

## **KFCF Community Calendar: Updated 9/4/15**

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### **DAILY CALENDAR**

**(Multiple Day and Ongoing Events are at end of posting)**

#### **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents a screening of the film, "Inequality For All." Discussing numerous issues in clear and accessible language, former U.S. Labor secretary and current UC Berkeley professor Robert Reich makes a compelling case about the serious crises the U.S. faces due to the widening economic gap. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley's First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com). The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

#### **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents "Sweet Dreams," with discussant Lisa Fruchtman (Director). The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. Rwanda suffered a devastating genocide in 1994. Close to a million were killed by neighbors, friends and even family members. Horror swept through the entire country. And when it was over, those who remained were broken, dead inside. The country has made great strides in economic recovery, but "people are not like roads and buildings" says Kiki Katese, a pioneering Rwandan theater director. "How do we rebuild a human being?" Kiki decided to start Ingoma Nshya, Rwanda's first and only women's drumming troupe, open to women from both sides of the conflict. There was only one requirement: to leave the categories of the past at the gate. For the women—orphans, widows, wives and children of perpetrators—the group has been a place to begin to live again, to build new relationships, to heal the wounds of the past. Yet the struggle to survive and provide for their families still persists. So when Kiki came up with the idea to open Rwanda's first and only ice cream shop, the women were intrigued ... What was ice cream exactly and how would they do it? Kiki invited Jennie and Alexis of Brooklyn's Blue Marble Ice Cream to come to Rwanda to help the drummers open their shop, which they aptly named Inzozu Nziza (Sweet Dreams). Sweet Dreams follows this remarkable group of Rwandan women as they emerge from the devastation of the genocide to create a new future for themselves. "Because of our history, people know how to fight against, but not for," Kiki says. "We want to change that equation." For more on the film, you can go to

<http://www.sweetdreamsrwanda.com>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Arte Américas continues its popular concert season through September. The month kicks off with two mariachis who represent seemingly opposite ends of the spectrum. On Friday night, a large audience is expected for a performance by the beloved group Mariachi Universal -- directed by internationally recognized musical director and Roosevelt High School graduate Marisa Orduño. While a part of the Los Angeles based, all-female group Mariachi Mujer 2000, Orduño performed at the Beijing Olympics. Her ensemble's setlist consists of traditional and well-known song selections that fans of the genre will enjoy. Tickets for the Friday night event are \$10 general admission or \$8 for members. On Saturday night, the "world's only first and only heavy metal mariachi band" returns to the Plaza for a night of over-the-top music, theatrics, and comedy. The five-piece features a face-painted trumpet player with a metal-studded hat, and covers music by Metallica, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, and Guns 'N Roses. The band sold out the Downtown Fresno venue last year -- which accommodates over 700 people -- and made a recent appearance on the television program, America's Got Talent. Tickets to the Metalachi concert are \$15 for general admission or \$10 for members. For more information, go to [www.arteamericas.org](http://www.arteamericas.org).

### **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Central Labor Council invites you to a Family Celebration of Labor Day at the Fresno County Fairgrounds. The event starts with a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 (free for children under 12), and other fun family events at the Pirates Cove Playground, with a Kiddy Cake Walk, a Pet Adoption event, a huge raffle, live music by Trey Tosh, and updates on current events and upcoming campaigns. For more information, call 275-1151, or e-mail [fmtkclc@aol.com](mailto:fmtkclc@aol.com).

### **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Ever wondered what voice-over is? Ever wondered if your unique voice could make money for you? Join CMAC at 6 p.m. to hear more about voice-over business updates, tech trends in voice-over and even let you hear what you sound like in playback... because we're hosting this meetup at CMAC (Community Access Media Collaborative), the best community broadcast studio in the county. Everyone of any age is welcome to join our meet-up, and there's free parking across the street. CMAC is located at 1555 Van Ness Ave. (the old Metropolitan Museum). For more information, call 559-266-2622.

### **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom presents a Centennial Exhibition on 100 years of Dangerous Women, the "Herstory" and the Future. This is a double anniversary celebration of WILPF's 50<sup>th</sup> year as a local witness and change agent for peace in Fresno, and 100 years of Dangerous Women. The exhibition will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> at the Henry Madden Library at Fresno State. A reception will be held on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Featured topics and issues will incorporate a living history of Fresno WILPF and International WILPF, including building peace curricula in local schools, support for Valley farm workers and immigrants seeking a sanctuary during Central American guerilla wars, the nationally famous WILPF lawsuit against the City of Fresno for removing anti-draft placards from Fresno City buses, the stirring stories of outstanding activists from among the membership, pictures and memorabilia, all to remind old Valley residents and educate young ones about the groundwork for building a more just and peaceful world. The Fresno County's Downtown Library will have an exhibit for the month of September to feature this history.

### **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno Filmworks, along with Cineculture, will screen the film "The Wandering Muse," at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the Tower Theater, 815 E. Olive Ave. in the Tower District. Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$8 for students and seniors, and can be purchased online at [fresnofilmworks.org](http://fresnofilmworks.org). On the anniversary of Sept. 11, Filmworks presents a film directed by Tamás Wormser about resilience and togetherness: the independent documentary *The Wandering Muse*. This movie tells the story of wandering Jewish musicians, who, for millennia, as reluctant nomads, have used their music instruments as passports to the world. In an Argentine bar, two friends play tango-infused klezmer. In rural Uganda, villagers chant Hebrew prayers in East African harmonies. At a Montreal party, an artist mixes hip-hop and jazz with cantorial singing in a multilingual tour-de-force. And in a Berlin apartment, an American harmonizes with a Russian in a rendition of an anti-Zionist song from the 1920s. From ram's horn to beatbox, director Tamás Wormser examines a kaleidoscope of Jewish identities through the invigorating and ever-changing music of the Jewish diaspora. For more information on the film, go to <http://www.wanderingmusefilm.com/filminfo-trailer.htm>.

### **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents speaker Leni Reeves on her recent trip to Cuba with Pastors for Peace and the changes happening in Cuba-US relations. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley's First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com). The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

### **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Dark Sky Festival in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks and Three Rivers takes place from September 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. The night sky in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks is nationally recognized. Our darkness not only adds to the aesthetic qualities of the wilderness, but is important to the health of our wildlife. The Dark Sky Festival aims to educate visitors about the importance of this park resource and inspire them to take action in their own community. We hope you join us in the summer of 2015 and share your passion for the night sky and astronomy during this fun weekend. The weekend will include constellation tours, telescope viewings, solar observations, astronaut speakers, kids activities, speakers on robotic mars missions, model rocket building, National Park Service programs, special Crystal Cave tours, nature walks, audio visual presentations, photography presentations, and more! Contact the Sequoia Natural History Association at 559-565-3759 or by e-mail to [snha@sequoiahistory.org](mailto:snha@sequoiahistory.org), or visit [www.sequoiahistory.org](http://www.sequoiahistory.org) for more information.

