant Lee Phillips**

**Literary Events**

**Artists Union Gallery Tuesday Poetry Series & Special Events\***

Poets and lovers of poetry are welcome to hear the following featured poets and participate in "open mic" at the "Tuesday Poetry Series" hosted by Phil Taggart at 7:30 pm at the Artists Union Gallery's temporary location at 89 S California St. [Email ptagga@aol.com](mailto:ptagga@aol.com) to be added to Phil Taggart's monthly literary events distribution list for readings in Los Angeles, Ventura



ARTISTS' UNION GALLERY

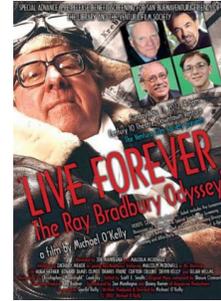
and Santa Barbara Counties. Check with Phil to find out about the status and current location of this series.



### Ventura Library Events

#### "Live Forever: The Ray Bradbury Odyssey"

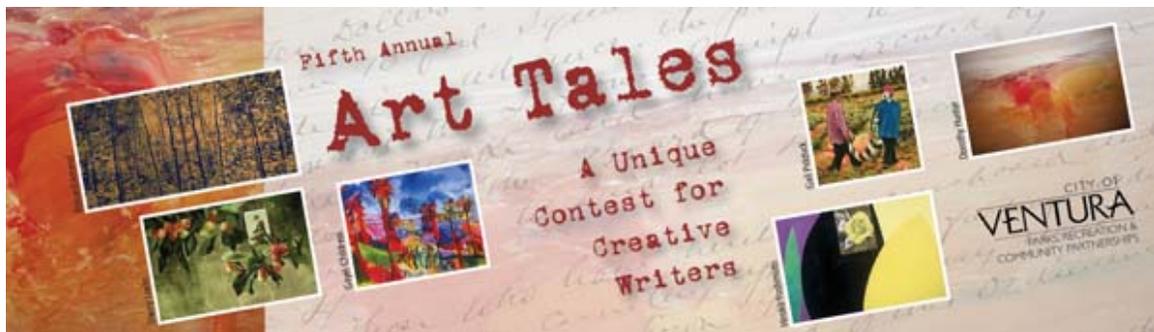
documentary hosted by the Ventura Film Society on Sunday, Nov 11, 4-6 pm, at the Century 10 is a fundraiser for the library - See "Cinema Events" below



SBFOL and Bank of Books present local historian and raconteur Richard Senate on "The Fiestas of Old

California" on December 1, 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](mailto:mrortiz@earthlink.net) or 805.643.4281

**Video on Demand** offers library card holders access to streaming video (documentaries, classic films, NOVA and BBC programs, etc) on the library website at



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

The City of Ventura is pleased to sponsor the fifth annual Art Tales, a creative contest open to all writers worldwide in partnership with E.P. Foster Library located at 651 E Main St in downtown Ventura. The juried competition invites imaginative writers of all ages to compose a short story or poem (500 words maximum) inspired by one of the artworks currently on exhibit at the library from the Municipal Art Collection. Selections from the City Hall collection are rotated annually to a special second floor exhibit space near the library's rear (children's) entrance in an effort to make them more accessible to the community. View images and get complete contest rules and kit at [www.cityofventura.net/arttales](http://www.cityofventura.net/arttales). Works selected for the library this year represent the artistic process of creating "Color in Landscape":

1. "Blue Trees," 2001, mixed media/rice paper, Richard Amend
2. "Ventura Pier and the Holiday Inn," 1989, collage and acrylic, Gayel Childress
3. "Mojave," c. 1986, oil on paper, Dorothy Hunter
4. "Green Bird at La Posada," 2002, oil on canvas, Sherry Loehr
5. "Two Men and a Pumpkin," 2003, oil on canvas, Gail Pidduck
6. "Yellow Rose for Teiko II," 1999, pastel, charcoal and 22K gold leaf on paper, Hiroko Yoshimoto

### Others 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,



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**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.

