# 101

## Things to Do

IN ARTS *and* CULTURE
*in* RIVERSIDE

*"This world is but a canvas to our imagination."*

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Office of the Mayor
*Diverse • Inclusive • Committed*

Welcome to Riverside's *101 Things to Do in Arts & Culture* booklet and contest for 2009!

Riverside is the regional center for arts, culture and entertainment in the Inland Empire. As the City of Arts & Culture, it is important to highlight our diverse arts and culture offerings.

Many things are happening. With the completion of the Fox Performing Arts Center, the development of UCR's ArtsBlock and the opening of the Culver Center for the Arts, the 50th anniversary of the Philharmonic, Arts Walk on First Thursdays, Farmers Market, Ballet, Metropolitan Museum, Performance Riverside, Riverside Art Museum, Fine Dining Week, Riverside International Film Festival, Community Players and the development of RCC's School for the Arts, we have 'big league' activities and venues for which we can be proud. But let's not overlook the other arts activities and cultural venues that define Riverside as the City of Arts & Culture. In fact, we have 101 things to be proud of in arts, culture and entertainment.

This booklet marks the 11th time we have created a 101 Things to Do activity guide since 1995. After a few years' hiatus, I am delighted to work with the Riverside Arts Council and several gracious sponsors, especially platinum donor Bank of America, to put together this wonderful blueprint to guide your arts and cultural activities in 2009.

Good luck in winning the "Grand Prize" package for the contest and we'll announce the winner in Summer 2009. Check the City's Web site at www.riversideca.gov for updates and to download extra copies of this booklet.

Have fun!

Sincerely,

Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

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# 101 Things to Do in Arts & Culture in Riverside Photo Contest

To enter the first-ever *101 Things to Do in Arts & Culture in Riverside* photo contest, simply take photos of your family or friends engaged in a minimum of 20 different activities featured in this guide. Feel free to be creative and have fun! Please note that all appropriate venue rules must be followed. If a place does not allow photography, be respectful and take your pictures outside. Violations will result in disqualification. Please also note that your entry grants unconditional permission for use of your pictures by the City of Riverside and Riverside Arts Council, and acts as release of all subjects. Limit your photos to including members of your immediate family or participating friends. Submit your photos on a disc to Riverside Arts Council, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, 3rd Floor, Riverside CA 92501. Entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2009. A drawing of qualified entries will be held this summer. Please visit **www.riversideca.gov** to stay updated on the announcement of the "Grand Prize" winner.

## The "Grand Prize" Features:

- One night at the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa with their famous Sunday Brunch
- 2 tickets to the opening night of the Fox Performing Arts Center
- 2 VIP tickets to the California Riverside Ballet's 2009 production of *The Nutcracker*
- 2 tickets to a 2009-10 Performance Riverside production
- 4 tickets to a 2009-10 Main Series production at Riverside Community Players
- 4 tickets to a 2009-10 Family Series production at Riverside Community Players
- 2 tickets to the opening concert of the Riverside County Philharmonic's 50th anniversary

## 1 ARTSCAPE

This visual arts exhibit is located in the Riverside County Building at 4080 Lemon Street. The Riverside Arts Council manages biannual, rotating exhibits in the main lobby, Executive Offices lobby and the Board of Supervisors' lobby. For more information about this exhibit please contact the Riverside Arts Council at (951) 680-1345 or www.riversideartscouncil.com.

## 2 ARTPLANTAE

ArtPlantae is a resource provider specializing in botany and botanical art education whose objective is to encourage an interest in plants and nature through illustration. ArtPlantae is located at 5225 Canyon Crest Drive. For more information about upcoming events call (951) 776-4696 or visit www.ArtPlantaeToday.com.

## 3 ARTSWALK

On the first Thursday of every month, 17 locations in downtown Riverside are open to the public from 6 – 9 p.m. Participating institutions host art openings, performances, tours, talks and more. Start at any location. This event is free. For a list of locations, please call (951) 781-7335 or visit www.riversideculturalconsortium.org.

## 4 BACK to the GRIND: THE UNDERGRIND GALLERY

Founded in 1996, Back to the Grind brought to Riverside the first community coffee shop that was a throwback to the old coffee gathering places of the past. Set in a Victorian cafe, the ambiance is conducive to conversation, meetings and entertainment. The Grind hosts some of the city's most creative minds, and has become a haven for talented artists and musicians. The Undergrind gallery showcases Riverside's multicultural flare. Back to the Grind is located at 3575 University Avenue. For more information call (951) 784-0800.

## 5 BALLET FOLKLORICO de RIVERSIDE

In 1977, Ana de la Tejera founded Ballet Folklorico de Riverside, formerly de Arlanza. Since then, Ballet Folklorico's membership has grown to over 100 dancers ranging from 5 to 28 years old. The dancers present traditional Mexican Folk Dances from more than 30 regions of Mexico and eras in Mexican History. The dances are based on traditional stories and rituals that have been passed from one generation to another. For more information call (951) 360-3059 or visit www.BFDRiv.org.

## 6 BARNES & NOBLE

Barnes & Noble, located at 3485 Galleria at Tyler, hosts numerous readings, book signings and an American Sign Language storytime. For more information call (951) 358-0899 or visit www.barnesandnoble.com.

## 7 BENEDICT CASTLE

Benedict Castle, a Medieval-Spanish structure with strong Moorish influences, was designed by Henry L. A. Jekel, and was built in two stages between 1921 and 1931 as a luxurious home for Charles W. Benedict. The castle and grounds have been painstakingly restored by Teen Challenge, the current owners of the property. The Castle is located at 5445 Chicago Avenue. For more information on booking a tour of this historic Riverside landmark call (951) 750-1963.

