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Statewide Events Guide

Calendar information is compiled from the Arizona Guide and other communications outlets.

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To submit items for the calendar email greg@take5az.com

Hear it: Music



24th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival

April 14-15
Murphy Park
Glendale

Music, food, arts & crafts, wine tasting. Free (623) 930-2299 or www.visitglendale.com

Faculty Artist Series

April 15, 2:30 p.m.
Katzin Concert Hall
Tempe

Featuring Martin Shuring, oboe and Seibert Rampe, harpsichord. \$8 (480) 965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/facultyseries/index.html>

Soweto Gospel Choir

April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

They share their heartfelt and inspirational message of love, joy and hope, in addition to traditional African gospel, their exuberant repertoire includes renditions of Amazing Grace, Parades Road and Oh Happy Day. \$40 (480) 994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

ASU Chamber Orchestra and Sinfonietta

April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Gammage
Tempe

Jana Minov guest conducts and the ASU Concert of Soloists winner performs. Free (480) 965-TUNE or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar>

Beethoven's Fifth

April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Phoenix Symphony with conductor Michael Christie and flute Carol Wincenc. \$28-52 www.phoenixsymphony.org

Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony

April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Gammage
Phoenix

Virtuoso clarinetist Robert Spring is featured in the Arizona premiere of Michael Daugherty's Brooklyn Bridge. Free (480) 965-TUNE or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar>

Annual Jazz in the Garden Concert Series

April 20, 7-9 p.m.
Desert Botanical Gardens
Phoenix

Featuring Sherry Roberson Quartet - Traditional Jazz and Blues. \$14-\$20 (480) 941-1225 or www.dbg.org

Daughter Schumann - A Musical Portrait

April 20, 8 p.m.
Kerr Cultural Center
Scottsdale

Starring Elke Sommer, written by Harry Clark, featuring Harry Clark on cello and Sanda Schuldmann on piano. www.asukerr.com or www.cmpsouthwest.org

7th Annual Chandler Jazz Festival

April 21-22, 2-10 p.m.
Historic Downtown
Chandler

More than 120 musicians, and 20 hours of performances scheduled, arts & crafts fair. Free (480) 786-2665 or www.visit Chandler.org

Taikoproject: (re)generation

April 21-22, 7:30 & 8 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

An ensemble of America's premier emerging taiko drummer, the group's work balances the traditions and rich history of Japanese taiko with a contemporary edge. \$38 (480) 994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

Sunday at Kerr

April 22, 3 p.m.
Kerr Cultural Center

Scottsdale

Featuring Shana and Joe Bousar - Jazz to Broadway, singer and pianist, father/daughter duo. (480) 596-2660 or www.asukerr.com

ASU Herberger College MainStage Jazz presents The Music of Charles Mingus

April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Katzin Music Hall
Tempe

Mike Kocour directs, honoring jazz great Charles Mingus with the ASU Jazz Repertory Band and Byron Ruth on tenor saxophone. \$7-18 www.herbergercollege.asu.edu

Nickel Creek

April 26, 8 p.m.
Mesa Arts Center

With special guest Tift Merritt, contemporary bluegrass. \$34.50-\$39.50 (480) 644-6500 or www.mesaartscenter.com

Fresh Aire: The Music of Mannheim Steamroller

April 27, 8 p.m.
Mesa Arts Center

Live performance of favorite Steamroller music and songs from their new "Romantic Themes." \$38-\$76 (480) 644-6500 or www.mesaartscenter.com

Coffee Classics: Beethoven and Mendelssohn

April 27, 11 a.m.
Symphony Hall
Phoenix

With Phoenix Symphony, Christopher Seaman conducts, Benedetto Lupo, piano. (602) 495-1999 or www.phoenixsymphony.org

Phoenix Symphony Atrium Event

April 27, 6 p.m.
Phoenix Symphony Hall

Lobby, enjoy the music of small ensembles played in a happy hour setting. \$10, (602) 495-1999 or www.phoenixsymphony.org