- October 13 **Lois Klein**
- November 10 **Ellen Kelley and Dan Gerber**
- 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](mailto: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 Jaimes Palacio.  
[Facebook](#)

**Santa Barbara Poetry Series: Contemporary Arts Forum**

At Paseo Nuevo Mall Upper Arts Terrace for recently published poets  
[www.santabarbarapoetryseries.org/](http://www.santabarbarapoetryseries.org/)

- October 13 **Terry Van Vliet, Barry Spacks, Paul Fericano, and Ellen Kelley** at 7 pm



**Reading Series at Presidio Chapel**

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

- \* October 19 **Tom Lux** at 8 pm
- \* October 20 **all day workshop**

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Ask Ms. Metaphor

[www.AskMsMetaphor.com](http://www.AskMsMetaphor.com) for poetic intervention and literary questions

More Poetry Information:

[www.sbpoetry.net](http://www.sbpoetry.net)

[www.askewpoetry.org](http://www.askewpoetry.org) [www.poetix.net](http://www.poetix.net) [www.venturaartistsunion.org](http://www.venturaartistsunion.org) [www.poetryflash.org](http://www.poetryflash.org)  
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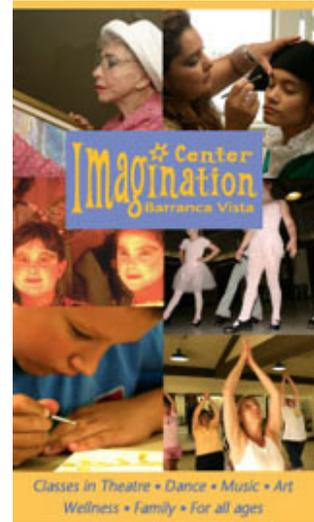
## Art Classes

### Barranca Vista Imagination Center Fall Arts Classes

Visit [www.cityofventura.net/recreation](http://www.cityofventura.net/recreation) or call 805.658.4726 for info or to sign up for the fall season of arts classes in art, multi-media, dance and music for ages youth to adult.

- **Learn Digital Photography I & II** 14 years-Adult \$65 32727 Sa 3-7 pm 11/3
- **Three Spotlights on a Master Series Workshops** 4-7 years  
\$20 Mon 4:30-5:30 pm  
**Kandinsky "Colour is the Key"** 32931 M 4:30-5:30 pm 11/19  
**Matisse "My curves Are Not Crazy"** 32932 M 4:30-5:30 pm 11/26  
**Van Gogh "I labor in Color"** 32933 M 4:30-5:30 pm 12/3
- **Intro to Drawing/Painting with Oils** 14 years-Adult  
\$65 32867 F 12:30-2:30 pm 11/2-12/14
- **Beginning Drawing** 14 years-Adult \$50 32878 Sa 2-3:30 pm 11/3-12/15
- **Watercolor with a Splash** 14 years-Adult  
\$60 32881 Sa 3:30-5:15 pm 11/3-12/15
- **Ballroom Dancing** 13 years-Adult \$45 32794 Tu 7:15-8:15 pm 11/13-12/18
- **Heat Up the Night Latin Dance Workshops** 13 years-Adult  
\$45 32891 Tu 8:15-9:15 pm 11/13-12/18
- **Dynamic Singers Children's Choir** 5-12 years \$65  

32903	5-8 years	M	3:30-4:30 pm	11/5-12/17
32905	9-12 years	M	4:30-5:30 pm	11/5-12/17



### Art Lab Ventura's New Art School

Call 805.334.0086, visit [www.artlabventura.com](http://www.artlabventura.com) or contact [artlabventura@gmail.com](mailto:artlabventura@gmail.com) for the latest offerings in drawing, painting, design, printmaking and children's classes by "Ventura's new art school." 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.

## Visual Arts & Galleries

### "Che -Then and Now" reception at Ventura College Nov 1

"Join us for a Cuban experience," writes curator Bill Hendricks, VC Professor of Photography, who has



brought together an exhibition of collected objects, sounds and documents that explore 50 years of Cuban political and social transformation at Ventura College's Gallery 2, 4667 Telegraph Rd, from November 1-30 with an opening reception Nov 1, 7-9 pm. **"Che -Then and Now"** examines the complexity and evolution of a revolutionary icon and features historical images along side works of art never before seen in public. Convenient parking on Loma Vista Rd. Info: William Hendricks, 805.654.6400 X3223 or [wmh@west.net](mailto:wmh@west.net)