## 8 BLACK HISTORY PARADE and EXPO

The Annual Black History Parade and Expo are held in February. This event features a parade with over 140 entries, including community members of all races, local churches and businesses. The Expo follows the parade with over 40 different vendors offering food, artifacts, clothing, books and giveaways. For more information call (951) 682-4782 or visit www.blackhistorycommittee.org.

## 9 BORDERS

Borders, located in the Riverside Plaza at 3615 Riverside Plaza Drive, offers readings, book signings and special storytimes designed to promote literacy in children. For more information call (951) 222-0313 or visit www.borders.com.

## 10 BRANDSTATER GALLERY at LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY

The Brandstater Gallery is a part of the University's Visual Art Center constructed in 1984. It exists today due to a generous donation from the children of Roy and Frances Brandstater in honor of their memory. The gallery, which is located at La Sierra University at 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, provides the University family and community an opportunity to interact with art by contemporary artists, thus making an important contribution to the cultural life on campus and in Riverside. For more information call the Gallery Director at (951) 785-2959.

## 11 CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Shelby and Ferne Collinsworth School of Music offers a variety of vocal and instrumental performance opportunities: four choral groups, four small vocal ensembles, a concert band, a jazz band and a pep band. While some of these groups perform at on-campus events, the majority of performances take place at local churches, schools and other venues. Most of the groups tour at least once a year in states such as Texas, Montana, Colorado and Oregon. For performance information call (951) 343-4949.

## 12 CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Communication and Visual Arts produces four major productions per year. They perform a comedy, drama and two musicals. The theatre program emphasizes quality in all of its productions evidenced by the many awards and recognitions they have received locally from the Inland Theatre League. For information about upcoming productions call (951) 343-4319.

## 13 CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE BALLET

Since its founding in 1969, California Riverside Ballet (CRB) has been presenting exciting programs to the delight of audiences and dance critics alike. Featuring a repertoire of outstanding choreography, CRB has become a promising company with a unique style and character all its own. Traditionally, CRB presents two major productions, provides the community with four major Outreach programs and hosts numerous community and fundraising events including Ghostwalk Riverside and the Nutcracker Tea. For information about tickets and upcoming productions call (951) 787-7850 or visit www.crballet.com.

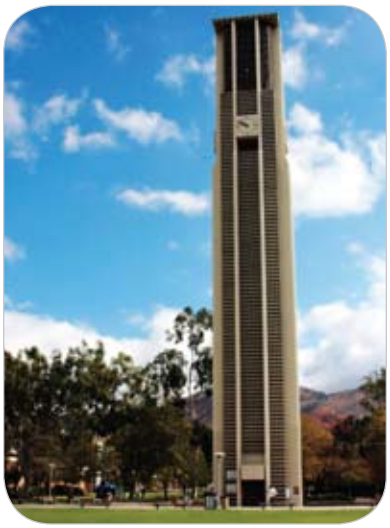
## 14 CALIFORNIA CITRUS STATE HISTORIC PARK

The design of the park is reminiscent of a 1900s city park, complete with an activity center, interpretive structure, amphitheater, picnic area and demonstration groves. The land contained within the park still continues to produce high-quality fruits. This park preserves some of the rapidly vanishing cultural landscape of the citrus industry tells the story of this industry's role in the history and development of California. The park recaptures the time when "Citrus was King" in California, recognizing the importance of the citrus industry in Southern California. The park is located at 9400 Dufferin Avenue. For more information about the park and special events call (951) 780-6222 ext.13 or email californiacitrusshp@parks.ca.gov.

## 15 CARILLON CONCERTS at UCR

University carillonneur David Christensen continues the tradition of weekday concerts on UCR's magnificent 48-bell carillon on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Concerts are free and open to the public. For more information about the Carillon concerts call (951) 827-3245 or visit www.belltower.ucr.edu.

## 16 CENTER for IDEAS and SOCIETY at the UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE



The Center is distinguished from other humanities research institutes by the importance it attaches to work in the arts and social sciences for humanistic inter-disciplinary collaboration, as well as by its emphasis on intellectual history and the exploration of the social context of ideas, artifacts and events. The Center accomplished its charge through the programs it sponsors such as Lectures, Seminars, Performances, Readings, Screenings and Exhibitions. For information on upcoming events call (951) 827-4332 or visit ideasandsociety.ucr.edu.

## 17 CHANUKAH FESTIVAL of LIGHTS

Celebration of the Jewish feast with song, food and menorah lighting. The mission of the Chanukah Festival of Lights is to boost communication and understanding. For more information call the Chabad Jewish Com-munity Center at (951) 222-2005 or visit www.Jewishriverside.com.

## 18 CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

Riverside Metropolitan Museum hosts an annual Chinese Moon Festival. This free community event focuses on Chinese culture through the celebration of this traditional harvest festival. It is a celebration of Chinese Culture, which allows participants to view the Moon at its brightest, listen to Chinese Folktales, taste traditional Mooncakes as well as enjoy Chinese crafts and games. This celebration is held in September from 6-8 p.m. at Heritage House. For more information call the Riverside Metropolitan Museum at (951) 826-5273.