### **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Fresno County Library and WILPF-Fresno have united to honor Fresno's treasure, award-winning author Margarita Engle: Uncovering our magical stories through the eyes of children and youth. The event takes place from 1-3 p.m. at the Saroyan Gallery, Fresno Central Library. You may bring your children and grandchildren or your own inner child. Margarita Engle has won many awards for her children's and young adult books, including the Jane Addams Peace Award, the Pura Belpré; she is also the first Latina author to have earned a Newbery Honor Award. Her books explore little-known but important subjects and are based on careful primary-source research, which she somehow transmutes into dreams and magic. This event will be bilingual English/Spanish. Margarita Engle will be present and will speak and read to us. During the month of September, the display cases by the doors of the Central Library will feature bilingual exhibits by renowned Fresno artist Janet Capella, featuring WILPF and the Jane Addams Peace Association books. This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For more information contact [acarruthers@earthlink.net](mailto:acarruthers@earthlink.net).

### **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Grand Finale of the Tamejavi Culture and Art Series takes place from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at La Plaza Arte Americas, 1630 Van Ness Ave, Fresno. This will be the culmination of a unique 18-month program that celebrates the diversity of the Valley's immigrant population. Combining the artistic multiplicities of dance, music, poetry, storytelling, theater and photography, the Grand Finale will synthesize the stories of seven fellows into a universal story that conveys the human side of migration. The experience will allow the audience to hear firsthand about the struggles and challenges immigrants face when beginning a new life in America. The ultimate goal is for these stories to serve as

the inspiration for building more welcoming communities – those that acknowledge immigrants new and old as positive contributors to the Valley’s economic, social and cultural wellbeing. The Central Valley’s social and cultural identities have long been defined by the immigrant groups drawn to this region to work in industrial food production. Besides contributing the fruits of their labor, immigrants bring with them their own food production systems, culinary traditions and consumption practices, along with innovative cultural and artistic traditions that help shape this region’s distinctly diverse landscape. TCAS ran from March through August and included eight separate events in four Central Valley cities: Fresno, Madera, Livingston and the unincorporated town of Tonyville in Tulare County. Ten fellows made up of Mexican Indigenous, Salvadorian, Hmong, Cambodian, Punjab and African-American immigrants spent 18 months interacting in a multicultural environment and honing their cultural organizing skills. Within their learning groups, the fellows studied their community’s pressing concerns while gathering cultural and artistic assets, and then communicated their findings with a public story. Through art and cultural expression, their presentations illustrated stories of resilience to war trauma, cultural colonization, social inequity, intergenerational cultural gaps and immigrant youth identity definition. Audiences attending the Grand Finale will have the opportunity engage in five cultural and artistic spaces:

#### The Artistic Expression Space

##### The Human Side of Migration

Through theater skits, storytelling, poetry, music and dance, this act narrates the experiences Central Valley immigrants face when leaving their homelands. It illustrates the pain families face when leaving their homeland in search of a better life, how it feels to be forced from your home and left to seek refuge in a strange place, and the repercussions of losing your cultural identity.

#### The Food Tunnel

##### Food, Spices, Herbs: The Journey of Flavors

This cultural space will activate the audience’s senses while they enjoy the aromas and flavors of herbs, spices and crops that have made their way into the Valley’s cuisine with the arrival of immigrants from Asia and the Americas. Audiences will hear stories of how hierva santa, papalo, epazote, cilantro, turmeric, ginger and other spices and herbs essential to the culinary and healing practices of indigenous people became staples in Valley homes and markets.

#### The Media Space

##### Constructing a Humane Migration Narrative

The media space will engage audiences in social media forum discussions on the issues of cultural organizing, decolonization and identity, while giving guests the opportunity to share their own migration stories.

#### The Photo Gallery

##### The Faces of Migration

Audiences visiting the photo gallery will have the opportunity to meet the Tamejavi fellows and see firsthand their communities' cultural and artistic expressions. The Hmongstory 40 project will present a second photo gallery. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Hmong migration from Laos and Thailand to the U.S. An exhibition featuring photographs, stories, fine art and artifacts commemorate the anniversary and showcase the Hmong experience. For more information, contact Minerva Mendoza at (559) 222-7678.

### **Mexican Poet Irma Pineda**

The Mexican poet Irma Pineda will visit Fresno to participate in The Tamejavi Culture and Art Series Grand Finale at Arte Americas. Born in Juchitan, Oaxaca, Mexico. Irma Pineda is interpreter, poet and author of several bilingual books in Zapotec and Spanish. Through her poetry alongside a Zapotec youth from Madera Irma Pineda will narrate a story of migration, reasons why Zapotecs leave their hometowns, the nostalgic and human emotions around this move.

NOTE: this event is free to the public donations are appreciated

For more information on Pan Valley Institute's work with immigrant communities, follow us on Twitter @tamejavi and Facebook Tamejavi Culture & Art Series and visit us on [www.tamejavi.org](http://www.tamejavi.org).

### **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Critter Creek Wildlife Station's Fall Open House takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 36710 Sand Creek Road. The Open House will be self-guided, so the pace is leisurely and there are more opportunities to take pictures. Visit their gift shop with plenty of items for kids and adults. See their new residents including their new mountain lion cub, Tonka. His is still too young to meet in person; however, he may be seen via our video monitoring system. Entrance is by donation and the tour takes 1 ½ hours. Field parking is free, and the Country Store has refreshments for sale next door. Call (559) 338-2415 or email at [crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net](mailto:crittercreekwildlife@hughes.net) for information.

### **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno Pacific University invites you to "Ensemble Dolce: Flutes and Piano," part of the Fresno Pacific University Pacific Artist Series. Artists include Janette Erickson, flute; Pamela Ellzey, flute; Alan Rea, piano. Ensemble Dolce brings together the sweet sounds of flute and piano in compositions by favorites like Mozart, Telemann, Doppler and Quantz, as well contemporary composer Yuko Uebayashi. Erickson is principal flutist of the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and Fresno Grand Opera; founder/flutist of the Moment Musical, a professional chamber ensemble; and director/founder of flute choirs Les Flutes Enchantées and La Forza. Also active as a private flute instructor, Erickson is adjunct faculty at FPU. Ellzey is second flute in the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and Fresno Grand Opera who also performs in The Winds of the San

Joaquin, a woodwind quintet. Ellzey teaches and performs each summer at Wildwood Music Institute and performs in recitals and masterclasses throughout the Southwest. Rea is heard often in Central California as a piano soloist, harpsichordist, accompanist and chamber music player, and has also appeared as soloist with many area orchestras. He is one of the founders of the Sierra Chamber Opera. The concert takes place at 4:00 p.m. at McDonald Hall Atrium, FPU main campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno. More information is available at 559-453-2267, at [music@fresno.edu](mailto:music@fresno.edu), or <http://events.fresno.edu>. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, payable at the door.

### **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club will hold a General Meeting with a speaker from Restore Hetch Hetchy, at 7:00 pm at the UC Center, 550 E Shaw Ave. Fresno (between Fresno and First). Situated inside Yosemite NP, the Hetch Hetchy Valley was described by John Muir as "one of nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples." The mission of Restore Hetch Hetchy is to return this area to its natural splendor. Tom Cotter, Board member of this organization, will inform the public of the work of this organization. This event is free and open to the general public.