4th Annual McDowell Mountain Music Festival

April 27-28, Fri. gates open at noon, Sat. 10 a.m.
WestWorld
Scottsdale

Eclectic music festival promoting a community gathering and charity benefit amidst RV & tent camping, a

host of great acts with several Grammy winners among them, delectable food, kid's activities, a dozen artists, benefits Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona and Phoenix Day Child and Family Learning Center. (602) 343-0453 or www.mmmf.net

Hear it: Presentations



History of a Soldier

April 14-15
Fort Verde State Park
Camp Verde

Celebrate the timeline of the history of the soldier, military encampments, living history presentations and reenactments, part of the 50th Anniversary of State Parks, www.azstateparks.com

Dr. Rich Schooler

April 18, 7 p.m.
Café Carumba

The Desert Sleuth Chapter of Sisters in Crime will present Dr. Rich Schooler, former Emergency Room physician. Always entertaining, Dr. Schooler will discuss his life in the ER and its impact on mystery writing. Sisters in Crime is an international organization of mystery/suspense writers, readers and fans. The local chapter is open to both women and men interested in the mystery genre. Café Carumba is at 7303 E. Indian School Rd. www.angelfire.com/az2/sic (602) 454-7815.

Coffee and Culture: Michelangelo: An Italian Master

April 21, 10-11:30 p.m.
Larsen Gallery
Scottsdale

Monthly slide presentation and discussion on a variety of artists and art movements. (480) 941-0900 or www.larsengallery.com

Astronomy Open House

April 27, 8-10 p.m.
Roof of the Bateman Physical Sciences Bldg. H Wing
Tempe

Learn about the moon & planets. Free (480) 727-7010 or <http://eagle.la.asu.edu/openhouse>

See it: Arts



Art is an Idea: The Moquay Collection

Through May 20
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Among the top few pre-eminent private collections of contemporary art in the Phoenix metro area, rooted in conceptual European art of the 1960s, the holding include works by pivotal artists of the postwar era, from the historical figures Jean Tinguely and Yves Klein to contemporary international stars such as Wolfgang Laib, Andrew Goldsworthy, Thomas Hirshhorn and Guillermo Kuitca. (480) 994-2787 or www.smoca.org

Jelly: An Installation by Artist Gwyneth Scally

Through April 22
Mesa Contemporary Arts

Strange sea creatures act as acolytes to narrative depicted in the artist's painting, public reception March 22. (480) 644-6560 or www.mesaartscenter.com

See it: Special Events



Carnivale de Cuisine

April 13, 7 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Participants enjoy a magical evening of food, wine, music, culture and cuisine, The Groove Merchants and other surprise performances by local entertainment groups and celebrities. \$55-65 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

Fiesta Days Rodeo & Parade

April 13-15
Cave Creek

Includes golf tournament, PRCA, rodeo parade and rodeo performances, <http://dfcasecretary.tripod.com/dfca>

2007 Rose Festival - 8th Annual

April 13-15
Tombstone

Rose parade, auction of picnic basket lunches, best-tasting cake contest, Pioneer Women of the Old West competition. (520) 457-3929

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or www.tombstone.org

Farmhouse Village Saturday Boutique

April 14, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Farmhouse Village Pavilion
Gilbert

25 crafters/vendors with a variety of unique items including tea sets, quilts, fabric art, woven art, glass art, candles, soaps and lotions, jewelry, stone work, fashion accessories, home décor dog biscuits, primitive dolls and more. Free (480) 539-1870

10th Annual Arizona Book Festival

April 14, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Carnegie Center
Phoenix

Family event celebrating books and reading, features four stages of entertainment including author readings, storytelling, a world premiere play *Tomas and the Library Lady* based on the book by Pat Mora and performed by Childsplay, kids' activities, panel discussions, surprises. Free. www.azbookfestival.org

Ladies Day

April 14
Turf Paradise
Phoenix

Live horse races and daily simulcasting, free makeup giveaway with paid admission, races for only \$2 before 2 p.m. Free concert. www.turfparadise.com