## 19 COFFEE DEPOT

Coffee Depot hosts a variety of events including open mic acoustic night, swing and salsa dancing, music and the Caffeinated Cabaret, featuring both local and Broadway talent. Coffee Depot has two locations to visit, one is in the downtown at 3204 Mission Inn Avenue and the other is in the Riverside Plaza at 3540 Riverside Plaza Drive. For more information call (951) 222-2263 (Downtown) or (951) 222-2219 (Plaza) or visit them at www.coffeedepot.tv.

## 20 DINNER and SHOW at CIAO BELLA

Ciao Bella, which is located at 1630 Spruce Street, offers entertainment paired with great Italian cuisine. They offer a Dinner and Show package which includes a three course meal and drink ticket. For more information on upcoming events and tickets call (951) 781-8840 or visit www.ciaobellariverside.com.

## 21 DAY of the DEAD CELEBRATION

Each year Division Gallery 9 and Riverside Metropolitan Museum present the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration in downtown Riverside. The event begins with a procession of Aztec Dancing down Mission Inn Ave. The street comes alive with marigolds, traditional altars, catrinas and calacas, music and dance by Ballet Folklórico de Riverside. This community event celebrating both Mexican culture and art also includes art exhibitions, children's activities such as papel picado (Mexican paper art), traditional foods and handmade Mexican items for sale. The event is free and open to the public. The event takes place on November 2, 2009, from 5-9 p.m. at the corner of Mission Inn Avenue and Lemon Street. For more information about this event call Division 9 Gallery at (951) 682-5990.

## 22 DIVISION 9 GALLERY

Division 9 Gallery is a local art gallery located in the heart of downtown Riverside at 3850 Lemon Street. Each month, the gallery has a new exhibition showcasing local artists. For more information on current and future exhibitions call (951) 682-5990.

## 23 DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday on Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. vendors offer organic fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, specialty items such as breads, hummus and homemade honey, fish, cheese and much more! For more information call the City of Riverside's Arts and Cultural Affairs Division at (951) 826-2370.

## 24 EVENSONG

A performance of period pieces from the Dickensian era, performed by the Raincross chorale in partnership with the Riverside Dickens Festival. For more information call the Riverside Dickens Festival office at (951) 781-3168.

## 25 FAMILY FUN DAYS on FIRST SUNDAYS

On the first Sunday of every month during the school year, six locations in downtown Riverside are open to the public from 1 – 4 p.m. Participating institutions including the Mission Inn Museum, UCR/California Museum of Photography, UCR/Sweeney Art Gallery, Riverside Metropolitan Museum, Riverside Public Library and Riverside Art Museum, host free hands-on activities for families. For more information call (951) 781-7335 or visit www.riversidefamilyfunday.org.

## 26 FAMILY VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Held each year in downtown Riverside, the Family Village Festival is a celebration of cultures from around the world. Cultures are explored through presentations of arts and crafts, food, music and dance. This is a free family event with the goal of exposing children in the community to different traditions while encouraging a culture of inclusion. The festival is held during the fall in downtown Riverside. For more information call (951) 826-5273.

## 27 A FALL ARTS and CULTURE FESTIVAL

The Riverside Cultural Consortium hosts this 10-day festival. Events include: Ghost-walk, organized by California Riverside Ballet; Off the Wall, at the Riverside Art Museum; Day of the Dead, hosted by Riverside Metropolitan Museum and Division 9 Gallery; the Riverside Ten-Minute Play Festival; and Fringe Fest, sponsored by the Riverside Downtown Partnership. The Fall Arts and Culture Festival is October 23 to November 2, 2009. For more information call (951) 781-7335.

## 28 FESTA ITALIANA

Festa Italiana is an old-fashioned Italian Street Festival, complete with exceptional entertainment, great food, classic Italian car show, bocce contest, terrific vino and paisanos. This fun-filled event represents the continuing efforts to launch Vintage Families, an Italian-American Cultural Exhibition, which explores our region's rich Italian heritage in Riverside. For more information call the Order of Sons of Italy at (951) 283-7594.

## 29 FESTIVAL of LIGHTS

The City of Riverside, in partnership with the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, presents the Annual Riverside Festival of Lights. This free event kicks-off with the Switch-on Ceremony the day after Thanksgiving and runs through early January. Visitors can enjoy outdoor ice skating, carriage rides, free holiday entertainment, unique shopping and dining in the downtown, holiday food and specialty vendors. Free parking weekdays after 5 p.m. and weekends. For more information call the City of Riverside's Arts and Cultural Affairs Division at (951) 826-5649 or visit www.riversidefestivaloflights.com.

## 30 FESTIVAL of TREES

Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees has become a special holiday tradition. Each year the trees create a breathtaking array of color and lights that form the centerpiece of the Festival of Trees and continue to draw more visitors to the Festival year after year. Every beautifully decorated tree is both sponsored and purchased prior to the event. Special areas of the Festival include entertainment, sweet shop, holiday store and hands-on activities for children. The festival is scheduled over five days during Thanksgiving week. For more information call the RCRMC Foundation at (951) 486-4461 or visit www.rcrmc.org.

## 31 FESTIVAL of WORLD MUSIC at the UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

A four-day celebration of music of Japan, the Philippines, Java, the Andes and Mexico. This festival illustrates the Department of Music's commitment to education through cross-cultural performance. It features over 50 students, some drawn to this music through heritage and others by curiosity. The end result is an energetic evening of wildly varied sounds, each representing different places and differently-sounded world views. For more information call (951) 827-4331or visit www.ucr.edu.