### **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

At 7 p.m. at Unity Church of Fresno, 315 W. Shields (between Fruit and Arthur) the documentary "Cowspiracy: the sustainability secret" will be shown. This film is a groundbreaking feature-length environmental documentary following intrepid filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers the most destructive industry facing the planet today – and investigates why the world's leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it. Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation, water consumption and pollution, is responsible for more greenhouse gases than the transportation industry, and is a primary driver of rainforest destruction, species extinction, habitat loss, topsoil erosion, ocean "dead zones," and virtually every other environmental ill. Yet it goes on, almost entirely unchallenged. As Andersen approaches leaders in the environmental movement, he increasingly uncovers what appears to be an intentional refusal to discuss the issue of animal agriculture, while industry whistleblowers and watchdogs warn him of the risks to his freedom and even his life if he dares to persist. The film is free and open to the public. Donations will be very welcome to help with the expense of bringing this film here. The venue is wheelchair accessible. For more information call the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 559-237-3223 Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 – 3; Tuesday and Thursday from 2 – 6.

### **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join San Joaquin College of Law Professor Jeffrey G. Purvis at the Law School at 5:30 p.m. as he marks another Constitution Day with a Constitution Day Lecture: "Having Destroyed Marriage, What Are The Gays Up To Now? A Conversation with Penn State Law Professor Dara Purvis." In the past, Professor Purvis' topics have included titles such as "Death Panels Are Trying to Kill My Grandma," "Virtual Mayhem: Why Does the US Supreme Court Want Our Children to Become Violent Killers?" and "Is It Constitutional for Me to Scream at Town Hall Meetings so that No One Else Can Be Heard?" This year, Professor J. Purvis will examine the recent US Supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, then will interview Professor D. Purvis, a widely-published scholar on issues of sexuality and the law, regarding what legal difficulties remain in the LGBT community's quest for full equal rights. Professor D. Purvis will appear "remotely" using the marvels of modern technology. San Joaquin College of Law is located at 901 5th Street in Clovis. For more information, call (559) 323-2100 or go to [www.SJCL.edu](http://www.SJCL.edu).

#### **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join Supervisor Henry Perea, City Councilman Oliver Baines, and Clovis City Councilman Harry Armstrong, for a reception in support of Dniel Parra for Congress. The event is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Capo's, 7835 N. Palm in Fresno. Tickets are \$50 and sponsorship contributions are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call Gail at 681-3140 or by e-mail to [GGaston1234@aol.com](mailto:GGaston1234@aol.com).

#### **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents speaker Alison Weir, American journalist and founder of "If Americans Knew," on the subject of Israel / Palestine. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley's First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com). The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

#### **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Brahmin Bulls," with discussant Mahesh Pailoor (Director). The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. For Sid Sharma, life has not quite worked out the way he planned. A thirty-something disillusioned architect struggling to save his failing marriage, Sid stumbles through his days on a self-destructive path while holding his wife's beloved cat hostage. Meanwhile Ashok, Sid's estranged and widowed father living in Boston, decides to make a last-minute trip to LA for an academic conference. When Ashok arrives at Sid's doorstep



unannounced, the two men begin a journey to mend their strained relationship until Sid discovers the true purpose behind his father's visit – a woman with whom he had an affair, years ago. Starring Sendhil Ramamurthy, Roshan Seth, Academy Award winner Mary Steenburgen, Justin Bartha, and Academy Award nominated Michael Lerner, *Brahmin Bulls* is a heartfelt and humorous look at the ever-evolving relationship between a father and son, the women in their lives, and the powerful secrets they keep. For more information on the film, go to <http://brahminbulls.com/>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Kearney Alfalfa and Forage Field Day takes place starting with registration at 7:30 a.m. at the Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Parlier. At 8:00 am the Tram leaves for the Field Tour that includes Alfalfa Varieties, Forage and Grain Sorghum Evaluations, and Irrigation Management Research. There will also be Presentations on Characterizing the Nitrogen Benefit of Alfalfa-Wheat, Alfalfa Weed Control Research Update, How Much Water Does Alfalfa Really Need? What is ET, Strategies for Managing Limited Water Supplies, and Chlorpyrifos and IPM Workshop. There will be a 12:30 p.m. lunch and an Insect ID Display. For additional information, contact Shannon Mueller at 559-241-7527 or [scmueller@ucanr.edu](mailto:scmueller@ucanr.edu). The event offers 2.5 PCA credits and 4.0 CCA credits.

### **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Peace Fresno and Palestine Freedom Project invite everyone to join us as we welcome author and journalist, Alison Weir, who will discuss her new book on the history of the U.S. - Israel "special relationship" and why American tax payers currently give Israel over \$10 million per day. Learn about the real roots of the violence in Israel-Palestine as Weir covers the history and context that mainstream media continuously ignores. A Q&A session will follow the presentation and copies of her book, "Against Our Better Judgment," will be available for purchase. The event is from 2:30-4:30 pm at Community UCC 5550 N Fresno St, Fresno. It is free and open to the public, and wheelchair assessable.

### **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

A day of transformation is planned for women across the Valley at the 28th Annual Central California Women's Conference. CCWC is the largest women's event in the Valley and will be from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center, located at 848 M Street. The theme of this year's conference is Ignite Your Body and Spirit! Attendees will be encouraged to recharge their lives via their careers, relationships and, most importantly, themselves! FOX Sports Broadcaster and Dancing with the Stars co-host Erin Andrews is this year's keynote speaker. She joins more than two dozen other national and local speakers who will discuss important topics for

women at the daylong event. This year's event is expected to be another early sellout. Admission includes continental breakfast, all seminars, the celebrity keynote speaker luncheon and the afternoon reception. Tickets are limited to the first 3,500 attendees. Early registration is encouraged. Tickets are now on sale at [www.CCWC-Fresno.org](http://www.CCWC-Fresno.org) for \$100 each until June 30, and \$110 each beginning July 1. More information about the conference and speakers is available at [www.CCWC-Fresno.org](http://www.CCWC-Fresno.org).

### **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Students, families and educators interested in combining academics and faith are invited to the region's National Christian College Fair. Representatives from more than 25 Christian colleges and universities will gather from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Fresno fair will take place at Buchanan High School's West Gym, 1560 N. Minnewawa Ave., Clovis. In addition to being able to talk to admissions representatives, students and parents will be able to attend a financial aid seminar. To make the process easier, students can register for a barcode ahead of time at [www.myblueprintstory.com](http://www.myblueprintstory.com). Participants can present the barcode to college and university representatives at the fair, who will scan it for information students have provided, eliminating the need to fill out multiple information cards. In addition to offering both an academic and spiritual education, as well as a complete range of extracurricular activities, Christian colleges and universities are independent, nonprofit schools whose graduation rates are higher than their public counterparts. Some, such as FPU, offer four-year graduation guarantees to qualified students. The fairs are sponsored by the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP). For more information, contact Alyssa Abbott at [Alyssa.abbott@fresno.edu](mailto:Alyssa.abbott@fresno.edu) or at 559-453-2019.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Centro La Familia invites you to "Fiesta Night at Chukchansi Park," from 5-10 p.m. This year's annual fundraising concert features music by Monsanto, a hard hitting horn driven group, putting down its own Latin flavor on a diverse set of cover music from Old School, Country to Tejano, and by Mariachi Tenochtitlan. There will also be h'or doerves and a no host bar, as well as a lively silent auction and raffle. All proceeds benefit Centro La Familia, a community based advocacy organization that has been working in Fresno's low income communities since 1972. And this year's event is also directed at helping drought affected farmworker communities in the Valley. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door, and can be purchased by calling 237-2961 or e-mailing [mrodriguez@centrolafamilia.org](mailto:mrodriguez@centrolafamilia.org). More information is at their website, [www.centrolafamilia.org](http://www.centrolafamilia.org).