### Larissa Strauss and Deborah Jarchow show reception Nov 10

Larissa Strauss and Deborah Jarchow will display their art in a show titled "Meditations" at Fox Fine Jewelry, 210 E Main St in Ventura from November 8 through January 12, 2013. An artists' reception will be Saturday, November 10, 6-9 pm. Fox Fine Jewelry (805) 652-1800 hours: M-Th 10:30 am-6 pm, extended to 8 pm F/Sa



Larissa Strauss is a local mosaic artist, is known for her 26-foot mosaic wall that welcomes visitors to Ventura's Marina Beach Park. With over one hundred commissioned pieces, one notable project is the recently completed eight mosaics for the Museum of Ventura County that depict Ventura County's history. Her mosaics of intricately cut glass pieces create a dazzling effect, magnified when lit.



Deborah Jarchow is a leading expert in Ventura County on fiber arts. For fifteen years she has lectured, instructed and sold her decorative and wearable art, while showing locally and nationally in galleries and museums and with many church commissions for large wall- and altarpieces, many of which are color studies.

### "Welcome to Ventura" by Sculptor Paul Lindhard installed on Main Street

Paul Lindhard, renowned for his innovative stone sculptures and installations created at his Art City studios, has donated a "Welcome to Ventura" public art piece greeting visitors and residents at our city's western gateway entrance. Recently installed in the West Main Street median just west of the Hwy 33 overpass, the steel-and-stone entry monument consists of two six-foot granite pillars supporting a 4-foot diameter natural calcite disk.



**Snap Shot Memories**  
Cabrillo Middle School Students

Johnson De  
18 at Northbank Dr.  
Students researched and explored Ventura and its history to create "a bulletin board of memorabilia" reflecting life in our city.

Cabrillo Middle School Teacher Teri Wilson

Artists:

Joel Magallon	Emily Schautan
Jordan Ferguson	Levi Woodward
Christina Schaefer	Martin McCoy
Belie Babione	Loren Whitty

### "Public Art in Transit" at the Ventura City Hall Bridge Gallery

Now showing in the Ventura City Hall Bridge Gallery is a display on our city's recently installed **Public Art in Transit** bus shelter murals and bike rack sculptures promoting public art for residents and visitors using alternate bike and bus transportation. Located on the second floor by building's rear entrance and parking lots, the Bridge Gallery exhibits a seasonal rotation of current heritage and public art projects of interest to the community. Click [HERE](#) to view a pdf of the current display.

## Cinema Events

**Ballet/Opera in Cinema at Ventura Century 10 Downtown**



The acclaimed "Ballet in Cinema" series at the Ventura Century 10 Downtown, 555 E Main St, screens live HD performances from the Bolshoi and the Royal Opera House, Sundays at noon and Tuesdays at 7 pm. [Tickets/info](#)



- 10/21 12 pm **Teatro alla Scala: L'altra Metà del Cielo**
- 10/23 7 pm **Teatro alla Scala: L'altra Metà del Cielo**
- 11/04 12 pm **The Royal Ballet - Swan Lake**
- 11/06 7 pm **The Royal Ballet - Swan Lake**
- 11/25 12 pm **Ballet in Cinema - An Evening with Kylian, Inger & Walerski**
- 11/27 7 pm **Ballet in Cinema - An Evening with Kylian, Inger & Walerski**
- 12/02 12 pm **Bolshoi Ballet: The Pharaoh's Daughter**
- 12/04 7 pm **Bolshoi Ballet: The Pharaoh's Daughter**
- 12/23 12 pm **Royal Ballet - Nutcracker**



**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/](http://www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com/)

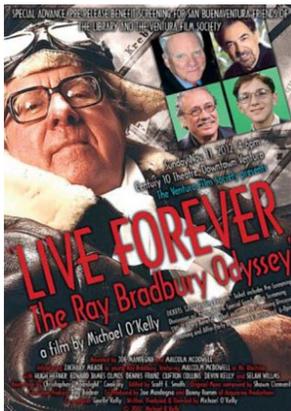
- Nov 3 **"All The President's Men"**
- Nov 17 **"It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World"**
- Dec 21 **"It's a Wonderful Life"**
- Dec 22 **"A Christmas Story"**
- Dec 23 **"Polar Express"**