## 32 FOLKLORICOS MEXICANO del sur de CALIFORNIA

The mission of Folklore Mexicano del sur de California is to preserve Mexican culture and tradition through dance. They offer this performing art in its most authentic essence through research and international cultural exchange, since folk dancing is living anthropology. For information about upcoming performances call (951) 642-1867 or visit www.folkloremexicanodsdc.org.

## 33 GHOSTWALK

Ghostwalk in downtown Riverside is presented by the California Riverside Ballet. The weekend before Halloween, the CRB brings the downtown area alive and into its supernatural theme with stories of horror, mystery and intrigue. Ghostwalk tours are given the weekend before Halloween on October 23 and 24, 2009. For more information call the California Riverside Ballet at (951) 787-7850.

## 34 GOLDEN MEANS – PLAYWORKS

Premiere productions explore issues and textures of contemporary life by the best UCR student playwrights. A different slate of work is scheduled for each performance. Four performances: May 27, 28, 29 & 30 at 8 p.m. in the Theatre Lab. For more information call the UCR theatre department at (951) 827-4403.

## 35 GRIER PAVILION

City Hall's seventh floor patio area is the site of the Grier Pavilion, where diversity is celebrated and people can come to share knowledge and reflect on the commitment of Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge and city leaders of Riverside to its diverse community. All who enter the Grier Pavilion will immediately be immersed in the spirit of community diversity through a variety of displays, signage, imagery and linkages to the past, the present and the potential of the future. The Grier Pavilion is located at 3900 Main Street. For more information call the City of Riverside at (951) 826-5551.

## 36 HERITAGE HOUSE

Owned by the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (RMM), this 1891 Victorian showplace depicts life in turn-of-the century Riverside. An elegant reminder of the affluent homes which once graced Magnolia Avenue, Heritage House began as a project of the RMM Associates, a volunteer support group of the RMM. Heritage House is open Fridays noon - 3 p.m. and Sat-Sun noon - 3:30 p.m. Closed July and August. Suggested donation of $3 for adults and $1 for children and seniors. Heritage House is located at 8193 Magnolia Avenue. For more information call (951) 826-5273.

## 37 INLAND EMPIRE CHORUS

The Inland Empire Chorus consists of women who like to sing and perform four part harmony as well as a cappella barbershop style. They perform for local civic clubs and community organizations. For more information visit www.InlandEmpireChorus.org.

## 38 INLAND EMPIRE POETS

The Inland Empire Poets meet every Wednesday at Starbucks, which is located at 1201 University Avenue, from 7 – 9 p.m. Poets of any style or level of experience are welcomed to participate in the free workshop.

## 39 JAZZ at MARIO'S PLACE

Mario's Place, which is located at 3646 Mission Inn Avenue, is recognized as one of the Inland Empire's best dining experiences. This award winning restaurant is right across the street from the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa. On Friday and Saturday evenings, they offer great jazz music from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. with no cover charge. For more information call Mario's Place at (951) 684-7755 or visit www.mariosplace.com.

## 40 JAZZ-N-JAVA ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz-n-Java is an independent coffee shop committed to providing each and every customer with the best experience by subscribing to the old-fashioned notion that a coffee shop is a place where people can gather to connect with each other. Jazz-n-Java supports and participates in the community by providing a place where artists and musicians can express themselves. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Jazz-n-Java is located at 497 E. Alessandro Boulevard. For more information call (951) 780-1990 or visit them at www.jazz-n-java.com.

## 41 KUCR CONCERTS

KUCR is a non-commercial college radio station serving Inland Southern California that strives to bring forth information, music and ideas that are not commonly heard in mainstream or commercial media. KUCR is operated and supported by UCR students and alumni. KUCR hosts concerts at the Barn throughout the year. For information on upcoming events call (951) 827-3737 or visit www.kucr.org.

## 42 LA SIERRA MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In harmony with La Sierra University's mission to enlarge human understanding through scholarship, to educate the whole person and to serve others in a global community, the mission of the Music Department is to advance Christian values and ideals through the study and practice of music. Presentations are offered on the Faculty Recital Series or Ensemble Series. For more information call the La Sierra Department of Music at (951) 785-2036.

## 43 LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY'S 2nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL of ORIGINAL STUDENT WORKS: STAGE & SCREEN

La Sierra University's English and Communications Department is presenting their 2nd Annual Festival of Student Works. Students will perform a wide variety of selections, from comedy to drama. Performances will be held on May 30 & 31, 2009 at 8 p.m. For more information call (951) 785-2241 or email drama@lasierra.edu.

## 44 LIFE ARTS BUILDING

Several independent art galleries are located in the Life Arts Building, which is at 3485 University Avenue, in downtown Riverside. This is one of the stops for Artswalk on the first Thursday of each month. For more information call the Life Arts Building at (951) 784-5849.

## 45 MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM

March Field Air Museum is located in Riverside, California, next to the March Air Reserve Base off Interstate 215 at Van Buren Boulevard. The Museum serves as home to over 70 historic aircraft and displays over 2,000 artifacts. The March Field Air Museum commemorates the achievements of our military and civilian aviators; provides educational resources and programs; promotes public aware-ness of past, present and future air and space technologies; and depicts the history of the March Field Air Base. Open Tuesday – Sunday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is $8 general and $5 for ages 5-11. For more information call (951) 697-6600 or visit their website at www.marchfield.org.

## 46 MARIACHI FESTIVAL

A festival celebrating Hispanic culture and the genre of Mariachi music is returning to Riverside. The City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Mariachi Festival will showcase Mexican music, ballet folklorico dance, cultural activities and food for one glorious day this fall. The event was created to bring the genre of Mariachi music to the residents of Riverside. For more information call the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at 951-826-2042.