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of “Leviathan,” with discussant Dr. Michelle DenBeste. The screening is at 5 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. The latest drama from Andrey Zvyagintsev, the acclaimed director of *The Return* (Venice Film Festival Golden Lion winner and Golden Globe nominee) was nominated for Best Foreign Film of the Year at the 2015 Academy Awards. Kolya (Alexeĭ Serebriakov) lives in a small fishing town near the stunning Barents Sea in Northern Russia. He owns an auto-repair shop that stands right next to the house where he lives with his young wife Lilya (Elena Liadova) and his son Roma (Sergueĭ Pokhodaev) from a previous marriage. The town's corrupt mayor Vadim Shelevyat (Roman Madianov) is determined to take away his business, his house, as well as his land. First the Mayor tries buying off Kolya, but Kolya unflinchingly fights as hard as he can so as not to lose everything he owns including the beauty that has surrounded him from the day he was born. For more information on the film go to <http://sonyclassics.com/leviathan/>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

As part of its Edward Said Lecture Series, Fresno State's Middle East Studies Program presents a lecture by Dr. David Lloyd, Distinguished Professor of English, UC Riverside On “Responsibilities of the Worldly Intellectual after Edward Said.” The lecture is in Rm. UBC 191, at 3 p.m.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

The 1st Annual Central Valley Businesswomen's Golf Classic will be held at Riverside Golf Course, 7492 N. Riverside Drive, Fresno. Starting time is 8 a.m. Entry/Registration is \$100 per player and includes golf, cart, contests, lunch and practice range. Fresno native, Rosiland Bivings, is the tournament organizer and has been in the golf business since 1998 in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is familiar with all the statistics and even some of the jokes told about women golfers. In addition to golf and networking, a portion of the proceeds from the tournament will be going to two Fresno non-profits. Pets for Vets provides service animal companions for military veterans and the Marjaree Mason Center is a support network for women and families. For more information about the golf tournament email [softputt@yahoo.com](mailto:softputt@yahoo.com) or contact Rosiland Bivings at 650-964-8219, or for player registration, tee sponsorship and donations. The deadline for registration is September 1st.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents speaker Pulitzer Prize winner, Diana Marcum, on *Scenes from California's Dust Bowl*. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley's First Mennonite Church. For

more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com). The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Seminar from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on "The Technology Landscape," debut of the "Strengthening the Economy of the San Joaquin Valley," series sponsored by the Fresno Pacific University School of Business. There will be a panel of local leaders including Jake Soberal, CEO, Bitwise Industries; Jamin Brazil, CEO, Decipher, Inc./CMO, FocusVision; Irma L. Olguin, Jr., co-founder, Geekwise Academy; William Dyck, CEO, Summa Development Group. The seminar takes place at BC Lounge, FPU main campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno. Register at [www.fpu.edu/technology](http://www.fpu.edu/technology). For more information contact Andrea McAleenan by phone to 559-453-4647 or by e-mail to [andrea.mcaleenan@fresno.edu](mailto:andrea.mcaleenan@fresno.edu). This event is free.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at Fresno State and the Fresno Poets' Association present an evening with authors Kerry Howley and Jen Percy. Howley's book-length essay "Thrown" was a New York Times Notable Book in 2014. Percy's nonfiction book "Demon Camp" was a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Pick. The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Alice Peters Auditorium, inside the University Business Center, 5245 N. Backer Ave. Admission is free, and parking is free in Lots P5 and P6. Call 278-1569 for details.

### **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Fresno Art Museum's Council of 100 is pleased to announce the recipient of its 2015 Distinguished Woman Artist Award: Margaret Lazzari. Lazzari's works are based on landscape imagery but can also be seen as metaphors for moments in life involving transformation, upheaval, or energized states. An exhibition of her work will be on view at the Fresno Art Museum, September 25, 2015 to January 3, 2016. The Opening Reception is Friday, September 25, 2015, 6-8 pm at the Museum. Meet the artist at the Fresno Art Museum on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 11 am to 12 noon for a free, public lecture about her work. (Seating is limited—luncheon attendees receive priority seating.) The Distinguished Woman Artist Award Ceremony and Luncheon is on September 26, 12:30 pm. Advance reservations (\$40 per person) are required by September 15, 2015. Reserve early, as seating is limited and this event often sells out. The Museum is located at 2233 North First Street in Fresno. For information, call 559-441-4221 or go to [www.fresnoartmuseum.org](http://www.fresnoartmuseum.org).

### **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee (CVPPAC) is holding its Fall Fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. at 6661 N. Forkner Ave. in Fresno. The featured speaker will be United Farm Worker union co-founder Dolores Huerta. Recognizing her lifelong efforts as one of our nation's most accomplished civil rights leaders, Dolores Huerta was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012 and the 1998 Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights. Come be inspired by her message and leave with a strategic plan for how our community will win back Fresno in 2016. The event is free for current CVPPAC members. For non-members, tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door; Students are \$10 anytime or become a member for only \$20 and get in free. For advance tickets visit [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2182058](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2182058). Join today at [www.cvppac.org](http://www.cvppac.org) or call 559-978-4502.

### **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents speaker Aziza Hasan, executive director of Newground, a Muslim-Jewish partnership for change. She'll be speaking on the topic "Softening the Heart Through Story," how to unleash the power of story-telling to connect with people across difference and help them see the human sitting across from them. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley's First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com). The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

### **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Timbuktu" with discussant Dr. Rose Marie Kuhn. The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. Directed by Franco-Mauritanian director Abderrahmane Sissako, Timbuktu tells the story of the Tuareg Kidane, a cattle owner, who lives peacefully with his wife Satima, their daughter Toya, and Issan, their twelve-year-old shepherd, in the dunes not far from the city of Timbuktu, Mali, now ruled by religious fundamentalists. In town, people suffer under the regime of terror imposed by the jihadis determined to control their faith. Music, laughter, cigarettes, even soccer have been banned. The women have become shadows but resist with dignity. Every day, the new improvised courts issue tragic and absurd sentences. Kidane and his family are being spared the chaos that prevails in Timbuktu. But their destiny changes... and Kidane soon will have to face the new laws of the foreign occupants. Premiered at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival, the film received seven Césars, including Best Film, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay, as well as the François Chalais Prize and the Price of the Ecumenical Jury. In addition, the film also was presented numerous awards at festivals around the world, and representing

Mauritania, was nominated for Best Foreign Film of the Year at the 2015 Academy Awards. For more information on the film go to <http://cohenmedia.net/films/timbuktu>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

As part of its Edward Said Lecture Series, Fresno State's Middle East Studies Program presents a talk by Dr. Nadia Latif, Religious Studies, Georgia State University, on "Orientalism: Its Genealogies and its Legacies." The talk takes place in Room UBC 191, from 5-7 p.m.

