

MAY 2019

Coachella Valley Calendar of Events

The Phantom of The Opera May 2-5

Features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Charles Hart and Richard Stilgoe, and book by Lloyd Webber and Stilgoe. There will be fog, lighting, masks, a crashing chandelier and more, but many visual aspects will be left to the imagination.

McCallum Theatre, Palm Desert

760-340-2787 / www.mccallumtheatre.com

Palm Desert Concert in the Park May 2-30

Every Thursday evening, concertgoers are encouraged to bring picnic baskets, blankets, and lawn chairs. The Family YMCA of the Desert will conduct children activities prior to each concert and food trucks will be on site with tasty food options, beverages, and snacks for purchase. Dogs are welcomed.

7:30pm / Civic Center Park Amphitheater

760-568-1441 / www.discoverpalmdesert.com

Films on the Great Lawn May 3, 10 & 17

Film-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and small picnic items for the outdoor screening. Large coolers, alcohol, smoking, and pets are not permitted. With limited parking, carpooling is strongly advised.

May 3: A Bug's Life. May 10: Monsters, Inc. May 17: Ratatouille.

8pm / Sunnylands Center & Gardens, Rancho Mirage

760-202-2234 / www.sunnylands.org

Train Day May 4

Enjoy train chats, train adopts, a scavenger hunt and more! Train Day features fun events centered around The Living Desert's 3,300 feet of track at the Garden Railroad. Train Day includes a train-themed treasure hunt, special trackless train rides, and of course a Choo-Choo-Churro special. Model train enthusiasts will enjoy informative train chats being offered.

9am-12pm / The Living Desert, Palm Desert

760-346-5694 / www.livingdesert.org

Fiesta on El Paseo May 4

Visit our Gourmet Food Trucks serving everything from Tacos to Churros. Enjoy the sounds of the Mariachi Serenata Mexicana band, while Latin Ballroom Dancers Meagen Mendoza and Dzianis Marasin perform the Bachata and more.

11am-4pm / The Shops on El Paseo

760-341-4058 / www.theshopsonelpaseo.com

Tequila & Taco Fiesta May 4

Enjoy tequila and taco tastings for only \$5 each at Solano's West Coast Bistro, The Grill on Main, Old Town Tavern – Barbecue & More, and Stuff Pizza. Each restaurant will offer a different brand of tequila and a distinctive food tasting, so visit more than one! Special features include Mariachi music

on Main Street and an outdoor beer garden and family fun and games.

6-9pm / Old Town La Quinta www.oldtownlaquinta.com

Evening Under the Stars May 4

Food Samaritans (Aids Assistance Program) proudly announces that the gala will feature the "Music of ABBA" performed by ARRIVAL from Sweden. Cocktails, community awards, dinner, and dancing. The largest annual fundraiser for AAP – Food Samaritans, a non-profit organization that provides nutritional support for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

5:30-10pm / O'Donnell Golf Course, Palm Springs

760-325-8481 / www.aidsassistance.org

Cinema Under the Stars May 4 & 11

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, food and beverages to this extraordinary outdoor cinematic experience. This event is free to the public and includes complimentary popcorn and water. May 4: Space Cowboys. May 11: Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

6:30pm / Rancho Mirage Amphitheater

www.ranchoirageca.gov

Cinco De Mayo Fiesta May 5

Featuring Live entertainment, Margaritas, tacos, and much more Mexican Food & Drink. Proceeds of the event will benefit Visionaries of Tools For Tomorrow.

4-7pm / Old Town Artisan Studio, La Quinta

760-601-3954 / www.toolsfortomorrow.org

Palm Springs Photo Festival May 5-10

Guests can take workshops that allow them to work intimately with world-renowned photographers and learn new skills. They can also attend seminars, symposiums & presentations, and can sit down with industry professionals and have their own portfolios reviewed. There are dinners, parties, and networking events in the evenings

Hyatt Palm Springs

479-544-7985 / <http://2019.palmspringsphotofestival.com>

Suavecito Sunday May 5-26

Enjoy free music in the park in the Suavecito theme.

6-9pm / Veteran's Park, Coachella www.gvcc.org

The Chocolate Soiree Benefit Event May 7

Enjoy the decadent desserts, and the recipes, of elite chefs from around the Coachella Valley while benefitting the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert. It will be a night of food, friends and fun, and remember, it is "brown tie" optional!