## 47 THE 31st ANNUAL MAYOR'S BALL for the ARTS

The Mayor's Ball is the Riverside Arts Council's annual fundraising event, dedicated to providing support for our Community Arts Partnership (CAP) grants and other valuable programs. CAP grant funding is distributed in Riverside, Corona, Norco, Moreno Valley, Perris and Hemet. Join us in Downtown Riverside's beautiful White Park for one special night on September 19 from 5 – 10 p.m. Bring your friends in costume, along with decorations for your table, and dance the night away while raising money for the arts in Greater Riverside. There'll be much mirth to be had by all. For more information about this event call the Riverside Arts Council at (951) 680-1345 or email info@riversidearts council.org.

## 48 MISSION INN MUSEUM

Built between 1902 and 1932, this remarkable hotel embraces all of the architectural phases of Southern California's fascination with its Spanish heritage. Now restored and refurbished, the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa still conveys the vision of its original owner, Frank A. Miller. The Mission Inn Museum offers a 75-minute walking tour led by docents trained on the art, architecture and history of the Mission Inn. This is your opportunity to see parts of the Inn that are inaccessible to the general public. Reservations are highly recommended. The Museum is located at 3649 Mission Inn Avenue. The cost is $12 for adults and senior citizens, children under twelve are free with an adult. $1 AAA discount. For more information call (951) 788-9556 during regular business hours for available tour times and reservations or visit www.missioninnmuseum.com.

## 49 MOUNTAINS and MEADOWS ART GALLERY

Fine art photography, note cards, photography assignments and photo restoration. Located in the Life Arts Building, 3485 University Avenue, the studio is open every Artswalk or by appointment. For more information call (951) 378-1302 or visit www.mountainsandmeadows.com.

## 50 MOUNT RUBIDOUX

Located west of downtown Riverside, Mt. Rubidoux is named for Louis Rubidoux, an early settler to the area. Frank Miller purchased the land in 1906 on which he built a road, planted vegetation and dedicated a cross to Father Junipero Serra. The nation's first annual outdoor Easter Sunrise Service was initiated here in 1909 and inspired similar programs across the country. The Peace Tower was designed by Arthur Benton and built in 1925. Located in North West Riverside approximately 1 mile from the historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa. For more information visit www.riversideca.gov.

## 51 OFF BROADWAY PLAY SERIES

The Off Broadway Play Series, presented by Riverside Community College, provides students the means to accomplish their goals in the performing arts with an educational program that prepares them to contribute as artists, educators, audience and supporters of the arts. At the heart of the department are outstanding arts experiences, superior teaching and access to valuable aesthetic learning in dance, music and theatre. For more information visit www.academic.rcc.edu/theatre.

## 52 OLD RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the historic environment in Riverside. Each year they present the Vintage Home Tour and Vintage Mercantile. The homes featured on the tour represent fine examples of many styles of architecture prevalent in Riverside at the height of its prosperity. The tour is held each year on the Saturday following Mothers' Day. For more information visit www.oldriverside.org.

## 53 PANHELLENIC HOME TOUR

Five select homes in the Riverside area are "on tour" in this annual fundraiser to benefit local charities. For more information call (951)684-6308 or 686-9627.

## 54 PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE

Performance Riverside is the resident professional musical theatre company for the Riverside Community College District. Located in the Landis Performing Arts Center, they produce quality musical theatre at affordable prices. Their season consists of five Broadway musicals beginning in September and ending in June. For more information call (951) 222-8100 or visit www.performanceriverside.org.

## 55 PLEIN AIR ARTISTS of RIVERSIDE

In affiliation with the Riverside Art Museum, the Plein Air Artists of Riverside (PAAR) is a group of artists that offer quarterly demo-nstrations by well-known Plein Air artists, several exhibitions each year and an annual nine day paint out with a show/exhibition at the Riverside Art Museum. For information call Terry D. Chacon at (909) 798-0567 or email shacone@aol.com.

## 56 PUBLIC ART

The Riverside Public Art Program invites residents and visitors to explore our City's public art collection. Sculptures, murals and integrated artworks are located throughout the City in parks, along roadways, in public buildings and in other public places. For more information call the City of Riverside's Arts and Cultural Affairs Division at (951) 826-5649.

## 57 RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Riverside Public Library (RPL) has a history that reaches back to 1888, growing from just a few rooms in the historic Loring Building to a distinguished Mission-Revival Library building financed by Andrew Carnegie to its current system of a Main Library and five branch libraries. With a collection of approximately 600,000 books and other library materials, as well as 125 public access computers and an annual circulation of 1.3 million, RPL is a major provider of information services and cultural programs in California's Inland Empire. For more information about upcoming events and your local library visit www.riversideca.gov/library.

## 58 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DANCE DEPARTMENT

The Riverside Community College Dance Department performs as many as four concerts each year showcasing the talent of the faculty and the students. During the Fall semester, the World Music and Dance Concert features music and dance from diverse world cultures, while Kinetic Conversations, the annual faculty concert, presents new work by faculty and guest choreographers. In January the dance department presents Collaborations and Celebrate Dance, the final concert of the year, which focuses on the creative and fresh ideas of the student choreographer. For more information on upcoming concerts call the Landis Box Office at (951) 222-8100 or visit www.academic.rcc.edu/dance.

## 59 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE JAZZ BAND

Riverside Community College Jazz Band performs throughout the year. For more information call (951) 222-8331 or visit www.rccjazz.com.