**Century 10 Downtown Classic Film Series**

Ventura Century 10 Downtown, 555 E Main St, screens restored classics. [Tickets/info](#)

- Oct. 17 **Mary Poppins**
- Oct 31 **Young Frankenstein**
- Nov 7 **The Great Escape**
- Nov 14 **The Sting**



**"Live Forever - The Ray Bradbury Odyssey"**

Filmmaker and noted Ventura artist Michael O'Kelly will unveil his feature-length documentary, **"Live Forever - The Ray Bradbury Odyssey"**, on Sunday Nov. 11, 2012 at the Century 10 Theatre, 555 E. Main Street in Downtown Ventura, with an introduction and Q&A with the filmmaker and special guests prior to the film. *This event is a fundraiser for the San Buenaventura Friends of the Library and the Ventura Film Society.* \$90 for a Library Benefit ticket, which includes the discussion, the 4pm screening, and an exclusive after party at the Watermark Restaurant from 6-8pm, with complimentary champagne, food and special guests. No host bar available.



**Tickets can be purchased at the following retailers:** Trufflehound's Fine Chocolates, Palermo, The Refill Shoppe and B. on Main, as well as the offices of the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau (101 S. California St., Ventura). Tickets also available at [Ventura Film Society's website](#) and [Downtown Ventura's website](#).



### Fathom/TCM Event Series at Ventura Century 16



Fathom Events offers screenings of digitally restored vintage films, music concerts, MET HD Operas, documentaries and other special events throughout the year at the Ventura Century 16, 2875 Elba Street.

- Nov 15 **To Kill a Mockingbird** 7 pm

Info: [www.cinemark.com/movies.aspx?flag=NCM](http://www.cinemark.com/movies.aspx?flag=NCM)



### 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 (showtimes:

[www.regencymovies.com](http://www.regencymovies.com) ).

Insomniac Cinema discounted advance tickets/monthly newsletter [www.insomniaccinema.com/](http://www.insomniaccinema.com/)



### Metropolitan Opera 2012-13 Live in HD Season announced

Enjoy live and encore performances from the Metropolitan Opera's award winning series on Saturdays (times vary: 9-10 am) and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm throughout the year at the Cinemark Stadium 16, 2875 Elba Street in Ventura. [INFO](#)



- 2012 Season:
- 10/27 **Otello LIVE**
- 11/7 **L'Elisir d'Amore ENCORE**
- 11/10 **The Tempest LIVE**
- 11/14 **Otello ENCORE**
- 12/1 **La Clemenza di Tito**



### 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](mailto:ojaifilmsociety@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.ojaifilmsociety.org](http://www.ojaifilmsociety.org). Sundays at 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave, Ojai

- - Oct 28 **Ojai Film Festival - no OFS screening**
- - Nov 4 **Safety Not Guaranteed**
- - Nov 11 **The Well Digger's Daughter**
- - Nov 18 **Starbuck**
- - Nov 25 **Headhunters**



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

**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.

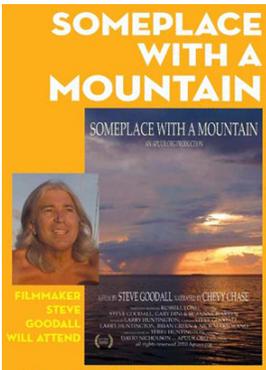
- Nov 5 **Chicken with Plums** (France 2012)

Info: 805.798.0830 or [geosand47@gmail.com](mailto:geosand47@gmail.com) or [Facebook](#)



**Roxy Opera in Cinema events in September**

Ballet and Opera in Cinema screenings are held Sundays at 1 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Roxy Stadium 11 (5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo)(101/Santa Rosa Rd exit). Sign up [HERE](#) for the Roxy e-newsletter. Senior discounts.



**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/Info: [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com)



- Nov 6 **Someplace with a Mountain** (USA 2010)
- Nov 11 Su 4-6 pm Century 10 "Live Forever: The Ray Bradbury Odyssey" library fundraiser, [download pdf](#)
- Nov 20 **La Source** (USA 2012)
- Dec 4 **Patagonia Rising** (USA 2010)
- Century 10 **Downtown Classic Film Series**

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.venturamuseum.org).



