

Discover charm of Silver City during Columbus Day Weekend at the Galleries

Silver City - Join in four days of festive activities at the 12th annual Silver City "Weekend at the Galleries" - Columbus Day weekend, October 10 to 13. Participate in gallery art walks, a wine tasting gala, the "phantom studio" special event and art auction, theater presentations and a Film Festival. The weekend festivities are presented by the Mimbres Region Arts Council and sponsored by 1st New Mexico Bank of Silver City. Media sponsor Q92 FM.

More than 200 artists will have their work presented in over two dozen galleries in historic downtown Silver City during this annual Columbus Day weekend art extravaganza. Many new works will be on display, as well as outdoor sculptural pieces at several sites throughout the arts district. Gallery openings take place 10am to 7pm on Saturday, Oct. 11, and

from 10am to 4pm on Sunday Oct. 12 and from 10am to 2pm Monday Oct. 13.

Kick off the weekend Friday night, Oct 10 with the Wine Tasting Opening Reception - a benefit for the Mimbres Region Arts Council -- 5-7pm at the Gallery 400. Enjoy sampling different wines from New Mexico Wineries in the beautiful outdoor courtyard of the gallery, while admiring the paintings on exhibit. The \$15 ticket entitles the bearer to a commemorative wine glass and tastes of several varieties of wine. Additional wine can be purchased at \$5 a glass.

On Saturday Oct. 11, experience the "Phantom Studio" event. Here's how it works: on Saturday, a studio materializes at Iksaeder, located at 315 N Texas Street, and 13 artists appear out of nowhere - each creating a piece of art in just 8 hours. The public is encouraged

to watch. The artwork created will be auctioned at Gallery 400. Each wonderful piece will disappear into the hands of a happy bidder - but don't expect the works to be framed, or even dry! A \$15 ticket admits you to the auction. Preview the artwork at 7:30pm; bidding starts at 8:00pm.

The Theater Group New Mexico & Virus Theater present Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at the Gila Theater in the downtown historic district. Six shows: October 10 at 9:30 pm; October 11 at 2 pm, 5 pm, 9:30 pm; and, October 12 at 2 pm & 5 pm. Visit www.virus.theater.com for information.

The 2008 Silver City Film Festival presents screenings and

events at the Historic Downtown Silco Theatre and the WNMU Fine Arts Center Theater. Visit www.silvercityfilmfest.org for information. Advance tickets can be purchased by contacting seff or in person at: *The Curious Kumquat, 111 E. College Avenue, Silver City. Ticket prices are: \$5 For single films or events \$25 for a pass (6 films or events)

Tickets for the weekend's events are available for purchase at the Arts Council office in Wells Fargo Bank. Advance tickets are \$20 for both events. If you would like a brochure, or more information about Weekend at the Galleries, call 505-538-2505, 888-758-7289, or visit www.mimbresarts.org.

The Mimbres Region Arts Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the cultural life of southwestern New Mexico by providing quality programs that nurture and inspire a love and understanding of the arts. In 2008, MRAC was the top-rated arts council in the state.

Call for Entries

Calling all fiber artists to the 7th Biennial Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta (May 21-23, 2009). Entry deadline is March 1st, 2009. Entry forms, prize information and entry details at www.fiberartsfiesta.org.

Steppin' Out Calendar of Events October & November, 2008

Thu., Oct. 2

Shiprock - 97th annual Northern Navajo Nation Shiprock Fair and celebration, fairgrounds, 505-599-1174

Fri., Oct. 3

Abq - Art space 116, 116 Central SW Suite 201, reception for Liz Fritzsche, "Bare Ground" exhibit continues through Nov. 14, www.artspace116.org - 505-245-4200

Socorro - NMT Macey Center, Presidential Chamber Music Series hosted by Willy Sucre, 7:30 pm. Free, 575-835-5688, nmtpas.org

Sat., Oct. 4

Abq - Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, 4:30 am, through Sun., Oct. 12, www.cabq.gov.

*Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival, 1-25 & Paseo del Norte, near Balloon Park, thru Oct. 5

*Indian & Spanish Art Showcase, Courtyard by Marriott, Journal Center, art show/sale, music, food, 9 am - 5 pm thru Oct. 5

*Jewelry show sponsored by Petroglyph Nat. Monument, Western Nat. Parks Assoc. and Silver Sun Wholesale, lectures and show, Unser Blvd. NW at Western Trail. Info: Ed Dunn (505) 899-0205 x347.

*Guadalupe Trail Studio Tour, thru Oct. 5, North Valley, Los Rancho, Corrales, 505-898-8828, www.skydogart.com

Elephant Butte - C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Tournament 575-744-5923

Farmington - Siege the Day Trebuchet Contest, 1-4 pm, Gateway Museum, 505-599-1169, www.farmingtonmuseum.org

Grants - Double 6 Gallery reception for Ceramic Show & Fall Festival, 1-4 pm, 1001 Santa Fe Ave, 505-287-7311

*Ancient Way Fall Festival on NM 53, 800-748-2142 or 505-287-4802

Madrid - Johnsons of Madrid, First Saturdays: Mary Springfels' Chamber music group performs, 1-3 pm(\$\$); gallery reception, 3-5 pm; 505-471-1054

Mesilla - 7th annual Mesilla Jazz Happening, free live jazz, wine garden, 575-524-3524, www.oldmesilla.org