## 60 RED PLANET RECORDS

Red Planet Records, which is located at 6192 Magnolia Avenue, is a record store by day and an all ages music venue by night featuring local bands. For more information on upcoming shows call (951) 686-9544 or visit www.myspace.com/redplanettheallagesvenue.

## 61 RESTAURANT WEEK

The culinary arts are a rich and thriving part of the arts and cultural community in Riverside. Each year, the Riverside Greater Downtown Fine Dining Group produces "The Overture," an evening of tasting, wine pairing and entertainment to raise funds for Riverside arts organizations. This event kicks off Restaurant Week at Ciao Bella, Mario's Place, the restaurants of the Mission Inn, Omakase, Olio's Ristorante, Saffron, Sevilla and Trilussa, where lunch and dinner specials are offered. All the proceeds raised from this event benefit the Riverside arts and cultural community. For more information call the Riverside Arts Council at (951) 680-1345 or email info@riversideartscouncil.org.

## 62 RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

The Riverside Art Museum's (RAM) mission is to serve the community by providing visual art of the finest quality. RAM exhibits traditional and contemporary art that addresses social issues and diverse themes in a range of media techniques. The Museum mounts more than 20 major exhibitions a year, both traveling and privately organized, in four separate major galleries throughout the Museum. The Museum is located at 3425 Mission Inn Avenue. For more information call (951) 684-7111 or visit www.riversideartmuseum.org.

## 63 RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Riverside Children's Theatre presents two musical productions each year, one in the late fall and one in the early spring. All of the actors are students of the acting school provided by the organization. For more information visit www.riversidechildrenstheatre.org.

## 64 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Riverside Community Arts Association, which is located at 3870 Lemon Street, is dedicated to showcasing the art of its members to the public on a regular basis. Exhibits by local artists change every month so you are bound to see exciting new works in their gallery. For more information call (951) 682-6737.

## 65 RIVERSIDE COMUNITY COLLEGE ART GALLERY

Following the renovation of the historic quadrangle, the new art gallery at Riverside Community College is finally open. The art gallery features works created by students and faculty and is located at 3845 Market Street. For more information call the gallery at (951) 222-8358.

## 66 RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Riverside Community Players (RCP) is theatre-in-the-round, with the audience surrounding the stage. RCP's season consists of a Main Stage Series and a Family Series beginning in September and ending in July. RCP is located at 4026 14th Street. For more information call (951) 369-1200 or visit www.riversidecommunityplayers.org.

## 67 RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND

The Riverside Concert Band was established in 1876. Today it consists of 55 volunteer musicians who play for the love of music. The Band maintains the historical tradition of American concert band music by playing 20-25 concerts each year. For more information visit www.riversideconcertband.org.

## 68 RIVERSIDE COUNTY PHILHARMONIC

The Riverside County Philharmonic has been dubbed the "Best Orchestra in Southern California." Currently the orchestra presents a season of four performances in its home venue, the historic Riverside Municipal Auditorium. Each year, the Philharmonic performs a 4th of July concert at the Riverside National Cemetery. The orchestra has been acclaimed for its unique programming and its exceptional roster for guest soloists. For more information call (951)787-0251or visit www.thephilharmonic.org.

## 69 RIVERSIDE DICKENS FESTIVAL

The Riverside Dickens Festival takes place each February in historic downtown Riverside. The Festival produces exciting activities and events for all ages including plays, street performers, food vendors, educational workshops, musical performances and exhibits. The 2009 Riverside Dickens Festival is February 6, 7 and 8 in downtown Riverside. For more information about this event call (951) 781-3168 or visit dickensfest.com.

## 70 RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For more than 100 years, the Riverside Historical Society has brought together citizens dedicated to learning about our local history and preserving a record of it for future generations. The Society meets for lunch and a speaker program on the first Sunday of February, April, June, October and December. For more information email info@riversidehistoricalsociety.org or visit them at www.riversidehistoricalsociety.org.

## 71 RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

The Inland Empire was once the center of professional and amateur motorsports competitions during automotive racing's golden era of the 1950's to the 1970's. Once home to numerous race tracks, the region is today the home of Southern California's only professional competition venue. The Riverside International Automotive Museum, which is located at 815 Marlborough Avenue, is dedicated to the science, art and human experience of California's rich motorsports history. For more information call (951) 369-6966 or visit riversideinternationalraceway.com.

## 72 RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Riverside International Film Festival continues to grow in size, scope and stature as a prominent venue for top quality international cinema, showing films from around the world including world premieres, features, shorts and documentaries. The event kicks off with a gala event, followed by 10 days of screenings, red carpet premieres and panels with industry executives and after-parties. The 2009 Film Festival is scheduled for April. For more information call (951) 682-4456 or visit www.riversidefilmfest.org.

## 73 RIVERSIDE LYRIC OPERA

The Riverside Lyric Opera was founded in 2003 and is devoted to performing operatic literature, in concert style, using both local and invited professional singers. For information on upcoming concerts call (951) 683-8466 or visit www.riversidelittleopera.com.

## 74 RIVERSIDE MASTER CHORALE

The Riverside Master Chorale is committed to promoting choral excellence in education while maintaining its identity as a civic organization. This unique alliance of community, education and choral art is a fundamental part of its mission. For more information about upcoming events call (951) 222-8000 ext. 5806 or visit www.riversidemasterchorale.org.