37th Annual Sun Country Iris Society Spring Show

April 14, noon-4 p.m.
Baker Nursery
Phoenix

Free exhibit to the public. www.suncountryiris.org

11th Annual ASU Art Museum Short Film and Video Festival

April 14, 8 p.m.
Nelson Fine Arts Plaza
Tempe

Celebrates the artistic & creative endeavors of individuals with different visions & levels of experience, bring lawn chair or blanket. Free (480) 965-2787 or <http://asuartmuseum.asu.edu/filmfest>

8th Annual Wild Eagle Railroad Open House

April 14-15, Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phoenix

A model train landscape show to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Arizona, 15 layouts at homes throughout the Valley, including the home of Eaglewings Iron Craft train owner, includes G-scale garden railroad demonstrations.

Free, donations accepted, 602-276-8101 or www.eaglewingsironcraft.com

Great Arizona Picnic

April 14-15, Sat. noon - 10 p.m., Sun. noon - 7 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Food sampling from more than 50 of the finest restaurants in the Valley, continuous musical entertainment & Saturday "Concert Under the Stars," \$5 entry, 12 and under free, & \$1 tasting coupon. (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

Cooks & Corks

April 14-15, noon-5 p.m.
Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Food and wine tastings with cooking demos from some of the Valley's top chefs hosted by Food & Wine expert Anthony Gigilo. \$75 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

Southwest Festival of Beers

April 14-15, Sat. noon - 7 p.m., Sun. noon-6:30 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza
Scottsdale

A Beer Garden featuring more than 200 specialty beers and, fun & musical entertainment. \$5 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

17th Annual Bell Lexus Copperstate 1000

April 14-18
Phoenix

More than 70 of the finest vintage motor cars leave Phoenix Art Museum and drive 1000 miles of popular Arizona terrain, celebrates the automotive cultural legacy by featuring some of the finest working examples of vintage, sports, racing, classic and grand touring automobiles manufactured before Jan. 1, 1973, fundraiser for the Art Museum. (602) 307-2060 or www.copperstate1000.com

Wine Country Brunch

April 15, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center

Highlights eight wineries, meet winemakers & experience award-winning food & wine combinations, also a silent auction. \$60 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

Best of the Fest

April 15, 6:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Scottsdale

Featuring prominent Valley chefs each creating a five-course dinner for their two tables of ten, each course is paired with quality wines.

\$175 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

Challenge to the Chefs

April 15, 1 p.m.
Scottsdale Civic Center

Features four Valley chefs each presented with identical baskets of ingredients, devising a menu & cooking it using the ingredients, part of the Great Arizona Picnic. \$5 (480) 945-7193 or www.scottsdaleculinaryfestival.org

61st Annual Desert Caballeros Ride

April 16-20
Wickenburg

Men's week long trail ride in the surrounding scenic Bradshaw Mountains. (928) 684-5479 or (928) 6844-3618 or www.outwickenburgway.com

8th Annual Rotary River Rally

April 20-21, Fri. preview 4-8 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tempe Town Lake

Featuring the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, benefits the Rotary Clubs of Tempe. Free (480) 905-5944 or www.rotaryriverrally.com

Lakefest 2007

April 20-22, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Firebird International Raceway
Chandler

Biggest & fastest boats on water, unlimited Hydroplanes return to Firebird, more than 150 teams from British Columbia, Canada & the US, presented by Mission Foods. (602) 268-0200 or www.firebirdraceway.com

Annual Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale

April 20-22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Desert Botanical Gardens
Phoenix

Features prize-winning cactus and succulent plants grown by club members and judged by experts in the field, society members available to answer questions and give growing tips. (480) 941-1225 or www.dbg.org

13th Annual Arizona Asian Festival

April 20-22, Fri. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Heritage & Science Park
Phoenix

Ethnic dance performances from Asia & Pacific Islands, authentic Asian food & shopping, free children's hands-on activities, from India, China, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Laos, Vietnam, Japan. Free (602) 712-8889 or www.aaaa-az.org

7th Annual Spring "Awaken Your Spirit" Fine Art Show & Sale

April 20-22
Town and County Shopping

Center
Phoenix

Hundreds of juried artists from 17 statewide art leagues, from Mesato Wickenburg. Free, benefits community outreach programs in art education for youth and Alzheimer's' citizens. (602) 870-7610 or www.azartalliance.com

21st Annual ASU Spring Competition Pow Wow

April 20-22, Fri. 5:30 p.m., Sat. 11:30 a.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.