### **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "The Second Mother," with discussant Camila Mardila (a leading actress in the film). The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. An excitingly fresh take on some classic themes and ideas, The Second Mother centers round Val, a hard-working live-in housekeeper in modern day Sao Paulo. Val is perfectly content to take care of every one of her wealthy employers' needs, from cooking and cleaning to being a surrogate mother to their teenage son, who she has raised since he was a toddler. But when Val's estranged daughter Jessica suddenly shows up the unspoken but intrinsic class barriers that exist within the home are thrown into disarray. Jessica is smart, confident, and ambitious, and refuses to accept the upstairs/downstairs dynamic, testing relationships and loyalties and forcing everyone to reconsider what family really means. For more information on the film, go to <http://thesecondmother.vhx.tv/>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Shinzen Friendship Garden in Woodward Park, Fresno, the new home of The Clark Center for Japanese Art And Culture bonsai collection, will have a grand opening of the Clark Bonsai Collection from 10 am - 5 pm, The Ribbon Cutting is on Saturday, October 17th at 5 pm. You are invited to join them to celebrate the partnership with Golden State Bonsai Federation and the Clark Center for Japanese Art & Culture that has made it possible for the Shinzen Friendship Garden to bring this outstanding collection to Fresno and the Central Valley. The new site will reflect the hide and reveal design of the Clark Center. Use of repurposed fencing, boulders and plantings, plus new features and landscape materials will create a beautiful home for the bonsai. Through the work of many dedicated volunteers from the Fresno Bonsai Society, Shinzen, all led by Bob Hilvers and Sid Mukai, the new garden for the Clark Bonsai Collection will be a gift to many. Please come visit Shinzen and we hope you join the Garden. As a member, you receive newsletters, free entry to the garden, guest passes,

and notices of special events. And, if you are missing your favorite bonsai tree, it will soon be ready for you to see again! We welcome the support and participation of supporters of the Clark Center! Your gifts and donations will help us meet our goals and support the future of the Clark Bonsai Collection. The Clark Center for Japanese Art & Culture closes its doors after 20 years on June 30, 2015.

### **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of “Dukhtar” with discussant Shrihari Sathe (Producer). The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. Faced with the prospect of marrying her 10-year-old daughter to a man six times her age, a young mother makes the near-suicidal decision to go on the run across the towering mountains of Pakistan. The story has all the makings of a great against-all-odds adventure tale, abetted by spectacular location shooting and an outcome that is never a foregone conclusion. Director Afia Nathaniel’s feature directing debut generates enough tension to fuel a harrowing real-life story while adding another unforgettable heroine to cinema from the region with Samiya Mumtaz’s measured portrayal of a Muslim woman taking charge of her life. Dukhtar was Pakistan’s Official Submission for Best Foreign Language Film at the 87th Academy Awards. For more information on the film, go to <http://www.dukhtarthe film.com/>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Join Central Valley Justice Coalition for a Coffee & Chocolate Evening Party. Enjoy a night out and make a difference by supporting their efforts to prevent human trafficking in the Central Valley! Taste test a variety of fairly sourced chocolates and coffees, while learning more about cocoa and coffee plantations around the world! The event includes a Silent Auction ~ Gifts for the Holidays ~ Jazz Music ~ Local Vendors Specialty Coffee Brewing and a Chocolate Fountain. Sip while you shop and make a difference with your dollar. All ticket sales go directly to supporting CVJC. The event begins at 7:30 pm at the Downtown Club, 2120 Kern Street in downtown Fresno. There is free covered parking. Tickets are \$15 until 10/16/15 and \$25 afterwards, and can be purchased on-line at <http://cvjc.brownpapertickets.com/>.

### **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date for KFCF’s Annual Banquet, with special guest speaker Richard Wolff! It will be held this year at the Star Palace in Downtown Fresno, with a wonderful buffet meal prepared by Fresno’s own “Love and Garlic.” Early bird tickets are \$75 through Labor Day (September 7<sup>th</sup>), and \$90 after September 7<sup>th</sup>. They can be purchased at [kfcf.brownpapertickets.com](http://kfcf.brownpapertickets.com) or by calling 1-800-838-3006. No tickets will be sold at the

FFCF/KFCF office. There also will be a mail-order option available in a mailing to members. More information to follow!

### **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

As part of its Edward Said Lecture Series, Fresno State's Middle East Studies Program presents a talk by Dr. R. RadhaKrishnan, Chancellor's Professor, School of Humanities, UC Irvine, on "Edward Said: The Non-humanist Humanist." The talk takes place in Rm. UBC 191, from 5-7 p.m.

### **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Ghett: The Trial of Vivian Amsalem," with discussant Dr. Anat Gilboa. The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. In Ghett, an Israeli woman (Ronit Elkabetz) seeking to finalize a divorce (gett) from her estranged husband finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religious marriage laws, in this powerhouse courtroom drama from sibling directors Shlomi and Ronit Elkabetz. In Israel, there is neither civil marriage nor civil divorce. Only Orthodox rabbis can legalize a union or its dissolution, which is only possible with the husband's full consent. Trapped in a loveless marriage, Viviane Amsalem has been applying for a divorce for three years but her religiously devout husband Elisha (Simon Abkarian of Casino Royale and Persepolis) continually refuses. His cold intransigence, Viviane's determination to fight for her freedom, and the ambiguous role of the rabbinical judges shape a procedure where tragedy vies with absurdity and everything is brought out into the open for judgment. Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem is an uncompromising, heart-rending portrait of a woman's struggle to overcome an unmoving patriarchy and live a life of her own design. For more information on the film, go to <http://www.musicboxfilms.com/gett--the-trial-of-viviane-amsalem-movies-111.php>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Food Chains" with discussant: Dr. Hilal Ever (Special U.N. Rapporteur on Right to Food). The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. In this exposé, an intrepid group of Florida farmworkers battle to defeat the \$4 trillion global supermarket industry through their ingenious Fair Food program, which partners with growers and retailers to improve working conditions for farm laborers in the United States. There is more interest in food these days than ever, yet there is very little interest in the hands that pick it. Farmworkers, the foundation of our fresh food industry, are routinely abused and robbed of their wages. In extreme



cases they can be beaten, sexually harassed, or even enslaved – all within the borders of the United States. Food Chains reveals the human cost in our food supply and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets. Fast food is big, but supermarkets are bigger – earning \$4 trillion globally. They have tremendous power over the agricultural system. Over the past 3 decades they have drained revenue from their supply chain leaving farmworkers in poverty and forced to work under subhuman conditions. The narrative of the film focuses on an intrepid and highly lauded group of tomato pickers from Southern Florida – the Coalition of Immokalee Workers or CIW – who are revolutionizing farm labor. Their story is one of hope and promise for the triumph of morality over corporate greed – to ensure a dignified life for farm workers and a more humane, transparent food chain. For more information on the film, you can go to <http://www.foodchainsfilm.com/>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno State's Middle East Studies Program invites you to a Conference on "Universities at the Crossroad: The Assault on Academic Freedom," with Dr. Richard Falk, Professor Emeritus of International Law, Princeton University & UC Santa Barbara; Former UN Special Rapporteur on Palestinian human rights, speaking on "Edward Said's Humanism and the Rejection of the State Department's Definition of Anti-Semitism." The event takes place at Fresno State's UBC 191, from 10 a.m. to noon. Also speaking will be Azadeh Shashahani, President of the National Lawyers Guild, on "Censoring Palestine at the University: Growing Threats to Academic Freedom." The Conference is sponsored by the Middle East Studies program and co-sponsored by the California Scholars for Academic Freedom as well as the Palestine Freedom Project Student Organization at Fresno State.