## 75 RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

The Riverside Metropolitan Museum, located at 3580 Mission Inn Avenue, is a center for learning as well as a community museum that collects, exhibits and interprets cultural and natural history. The Museum's collections consist of over 75,000 objects, which include anthropology, natural history and history. The Museum's ongoing exhibitions include Natural Dioramas of the Riverside region, Local Lifeways Native Americans of Southern California and To Have a Hand in Creation: Citrus & the Rise of Southern California 1880 to Present. The Museum also offers educational programs, workshops, demonstrations and lectures. For more information on current and upcoming exhibitions call (951) 826-5273 or visit www.riversideca.gov/museum.

## 76 RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

The Riverside Municipal Auditorium, which is located at 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, hosts shows by Riverside's local performing arts organizations, as well as professional entertainers such as Lily Tomlin, Morrissey, The High Kings and Erika Badu. For more information on upcoming events call the box office at (951) 788-3944.

## 77 RIVERSIDE OPERA GUILD

The Riverside Opera Guild collaborates with other community organizations to present affordable opera programs for the enjoyment of Riverside residents of all ages. For more information call (951) 689-6153 or visit www.riversideoperaguild.org.

## 78 RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE

Riverside Youth Theatre was formed in 2000 to provide more theatre opportunities for youth in our City. The Riverside Youth Theatre performs popular musicals that are geared to young audiences. For more information call (951) 756-4240 or visit www.riversideyouththeatre.org.

## 79 SATURATION FESTIVAL

Every year loyal volunteers organize the Saturation Art and Music Festival. They host hundreds of artists, bands, performers, dancers, poets, DJs and arts & crafts vendors in several different venues throughout our City. This event takes place in downtown Riverside in October. For more information visit www.myspace.com/saturationfest.

## 80 SENRYU TAIKO

Senryu Taiko was established in the fall of 1998. Founding members were once part of a class devoted to taiko but wanted to further explore their love for taiko by creating Senryu Taiko. "Senryu" is made up of two separate kanji characters: "river" and "willow" respectively. Their mission is to share their love and knowledge of taiko by performing around the UCR campus, Riverside County and the Inland Empire. For information on upcoming events visit www.senryutaiko.com or email senryutaikoucr@gmail.com.

## 81 FLAMENCO at CAFÉ SEVILLA

Sevilla, which is located at 3252 Mission Inn Avenue, offers an intimate atmosphere in which to experience a complete Flamenco performance. At the Flamenco Dinner Show, you'll enjoy authentic Spanish cuisine while watching flamenco performers, including dancers, singers, percussionist and guitarists. The Flamenco Show occurs on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. To make reservations call (951) 778-0611.

## 82 SHERMAN INDIAN MUSEUM

The Sherman Indian Museum, which is located 9010 Magnolia Avenue, is dedicated to the history of Native Americans. The museum houses traditional Native American art and history exhibitions, offering guided and self-guided tours, school history lectures, a native plant garden, and cultural presentations. Museum hours are by appointment only. For more information call (951) 276-6719.

## 83 SMALL WONDER FOUNDATION

The Small Wonder Foundation, which is located at 7101 Jurupa Avenue, is a non-profit foundation for literature and the arts in Riverside. Its events feature exhibitions, readings and lectures, performances and film screening. For more information call (951) 681-4879 or visit www.smallwonderfound.org.

## 84 SMITHSONIAN WEEK in RIVERSIDE

In May 2008, the City of Riverside announced it was awarded status as the newest Smithsonian Affiliate in the nation. The Arts & Cultural Affairs Division and its community partners are preparing to launch Smithsonian Week in Riverside, scheduled to take place in April 2009. The theme for the week will be

"America on the Move" and will feature both Smithsonian scholars and local experts. For more information regarding the Smithsonian Week in Riverside, please call the City of Riverside Arts & Cultural Affairs Division at (951) 826-5649.

## 85 STAGE PRESENCE STUDIO of the ARTS

A performing arts studio that provides well-rounded training in acting, singing and dancing for the performers in their shows. This theatre produces several musicals a year in Riverside Community College's digital library. For more information call (951) 685-9338.

## 86 STAHL CENTER MUSEUM of CULTURE

The Stahl Center and the Museum were established in honor of Ana and Fernando Stahl, who sought to understand and share their lives and their medical and educational skills with the people of the Amazon and the Antiplano in Peru and Bolivia. The goal of the Museum is to share the vision of the Stahls and other medical missionaries who have contributed artifacts to the Stahl Center, which is located at 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, and to assist visitors in appreciating and understanding the cultures of the world. Tours are held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. For more information call (951) 785-2999.

## 87 SWEENEY ART GALLERY

The Sweeney Art Gallery, located at 3800 Main Street, is an artistic laboratory that engages diverse audiences with exhibitions and programs that are committed to experimentation, innovation, and the exploration of art in our time. The Sweeney places a special emphasis on inspiring projects that explore new ideas and materials and re-envision the relationship between art and life. For more information about upcoming exhibitions call the gallery at (951) 827-3755 or visit www.sweeney.ucr.edu.

## 88 THE GOURMET DETECTIVE

The Gourmet Detective is an interactive, comical, musical, murder mystery dinner show. Witness a crime and help solve a mystery. The waiters, cocktail servers, even the piano player will be a suspect. A three-course dinner is served by the suspects. The Gourmet Detective is located at 3663 Main Street. For more information call (951) 992-5424 or visit gourmetdetective.com.

## 89 THE PEOPLE'S GALLERY

The People's Gallery is a non-profit art gallery located in downtown Riverside at 3643 University Avenue. This is a public venue for the art community of our City. Open Thursday nights (except holidays) 6-10 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call (951) 715-4641.