Chinese Cook and Wife  
Photo: JohnCalvinBrewster  
Courtesy of Research Library,  
Museum of Ventura County

### "Hidden Voices" exhibit at MOVC continues through Nov 25

Visitors, now through Nov 25, may visit the new exhibit "Hidden Voices: The Chinese of Ventura County" which focuses on the largely unheard story of early Chinese settlements in Ventura and Oxnard.

### Exhibits & Special Events

- until Nov 4 **Carol Rosenak: Realism and Representation**
- until Nov 18 **The Dragon Awakens!** exhibit by artist Bijian Fan (see lecture below)
- until Nov 25 **Social Resurrection: Ceramics by Richard Flores**
- until Nov 25 **Hidden Voices: The Chinese of Ventura County**
- Nov 2 **Night of the Living, Day of the Dead! dance/party** (6-10 pm) RSVP
- Nov 3 **Arts & Altars Exhibit** (11-5)
- Nov 4 **Day of the Dead Family Sunday** (11 am-5 pm)
- Nov 18 **A Journey through Paper Art Lecture by artist BiJian Fan** (2 pm) RSVP
- Nov 20-Feb 24 **"Let them eat cake!" George Stuart Historical Figures®** illustrate the life of Marie Antoinette



Artist Bijian Fan Working on Kinetic Sculpture

RSVP 805.653.0323 x 7



### Museum Events Celebrate Hispanic Culture

Hispanic Heritage and Day of the Dead events at the Museum of Ventura County include Richard Flores' Maya-inspired ceramics, a Night of the Living, Day of the Dead evening celebration, an art and altars exhibition, a book talk by Gustavo Arrellano and a screening of a documentary about a Pre-Columbian ball game still being played today.

### Night of the Living, Day of the Dead Dance: Friday, Nov 2, 6 to 10 pm

Join the Museum for dinner, drinks, dancing and fun as we celebrate Day of the Dead with a blessing ceremony by Roberto Vargas followed by dinner with no host bar and dancing to the music of DJ Solo. There will be crafts, altars to see, and an amazing silent auction featuring artist created retablos. \$20 for non-members; \$15 for MVC members; \$25 at the door;

RSVP: 805.653.0323 x7



### Art + Altars: Saturday, Nov 3, 11 am to 5 pm

In the Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion view artist-created retablos, add a message to our



community altar, and view altars created by local artists and the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project. Free with Museum admission.

### Day of the Dead Family Sunday, Nov 4, 11am- pm

Music, dance performances and crafts for the entire family highlight the last day of the Arts & Altars exhibit. Free admission all day (Free First Sundays).



### Let'Em Eat Cake! George Stuart Historical Figures® November 20, 2012 - February 24, 2013

Illustrates the life of Marie Antoinette, the infamous queen of France, and explores the misconceptions and truths about the woman whose life ended on the guillotine during the French Revolution. Intricately beautiful costumes and expressive one-quarter life-size figures depict her at various stages in her life, with figures of other important personalities of the period also included in the exhibit.

## Artist Opportunities

### Ventura Public Art Program now on Facebook

Get the latest news and stay in touch with the city's vibrant Public Art Program and its related activities by liking us on [Facebook](#)



### Request for proposals from artists for Coastal Community Cancer Center extended

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. [Details here](#) (pdf)

Contact Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach at 805-658-4759 or [troach@cityofventura.net](mailto:troach@cityofventura.net)

### Public Art Cultural Cut-Outs Project RFPs due Nov 15

The Public Art Commission is extending the deadline to November 15 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](mailto:troach@cityofventura.net) or [Click here for details](#) (pdf)





**Enter the 2012 City of Ventura Photography Contest by November 5**

Amateur and professional adult and youth photographers are invited to enter their best images celebrating our community in the ninth annual City of Ventura Photography Contest by Nov 5 (deadline extended from Nov 1). Entering is easy, free and by email. Photos must be taken within or directly adjacent to Ventura's city limits. Judging in November by photography professionals and community leaders will select 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 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](http://www.cityofventura.net/photocontest)