### **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Save the Date for the Fresno Filmworks Festival. More information to come.

### **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Even the Rain" with discussant Dr. Ed Emanuel. The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. After the Rain was written by Akira Kurasawa, Japan's greatest film director. The film was produced in 1999 and received several awards, including Best Film Award, from the Japan Academy of Film. Although Kurasawa was deathly ill and had lost his eyesight when he began work on After the Rain, he vowed he would finish the project as an epitaph to his immense body of work. Unable to direct the film himself he trusted the job to Takashi Koizumi, his former assistant of twenty-eight years. When asked to describe the style of his film,

Kurasawa said, "view my creation as a cinematic Haiku." For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "A Nazi Legacy: What our Fathers Did." The screening is at 5:30 p.m. at the Peters Education Center Auditorium (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). The event is free and open to the public. Parking is not enforced after 4 p.m. on Fridays. Can a man's character be separated from his role in history? From his role in a mass murder? With the volume of Holocaust material out there, these questions have certainly been explored before. However, what makes David Evans' documentary A Nazi Legacy: What Our Fathers Did particularly fascinating is how close he brings us to the men who have become an almost abstract symbol of ultimate evil. He has us meet their sons: Niklas Frank and Horst von Wächter are the sons of Nazi governors Hans Frank and Otto von Wächter. In spite of their opposing views of their respective fathers, the two have formed a friendship in their challenging lineage. Their vastly different views of history are addressed head on by the film's catalytic figure, Philippe Sands, a human rights lawyer and descendent of a Holocaust survivor whose family was murdered at the orders of these specific men. It is this peculiar, unavoidable involvement in father/son relationships that momentarily muddles notions of justice, of humanity versus history, before bringing us back to what we know about right and wrong. It is that unique journey back, muddled and frustrating, that makes the film a profound examination of a moment examined so many times before. For an interview with Director David Evans go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vINi1tj5Zqk>. For more information on Cineculture, go to <http://cineculture.csufresno.edu>.

### **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Human Rights Coalition of the Central Valley will be commemorating Human Rights Day at CSU Fresno, partnering with the Ethics Center of Fresno State. This year's theme will be climate change and how it impacts various aspects of human rights. The Human Rights Coalition of the Central Valley is a partnership between various faith communities, social justice organizations, the Fresno County Office of Education and various community leaders. For information or to get involved, find them on facebook or contact Dr. Su Kapoor at 435-2212 or by e-mail to [skapoor334@gmail.com](mailto:skapoor334@gmail.com).

### **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Fab Four Ultimate Beatles Tribute Band performs in the Tower Theatre at 8 p.m. The Fab Four is elevated far above every other Beatles Tribute due to their precise attention to detail. With uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles' songs, the Fab Four will make you think you are watching the real thing. This incredible stage show includes three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles ever-changing career. This loving tribute to the Beatles has amazed audiences around the world,

including Japan, Australia, France, Hong Kong, The United Kingdom, Germany, Mexico and Brazil. Hear record-perfect live performances of such classics as "Can't Buy Me Love," "Yesterday," "A Day In The Life," "Twist And Shout," "Here Comes The Sun," and "Hey Jude." Tickets for the December 12, 2015 The Fab Four show at Tower Theatre Fresno, go on sale Friday, July 10, 2015 starting at 10AM. Tickets will be available at TowerTheatreFresno.com, in person at Tower Theatre Box Office or by phone at 559.485.9050. For more information, please visit [www.thefabfour.com](http://www.thefabfour.com).

### **MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:**

#### **Throughout 2015**

Due to the overwhelming success of their 2013 and 2014 Film Series', Warnors is proud to announce the continuation of their Classic Film program for 2015. All of the 2015 Classic Films will be shown on the Warnors Theatre BIG screen on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Doors open at 6:00pm followed by the film at 7:00pm. The Classic Film Series is most people only opportunity to take a step back in time, and see classic films on the BIG screen in an authentic 1928 Movie Palace. These films allow for everyone to get involved; whether it is by attending the film, dressing up in a costume that goes with the theme of the film, volunteering, or through sponsorship. If you would like more information on getting involved or reporting on the story, please contact Michelle Swift through email at michelles@warnors.org or contact the office at (559)264-2848. Thanks to their sponsors, Warnors is able to provide FREE tickets for their Classic Films to school districts, and various youth organizations; such as the Boys and Girls Club. This allows for the youth to be able to attend the film, to learn about the history of film, and be able to experience the different social norms of the film's period in history. If you know a group of students that would benefit from attending Classic Films at Warnors, or you are interested in being a sponsor, contact Michelle Swift for more information. The doors to the theatre will open at 6:00pm with a pipe organ concert from Dick Cencibaugh. To add to the festivities, if participants dress in an outfit that goes with the theme or characters in the film they can receive free admission to the film. This is a great way for everyone to get involved and make it a fun experience. Folks may purchase tickets at the Warnors Box Office or at the door the evening of the film, when the doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$5 for individuals, and children under 12 are FREE! If you would like further information or to see the movie schedule for 2015 please visit their website at [www.warnors.org](http://www.warnors.org) or call the office at (559)264-2848.

#### **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Arte Américas presents its annual "Nights in the Plaza" Friday nights from May through September, with sixteen concerts in total. The genres of musical offerings span from the traditional, such as mariachi and trio/bolero to modern Chicano big band, rockabilly, worldbeat, Tex-Mex, and Brazilian groups. "Nights in the Plaza" guests will also be able to enjoy dinner from the award-winner food truck Taco Mazatlán, snow-cones, and drinks for those over 21 beginning at 6:30. Gates will open at 7, and the performances will take place from 8-10. General admission tickets are \$10. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own chairs, but there will be chairs set -up for those who do

not. Arte Americas is located at 1630 Van Ness Ave. in downtown Fresno. Full details about both events can be found at [www.arteamericas.org](http://www.arteamericas.org).

### **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players' presents a boisterous production of All Shook Up, a hip-swiveling, lip-curling, hit-filled blast to the past! This jukebox musical incorporates your favorite Elvis tunes into a crazy, mixed-up story of star-crossed lovers going to outrageous lengths to obtain their hearts' desire. You will laugh your bobby socks off! Set in 1955 and filled with hit songs made famous by "The King", the plot for this delightful romp is loosely based on Shakespeare's comedy, Twelfth Night: Girl meets boy, girl dresses as boy to stay close to the boy, boy loves a different girl and sends first girl (dressed as boy) to deliver love letter. Second girl falls for the 'boy' who delivers the letter, etc. Unrequited love reigns supreme and the whole town is All Shook Up! The score features some of Elvis Presley's biggest hits, sung by a variety of characters and includes "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender," "Jailhouse Rock," "Don't Be Cruel," "Hound Dog," "Can't Help Falling In Love," in addition to many, many more! The show takes place at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Friday & Saturday at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. On Thursdays, a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players' Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. On Fridays & Saturdays, dinner is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinees, a brunch buffet is served beginning at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evenings, a buffet is served beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. The cost for Thursdays & Sundays Buffet & Show is \$50.00 per person; Show Only - \$30.00. The cost for Friday & Saturday Served Meal & Show is \$55.00; Special drink & dessert packages available. Groups of 16 or more are eligible for discounts. For tickets and more information, call 266-9494 or 800-371-4747; or go online to [www.rocgerrockas.com](http://www.rocgerrockas.com).