## 90 THE TEQUIHUA FOUNDATION

Shamanic Storytelling is an indigenous art of the Americas. It has, however, remained underground for the last 1,000 years. The Tequihua Foundation's Hablador, Koyote, takes participants on a journey to the spaces in between. They perform free of charge every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (951) 776-4000 or visit www.tequihuafoundation.org.

## 91 UC RIVERSIDE PRESENTS

UC Riverside Presents is a performing arts series featuring performances by well-known musicians, dancers and theatre artists. For more information regarding the 2008-2009 season call (951) 827-4629 or visit www.culturalevents.ucr.edu.

## 92 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE BOTANIC GARDENS

The University of California, Riverside Botanic Gardens, which is located at 900 University Avenue, is 40 acres of botanical gardens containing more than 3,500 plant species from around the world. This wealth of vegetation creates a hospitable sanctuary for wildlife, where nearly 200 bird species have been officially observed. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is a $1 suggested donation and there is limited parking by the entrance. For more information call (951) 784-6962 or visit www.gardens.ucr.edu.

## 93 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE DANCE

"UCR is Dancing" is the annual presentation of original choreography projects created by students in the Department of Dance. Held at the University Theater in early March is the culmination of five quarters of choreography courses showcasing new ideas and experimentation in choreography and movement. "UCR is Dancing" also includes original choreography and historical dance reconstructions by faculty and professional guest artists. For more information regarding dates and times for this event call the UCR Dance Department at (951) 827-7059 or visit www.dance.ucr.edu.

## 94 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE CHAMBER SINGERS

The UCR Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. Ruth Charloff, is a mixed chorus of about 30 members performing mainly a cappella music spanning six centuries. Recent eclectic programs have featured composers Fauré, Schütz, Rachmaninoff, Pärt, Vaughan Williams, Rautavaara, Whitacre, Ginastera, Biebl, Copland, Ligeti, Piazzolla, Shatin, Brahms, Hildegard of Bingen and many others, as well as madrigals and shape note songs, carols arranged by Caracciola, Young and Holst, and spirituals arranged by Moses Hogan, André Thomas and William Dawson. They frequently collaborate with instrumental ensembles for such works as Bach cantatas and a Schubert mass. The chorus is committed to presenting music by UCR composers, including Byron Adams's recent Trois Illuminations for chorus and harp. Singers include members of the Riverside community as well as UCR students. For more information call the UCR Music Department at (951) 827-5412.

## 95 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

UCR Chamber Ensembles, currently under the direction of Frances Moore, was founded in 1990. Evening concerts in the Music Department performance series are generally presented twice a year. Performances have included outstanding works by UCR student composers such as the Canciones Celestiales by Abraham Fabella. If you would like to hear UCR Chamber Ensembles perform, contact the UCR Arts Calendar for information at (951) 827-3245.

## 96 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE PIPE BAND

The UCR Pipe Band is part of the External Relations division of the University of California, Riverside, and serves as an ambassador to the campus. The UCR Pipe Band is a diverse group of musicians and performers offering a wide range of Celtic music played on bagpipes and drums. For more information regarding performance call the UCR Pipe Band at (951) 827-4590 or visit www.pipeband.ucr.edu.

## 97 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE THEATRE

Each year the Department of Theatre produces a full season of new and classic shows directed and designed by faculty and guest artists. For information on the 2008-2009 season call the Theatre Department at (951) 827-7193 or visit www.theatre.ucr.edu.

## 98 UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE WRITERS WEEK

For 30 years, Writers Week has been the signature event for the Department of Creative Writing at UCR. The event celebrates stories, poems, images and words. For information on the 2009 Writers Week call the Creative Writing Department at (951) 827-3615.

## 99 UCR/CALIFORNIA MUSEUM of PHOTOGRAPHY

UCR/California Museum of Photography is located in the old Kress' five-and-dime store built in 1929 at 3824 Main Street. UCR/California Museum of Photography provides a cultural presence, educational resource, community center and intellectual meeting ground for the university and the general public. The museum's explorations of photographic media through exhibition, collection, publication and the web examine the history of photography and showcase current practice in photography and related media. To serve an audience that is multicultural, young and old, general and specialized, the museum presents programs that recognize the variety and complexity of cultural experience and explore the relationship between traditional expression and contemporary practice. The museum is vitally concerned with the intersection of photography, new imaging media and society. Located off campus in Downtown Riverside, UCR/CMP is committed to bringing the most challenging art to the widest possible audience. For information on upcoming exhibits call (951) 827-4787 or visit www.cmp.ucr.edu.

## 100 OLD RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION'S VICTORIAN TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

The evening includes a four-course progressive dinner hosted in some of the Heritage Square Historic District's most illustrious vintage homes with transportation between homes provided by horse-drawn carriages. Proceeds benefit historic preservation in Riverside and the Inland Empire. For more information on the Victorian Twelfth Night Celebration call (951) 683-2725 or visit www.oldriverside.org.

## 101 WORLD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY at LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY

The World Museum of Natural History, which is located at 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, contains outstanding systematic displays of amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles. Specimens prepared by sculpture and freeze-dry taxidermy are displayed in a lifelike manner. Also on display is one of the world's largest and finest collections of mineral spheres. Rounding out the displays are gems and minerals, fluorescent minerals, meteorites and tektites, petrified wood, shells, American Indian artifacts and contemplative stones. The Museum is open to the public every Saturday from 2 - 5 p.m. It is also open by appointment at other times. For more information call (951) 785-2209.

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