**Brooks Institute screens Water Take 1 online short & student film winners November 8**

The Water Take 1 global online short film contest Grand Prize and Best Student Film awards will be presented at an event hosted by the Brooks Institute (5301 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura) on November 8. The "5 minutes or less" entries range from drama, documentary and comedy to animation; Sci-fi and experimental all highlight our relationship with water promoting water awareness, efficiency and recycling. One of ten finalists will be awarded the Grand Prize of \$1,500 as selected by a distinguished jury of environmental and entertainment professionals. The film receiving the most votes will receive the Audience Choice award and a Canon EOS 7D Digital SLR camera. Details at: [www.cityofventura.net/watertake1](http://www.cityofventura.net/watertake1) or [www.brooks.edu/](http://www.brooks.edu/)



**How to design the perfect artists' website workshop Nov 10**

"An artist without a website is virtually homeless" asserts Sylvia White, founder/director of Contemporary Artists' Services, which advises artists on all matters related to business, marketing and exhibitions since 1979. This pioneer in the field of professional practices for visual artists will present her latest workshop on career management skills on November 10, 11 am-1 pm, "How to design the perfect artists' website," at the Goleta Valley Community Center (Rm 6). Register by October 30 (\$30) [HERE](#).

**Final fall artist workshop on Financial Literacy Nov 14**

Fall artist workshops conclude Nov 14 with "Financial Literacy and Money Consciousness for Artists." This workshop will help reduce the "fear factor" that artists struggle with when dealing with their money management concerns. Financial visioning and the basics of personal finance and money management will be discussed. You'll



learn to build a solid financial infrastructure to move your project, business or organization forward. At City Hall Santa Cruz Conference Room, 501 Poli St in Ventura. Instructor: Trainer from Center for Cultural Innovation

- Financial Literacy 32936 W 5:30-8:30 pm 11/14 \$15 Click [HERE](#) to register.



**Apply for Collector's Choice exhibit by Nov 15**

The Sylvia White Gallery is now accepting applications until November 15 for Collector's Choice, a unique opportunity to have your work reviewed by top art collectors. Fifteen of the gallery's best collectors will jury the exhibit scheduled for Jan 2 to Feb 9, 2013 (opening reception: Jan 5, 3-5 pm). Each collector may select one or more pieces by artists that are not currently represented in their private collection. View past juried shows [HERE](#) Start your application [HERE](#)



**BVC Holiday Boutique Benefit for Arts Scholarships Nov 24 10 am-3 pm**

Visit the first Barranca Vista Center (BVC) holiday gift extravaganza featuring unique products from Thirty One, Miche Bags, Lia Sphia, Partylite, Sentsy, Dandy-it is, Tune Tike, Morsels as You Wish, to name just a few. Vendors contribute percentage of sales toward Cultural Arts Scholarships for youth. Cash and carry, catalog orders and gift certificates will be available. BVC is located at 7050 E Ralston St. 805.654.7553/7552.

**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](mailto:kdippong@cityofventura.net).

**A Perfect Holiday Gift For Your Child's Teacher!**

Purchase a \$40 gift certificate for a one-hour workshop led by professional artists who will come to your child's classroom.

- Drumming from Africa
- Persian Dancing
- Japanese chiyogami
- Italian Mosaics

These are just a few of the workshops celebrating the art forms of world cultures.

Children's Celebration Workshops begin in April of 2013

For more info call 654-7552 or email [kdippong@cityofventura.net](mailto:kdippong@cityofventura.net)

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



Schaff, Be A Saint, color pens on napkin, 4.5" x 4", 2010

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](http://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. <http://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 <http://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 [glees@cityofventura.net](mailto:glees@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](http://www.s232036650.onlinehome.us)

### Rubicon Theatre

For upcoming plays, visit [www.rubicontheatre.org](http://www.rubicontheatre.org)



### Poetry & Art at the Artists Union Gallery



Art exhibits and Tuesday/Saturday night poetry series at [www.venturaartistsunion.org](http://www.venturaartistsunion.org) or send an email to [ptagga@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.artlabventura.com) or [artlabventura@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.vccf.org)



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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](http://www.zoeyscafe.com)

### About Us

The mission of Office of Cultural Affairs, part of the Community Partnerships Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships, is to: promote broad community awareness of, access to, and education in the arts and the city's historic resources in Ventura; provide opportunities and support to Ventura artists and arts organizations; foster

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

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