Mountainair - Cibola Arts Gallery exhibits works from the Art Etc group, opening reception Sat., Oct. 4, 2-4 pm, continues through Oct. 31; weekly art group under Shirley Simmons; 505-847-0324

Ruidoso - Aspenfest Weekend, 575-682-2733, www.ruidoso.net/aspenfest

Socorro - Oktoberfest, 11-4, Hammel Museum, 575-835-1721/5325

*Chile Proppers Model Aircraft Fly, NM Tech fly field, 575-835-

4568

*Bosque del Apache NWR party celebration with wildlife artists Elli Sorenson, Jerry Goffe, Patti & Phil McLain, Skeeter Leard, Jon Hagelund, with local food manufacturers, 1-4 pm, 585-835-1828

*Very Large Array van tours, 575-835-8927

*White Sands Missile Range - Trinity Site open to the public. Tours from Alamogordo and Socorro. Call chambers for more information

Sun., Oct. 5

Abq - AMP Concerts presents Chirgichin, South Broadway Cultural Center, 7 pm, www.ampconcerts.org

Grants - Fiesta of San Rafael, 287-3238/505-876-8314

Ramah - Fall Art Exhibit opening reception, Old School Gallery, 1/2 mi east of El Morro Nat. Monument

Mon., Oct. 6

Alto - Spencer Theater presents "Oliver", 8 pm. www.spencertheater.com or call 575.336.4800.

Tues., Oct. 7

Belen - Belen Model Railroad Club's Fall model railroad train show, Belen Harvey House, Tues. - Sat/ 12:30 - 3:30; vendor exhibits and sale/swap on Oct. 18-19; museum: 505-861-0581

Wed., Oct. 8

Abq - AMP Concerts presents Great Big Sea, El Rey theater, 8pm, www.ampconcerts.org

Thurs., Oct. 9

Belen - Wellness Fair, UNM-Valencia, 9 am - 3 pm, flu shots, blood drive, info booths 505-925-8547

Weekend of Oct. 10-12

Abq - NM Symphony Orchestra, Mendelssohn's Elijah, thru Oct. 12, Popejoy Hall, 505-881-9590, www.nmsso.org

*4th annual Gourd Festival, Sat & Sun, BQ Garden Center, 505-306-2205

Deming - Deming Performing Arts Theater presents Rainger, SW Folk/American music, Morgan Hall, 109 E. Pine St., Fri 7 pm, Sat, 2 pm, 575-545-8872

Farmington - Four Corners Storytelling Festival, performances at Berg Park, Totah Theatre, Public Library, 505-599-1273 800-448-1240 www.infoway.org

*SJ Quilt Show Exhibit Fair F: 10-7, S-9-S, Civic Center, 505-325-4490

Roswell - 3rd annual Pecos Valley Jazz and Art Festival, various locations, Fri, noon through Sun, 575-622-6898/4910 ext. 20, www.pecosvalleyjazz.com

Ruidoso - Lincoln County

Cowboy Symposium, Ruidoso Downs racetrack, 575-378-7262

Silver City - Weekend at the Galleries, fine art, music, theatre and film, 575-538-2505

Socorro - 6th annual Socorro Fest:

*Fri., 7:30 pm, NMT Macey Center, Fiamma Fumana, 585-835-5688, nmtpas.org

*Sat: noon - 10 pm two stages, free music, arts/crafts, harmonica contest, spirits tent, more, historic Plaza, 575-835-8927

*Sevilleta & La Joya Open House, 505-864-4021

Sat., Oct. 11

Abq - AMP Concerts presents Fiamma Fumana, The Coopagee, 7220 Lomas Blvd NE, 8 pm (21+), www.ampconcerts.org

Aztec - Oktoberfest at Main Ave., SW largest Volkswagen parade, food, fun, games, fine arts, 334-9551

Belen - Casa De Abo Fall Art Show, 10 am - 6 pm, music, art demonstrations, artists' works, 620 River Rd., just off Reinken west of Railroad, 505-861-5940; www.casa-deabo.com

*Fall Festival Anna Becker Park, 4-8 pm, music food, games, hay rides, 505-304-5324

Deming - St. Clair Wine Festival, 575-546-5394

Grants - Cibola County Cultural Fair, City Hall Park, 505-287-4802

Rio Rancho - Gourmet Apple Festival, Purple Sage Garden Center, 8:30 am - 6:30 pm, Sun: 9-5, 505-891-2600

Roswell - Roswell Museum and Art Center Art Block Party and Chalk Art Festival, 10 am - 4 pm, behind Museum on 11th St., (575) 624-6744, ext. 10

*Roswell Symphony Orchestra Pearson Auditorium, NMMI campus, 7:30pm, 623-5882; 575-623-5882; 800-300-9822, www.roswell-symphony.org

Sun., Oct. 12

Alamogordo - Walk Out West 1.5m walk, health fair, fun, 575-437-6120

Belen - Dessert and Music in the Belen Art League Garden 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Music by 10 Cats Laughing \$5.00. 505.861.0217

Las Cruces - 12th annual Arts & Crafts Faire, 10 am - 4 pm, Good Samaritan Village, 575-556-2119

*New Mexico Watercolor Society - Southern Chapter meets, 2 pm, Good Samaritan's activities room, Buena Vida; Jan Ady, 575-526-5374

Thurs., Oct. 16

Roswell - The Roswell Refugee - Purple Ribbon Dinner, 6 pm, National Network to End Domestic Violence, speaker, tickets; 575-624-3222

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