### **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Take a walk through the Shadowlands as Good Company Players presents the touching and beautiful true story of C.S. Lewis and Joy Davidman at GCP's 2nd Space Theatre, 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Shadowlands is the story of the late-life romance between famed British author, C.S. Lewis, and American, Joy Gresham, nee Davidman. Lewis was an established celebrity when he and Joy met in 1952. Joy was born into a Jewish family, became an atheist and a communist and eventually converted to Christianity. She was a respected writer in her own right, known for forthrightness and an irreverent sense of humor. She began a correspondence with Lewis and traveled to London to meet him while trying to navigate her marriage to an abusive, alcoholic, and philandering husband. A lively friendship sprang up, and when Joy and her husband divorced, Lewis offered her a marriage of convenience to help her out of dire financial straits. As their friendship grew, Joy magically opened Lewis' world to love, followed quickly by grief when they learned she had cancer. Lewis' faith in a benevolent God, so confidently expressed throughout his career, was tested to the limit by Joy's suffering

and his subsequent writings grapple with the reality of loss and ultimate triumph of the spirit. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Friday & Saturday at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 general admission and \$15 for students & seniors. Groups of 16 or more are eligible for discounts. For tickets and more information, call 559-266-0660 or 800-371-4747 or you can buy them online at [www.2ndspacetheatre.com](http://www.2ndspacetheatre.com).

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom presents a Centennial Exhibition on 100 years of Dangerous Women, the "Herstory" and the Future. This is a double anniversary celebration of WILPF's 50<sup>th</sup> year as a local witness and change agent for peace in Fresno, and 100 years of Dangerous Women. The exhibition will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> at the Henry Madden Library at Fresno State. A reception will be held on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Featured topics and issues will incorporate a living history of Fresno WILPF and International WILPF, including building peace curricula in local schools, support for Valley farm workers and immigrants seeking a sanctuary during Central American guerilla wars, the nationally famous WILPF lawsuit against the City of Fresno for removing anti-draft placards from Fresno City buses, the stirring stories of outstanding activists from among the membership, pictures and memorabilia, all to remind old Valley residents and educate young ones about the groundwork for building a more just and peaceful world. The Fresno County's Downtown Library will have an exhibit for the month of September to feature this history.

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

StageWorks Fresno presents "Other Desert Cities" by Jon Robin Baitz. Brooke Wyeth returns home to Palm Springs after a six-year absence to celebrate Christmas with her parents, her brother, and her aunt. Brooke announces that she is about to publish a memoir dredging up a pivotal and tragic event in the family's history—a wound they don't want reopened. In effect, she draws a line in the sand and dares them all to cross it. The play will be performed at the Fresno ART Museum-Bonner Auditorium - 2233 North 1st Street, Fresno. Performances are Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m., Sunday Matinee, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m., Saturday Matinee, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. Saturday Evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m., and Sunday Matinee, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at <http://www.samuelfrench.com/p/13963/other-desert-cities>.

Fall, 2015:

New Horizons Music of Central California is looking for adults with no musical experience, or who were active in school music and want to have fun playing again. \* Beginners welcome. Renew your enthusiasm for playing music, Learn a new

instrument. There are Weekly rehearsals, two concerts per year, and Outstanding instruction from experienced teachers. Intermediate/advanced rehearsals take place each Wednesday in the Bullard High School Band Room, 5445 N. Palm Ave., Fresno, with strings starting at 5:30 p.m. and band at 6:30 p.m. Beginning band and violin also available. For more information, contact Archie Rader at (559) 273-8309 or by e-mail to [arader5769@comcast.net](mailto:arader5769@comcast.net). You can register at the Fresno Adult School fall 2015 website: <https://fas.asapconnected.com/default.aspx>.

## **ONGOING**

### **Every Day**

Occupy Fresno is at Fresno's Courthouse Park (on the south end, off Tulare between Van Ness and M Street). They hold a General Assembly every day at 6 p.m. and there have been arrests every day, shortly after midnight. For more information, go to <http://occupyfresno.ca.com/>

### **Every Tuesday**

Starting 8/27/13, the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno will be holding classes on the Quran focusing on pronunciation and memorization. The classes are free (donations appreciated) and start at 7 p.m. If interested please contact Rebecca by e-mail to [Rebecca.alhaider@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.alhaider@gmail.com). No registration is needed.

### **Every Tuesday through Thursday**

The Fresno County Department of Public Health offers free confidential rapid HIV testing at the Fresno County Department of Public Health building at 1221 Fulton Mall, Specialty Clinic Area, First Floor, from 8:30 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. For more information, contact Jena Adams, Supervising Communicable Disease Specialist, at (559) 600-3434.

### **Every Wednesday through the 2014 school year**

New Horizons Music provides adults a fun entry or reentry into music making! Whether you were in school band or orchestra, would like to learn a new instrument, or have only dreamed of playing, New Horizons offers a welcoming environment that offers you the chance to participate and progress at your own rate. Rehearsals are going on each Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m. for string instruments and 6:30 p.m. for band instruments. Groups perform at least two concerts each school year. All meetings are at the Bullard High School Band Room, 5445 N. Palm, Fresno. For more information, contact Craig Erker at [craig.erker@gmail.com](mailto:craig.erker@gmail.com) or Archie Rader at 559-273-8309.

### **Every Wednesday and Friday**

Patricia Wells Solorzano and Agustin Lira, founders of El Teatro Campesino), have formed a theatrical group with Fresno youth that will raise awareness of the problems negatively affecting the health of boys and young men of color, such as drugs, gangs, obesity, teen pregnancy, high numbers of youth incarcerated or expelled from schools, unemployment and poverty. The Theater for Boys and young Men of Color will be composed of youth ages 16-28 who will be trained in acting to the extent that they will be capable of performing before general audiences. The participants will be engaged in

the creation of skits, one-act plays and in the development of a one and a half hour theatrical production with music to be performed toward the end of this year long project. Along with theater, musical presentations will also take place performed by the participants who will also receive musical training. This project will be taking place at The Cecil C. Hinton Community Center, 2385 South Fairview Ave., 93706, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gwen Morris at (559) 412-7118.

### **Every Friday**

California Employment Development Dept. invites you to attend the Resume Preparation Assistance program with one on one assistance provided to all job seekers with CalJOBS registration, creating a strong and effective resume, obtaining job leads and referrals, information on training and education opportunities and other helpful resources. The workshops are every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fresno EDD office at 2555 S. Elm. No appointments are necessary. Bring a valid ID and social security card. For more information, call (559) 445-6747.