6-9pm / PIRCH, Rancho Mirage www.cdmod.org



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California Preservation Conference **May 8-11**

"Preservation Springs Eternal" will showcase the rich historic preservation movement present throughout the state, with a special focus on the architecture of Palm Springs, and the impact of preservation action in the region. The 2019 conference focuses on a range of topics exploring ways of building on California's preservation legacy and shaping its future of heritage conservation throughout the state.

Hilton Hotel Palm Springs www.californiapreservation.org

Coyote Classic Golf Tournament **May 9**

Cost is \$200 a player, which includes cart, unlimited bottled water, Classic Club logoed towel, range balls, dinner and drinks, and evening awards presentation. Raises thousands of dollars annually for the SoCal Coyotes non-profit leadership organization and its numerous youth outreach programs.

11am-5pm / Classic Club, Palm Desert

760-601-3600 / www.thesocalcoyotes.com

Shen Yun 2019 World Tour **May 9-11**

Featuring one of the world's oldest art forms—classical Chinese dance—along with patented scenographical effects and all-original orchestral works, Shen Yun opens a portal to a civilization of enchanting beauty and enlightening wisdom.

McCallum Theatre, Palm Desert www.shenyun.com

Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival **May 9-12**

This unique festival features an eclectic mixture of landmark and obscure vintage movies from the classic film noir era.

Camelot Theatres, Palm Springs

<http://arthurylyonsfilmnoir.ning.com>

Shakti Fest **May 9-13**

A 5 day Yoga, Music & Personal Transformational Festival dedicated to the divine feminine that blossoms within all of us. Workshops will cover a plethora of wellness and conscious topics including Ayurveda, spiritual nutrition, tantric energy, breathwork, Sanskrit, conscious relationships, women's sexuality, bhakti art, and hoop dance, with internationally known speakers.

Joshua Tree Lake RV & Campground

408-460-0504 / <https://bhaktifest.com/shaktifest/>

Star Party at The Monument **May 11**

The Astronomical Society of the Desert will conduct "sky tours" and direct observations of the night sky through telescopes and giant binoculars.

8-10pm / Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Visitor Center, Palm Desert

760-862-9984 / www.desertmountains.org

Spring Joshua Tree Music Festival **May 16-19**

An intimate setting, where the distinction between artist and audience is blurred, and a passionate performance can be truly relished in close proximity to the stage. Free water to patrons, no service charges on reasonably priced tickets. A family-friendly global music experience.

Joshua Tree Lake Campground

www.joshuatreemusicfestival.com

Movies in the Park: The Sound of Music **May 25**

You are welcome to bring snacks or non-alcoholic drinks, but you can also purchase them from the movie organizers at the concession stand.

8:30pm / Cathedral City Downtown Festival Lawn

760-770-0340 / www.discovercathedralcity.com

Street Food Cinema: Selena **May 25**

Outdoor movie screening of "Selena", the true story of Selena Quintanilla-Perez, a Texas-born Tejano singer who rose from cult status to performing at the Astrodome, as well as having chart topping albums on the Latin music charts. There will also be a meet and greet opportunity with Chris Perez, Grammy Award-winning artist. Pérez was the lead guitarist for his wife Selena's band, Selena y Los Dinos.

5:30-11pm / La Quinta Park

www.streetfoodcinema.com/selena-lq

Memorial Day Flower Drop & Air Fair **May 27**

A brief Memorial service is dedicated to all fallen comrades, who paid the ultimate price for freedom. In their honor, the service will be highlighted with a fly-by and flower drop of over 3,000 red and white carnations from B-25 Mitchell bomber. Visitors are welcome to pick up a flower to take home.

8am-2:30pm / Palm Springs Air Museum

760-778-6262 / www.palmspringsairmuseum.org

VillageFest **Every Thursday**

Downtown Palm Springs transforms into a diverse array of artists, artisans, entertainers, and purveyors of fresh fruits and veggies, flowers, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to the great shops, restaurants, clubs, and entertainment venues located along World Famous Palm Canyon Drive – and the result is one of Southern California's most popular weekly events: VillageFest!

6-10pm / Palm Canyon Drive www.villagefest.org

College of the Desert Street Fair **Every Sat. & Sun.**

With merchandise and services for all ages and any budget, the Street Fair offers more than 300 merchants, artists, a farmer's market, live entertainment, gourmet food and more.

7am-2pm / 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert

760-636-7957 / <http://codaastreetfair.com>