### **Every Saturday**

There is a medical clinic for the homeless, actively injecting drug users and prostitutes every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. or until the last patient is served. You can find them near Hughes and Olive Ave. The clinic is staffed by Dr. Marc Lasher and volunteers. Financial donations are accepted. For more information, call 266-0444.

### **Every Saturday**

Food Not Bombs feeds the hungry from 1 - 2 p.m. near the Olive Ave entrance to Roeding Park. If you would like to help them prepare the meal, they meet every Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church (1343 E. Barstow) at 10am. For more information email [fresnofnb@hotmail.com](mailto:fresnofnb@hotmail.com) or visit the official FNB website, [foodnotbombs.net](http://foodnotbombs.net).

### **Most Saturdays**

Most Saturdays there is a Fresno Free Bicycle Repair Clinic from 1- 3 p.m. near the Olive Ave entrance to Roeding Park, beside Food Not Bombs. Donations of bicycle parts, inner tubes, and blinky lights are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with minor repairs. For more info and to arrange donations, e-mail: [garza.reyes@live.com](mailto:garza.reyes@live.com).

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month:**

The South Valley Peace Center holds a demonstration for peace at Mooney and Walnut in Visalia, from 1-2 p.m. For more information visit [southvalleypeacecenter.org](http://southvalleypeacecenter.org).

### **2nd Saturday of each month:**

Divorce Options Workshops are offered on the second Saturday of every month by Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates. This program provides information about the divorce process and the options available to anyone considering divorce. Each workshop is presented by an interdisciplinary team of legal, financial and mental health professionals on the second Saturday of each month at the Fresno Ramada Inn, 324

East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is offered at NO CHARGE to attendees as a public service of Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates. Pre-registration is recommended due to limited seating. Further information and pre-registration may be obtained at [divorcefresno.eventbrite.com](http://divorcefresno.eventbrite.com), or contact John McDaniel at (559) 226-4420.

### **Every Sunday**

Food Not Bombs serves free food at Courthouse Park to anyone who is hungry. They start cooking at 1 PM and serve the food at 3 PM (meet at the Tulare side of the park). For more information go to <http://cafefresno.org>.

### **First Wednesday of each month:**

A Women in Black Silent Vigil takes place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Fresno County Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness Ave. Show your support for peace and negotiated settlements of current U.S. military actions. Stand silently and advocate for peace. For more information, call 559-278-7140 or 559-225-2850. This vigil takes place the 1st Wednesday of each month.

### **Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month:**

A new Toastmasters club in Exeter meets twice a month. More info can be found on our site as well: <http://exeter.toastmastersclubs.org>, or send an e-mail to [officers-4405971@toastmastersclubs.org](mailto:officers-4405971@toastmastersclubs.org).

The “**Goodie Bag Project**” is collecting small toiletry items brought home from hotels and vacations to provide gifts for women incarcerated in Central Valley Women’s Prisons. This is a collaborative effort of the CCWF Inmate Family Council, the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno Social Justice Committee, and the United Methodist Church of Merced. They are seeking sample/travel size bath gels, body soap, lotions, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small combs and pocket sized packages of tissues (no food, candy, edibles, drinkables, mouthwash or anything containing alcohol). They are also collecting all kinds of greeting cards, wooden pencils and clear, colorless pens, as well as paper scratch pads and picture postcards. Items may be dropped off at the Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave., south of McKinley, during open hours, M - F, 11 AM - 3 PM. Checks can be made out to "FCNV Prison Ministry - Goodie Bags," and mailed to the Center at the above address, or dropped off in person. Receipts will be given. All donations are tax-deductible. For additional information or to see if an item is allowable under prison rules, call Maria Telesco at 559-255-9492. Please remember all items must be SMALL.

**Volunteers Needed:** Collective for Arts, Freedom, and Ecology (CAFE) Fresno, whose mission is to provide a safe space for all people and provide programs and events that provide enrichment and information to Fresno and the Central Valley, is looking for volunteers, especially for Food Not Bombs, an organization that provides a nutritious meal to anybody that would like and need one. Food Not Bombs is in dire need of physical and financial help, and will accept anything that might go to waste that is still



useful. This includes but is not limited to: clothing, toys, tools, and furniture. All of these items will be redistributed to others that need them. Food Not Bombs meets on Sundays at CAFE Infoshop (935 F. Street in Fresno) at noon sharp, to chop and cook until 3. At 3 p.m., they serve at the courthouse park. For more information call Vanessa at (559) 485-3937 or e-mail [vanpadilla@gmail.com](mailto:vanpadilla@gmail.com).

### **Host an International High School Exchange Student**

High school students from around the world come to the US to spend a year or a semester in American schools. Your family can learn about Germany, China, Finland, Italy, or another country by hosting a student. International Experience is a non-profit that helps you connect with an exchange student hoping to study abroad and invites you to share your home with a student who will become a part of your family. Students in the International Experience program must meet strict guidelines and complete multiple screenings in their home countries. During their stay they are covered by their own health insurance and provide their own spending money. These students want to come to the US to practice English and learn about our culture. As a host family, you simply provide a bed, family meals and invite your student to participate in your family's traditions and introduce them to our American culture. To learn more about the opening your heart and home to an exchange student contact International Experience at 888-266-29 21. or visit [ie-usa.com](http://ie-usa.com).

### **Every Thursday:**

On Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. guitarist and singer/songwriter Steve Ono is hosting the Smugglers Open Mic Night. The Smuggler's lounge is like a large living room with a small PA set up in the corner. Listening will be encouraged. Musicians, singers and spoken word are all welcome. The content must be family friendly. Each guest artist will be playing 2 to 3 songs depending on the number of participants. Minors are allowed when accompanied by a responsible adult. Steve will play back up guitar or read sheet music (lead sheets preferred) for the artists on request. Steve Ono has been playing and teaching guitar in the Fresno/Clovis area for more than 35 years with hundreds of former students. The Smuggler's at the Park Inn is a full service restaurant with a full bar. There is a two drink minimum. Dinner is available. The restaurant is located at 3787 North Blackstone Avenue in Fresno. For information, call (559) 230-8450

### **Ongoing:**

The AMVETS Call of Duty Endowment Career Centers provide FREE career training and employment assistance to veterans, active duty service members, National Guard, and Reserve members and spouses. For additional information please call 877-726-8387, once again that is 877-726-8387.

**Fresno County Public Library is recruiting skilled volunteers to assist teens and parents fill out applications for college and financial aid.** When schools are closed, rural students throughout the county often find it difficult to access materials and computers that can help with this milestone in a student's life. The Fresno County Public Library not only provides a safe and welcoming environment for these students and families, but also has the needed technology and print materials to help them navigate

the college and career path. Those with Spanish language skills are encouraged to apply. By becoming a College Prep Coach, volunteers will dedicate a few hours each week to help families unfamiliar with the task of completing important applications. "All students must have direct access to materials and technology to succeed in life," says County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. "By staffing several rural branches with trained volunteers, the Library's College Prep Program will assist students and families with laying the groundwork for making college a reality." If you would like to help a teen go to college visit <http://www.fresnolibrary.org> and click on the volunteer banner, or call Elizabeth Finkle at (559) 600-9230.