ASU Band Practice Field
Tempe

Dancing in 23 categories, Native American arts & crafts, Indian fry bread, intertribal dancing. \$3-\$5, (480) 965-5224 or <http://powwow.asu.edu>

Railroad Days

April 20-22
Winslow

Multiple venues, includes an exhibit of RR photos from the Old Trails Museum at the Seattle Grind, a model railroad exhibit at the La Posada Hotel that will fill the Depot, tour of Mike Salwitz's restored PennCentral RR car at La Posada, a Santa Fe Railroad Archive exhibit at Snowdrift Art Space. www.winslowarizona.org

Gilbert Global Village Festival

April 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Gilbert North Civic Center

A multi-cultural celebration, features music, dance, arts & crafts, food and sports of a variety of cultures, stage performances include Irish Step Dancers, Scottish Bagpipes, Chinese Lion dancing, Australian didgeridoo and Latin America's folklorico, hands on activities & demonstrations, Chinese kites, Tai Chi, Aboriginal face painting. Free (480) 503-6895 or www.ci.gilbert.az.us/calendar

Kids Fishing Festival

April 21, 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Green Valley Park
Payson

Raffle tickets will be given to each participant to win classes on fishing from Game and Fish instructors, food booths, additional raffle tickets will be sold for a variety of gifts, services, major prizes will be drawn after 2 pm, sponsored by the Rim Country Optimist Club of Payson, free but register that day, 928-474-2601 or 928-468-0320 or 928-472-2264

13th Annual Earth/Arbor Day

April 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Superior

Live demonstration of pine needle basketry, cedar flute music by Joseph Leal, talk

with wood-turning artisans and learn proper pruning and tree care techniques. \$3-\$7.50 (520) 689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

33rd Annual Taste 2007

April 22, 6 p.m.
Kierland Commons

Bringing together top chefs from across the Valley, and musical entertainment, benefits Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix. (602) 954-8182 or www.bgcmp.org

7th Annual ZooBrew

April 27, 7-11 p.m.
Phoenix Zoo

Casual event at lakeside lawn, brews from local breweries, & BBQ, must be 21 years-old to attend. \$60 (602) 273-1341 or www.phoenixzoo.org

Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show

April 27-29, Fri.-Sat. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
State Fairgrounds
Phoenix

Displays, free consultations, playhouse auction, interior design and remodeling clinics, outdoor kitchen ideas, pool & spa displays, "Ask the Experts" information area, landscape designers, master gardener seminars, \$3-5, www.MaricopaCountyHomeShows.com

See it: Theater



La Cage Aux Follies

Through April 22
Arizona Broadway Theatre
Peoria

This farcical frolic set in a chic St. Tropez night club is a side-splitting gender bender of musical mayhem. (623) 776-8400 or www.azbroadwaytheatre.com

Mixed Repertory

April 13-15, 2 & 8 p.m.
Orpheum Theatre
Phoenix

By Ballet Arizona, a special spring show showcasing the talent of the company's thirty dancers, a variety of contemporary, high energy and compelling ballets, choreographers to be featured include George Balanchine, Jorma Elo and artistic director Ib Andersen. \$10-104 (602) 381-1096 or www.balletaz.org

The Fantasticks

April 13-29, 2 & 7 p.m.
Mesa Arts Center

By Mesa Encore Theatre, the longest running musical in the world, a timeless fable of love. \$25 www.mesaartscenter.com

Little Red Riding Hood

April 13-30
Mesa Arts Center

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Part of the Stageworks Series, a modern Russian version translated into English by George Shail. \$14-15 (480) 644-6500 or www.mesaartscenter.com

Bluish
April 14-29
Playhouse on the Park
Phoenix

Contemporary comedy explores the issues of identity and what makes us who we are—whether that's genetics, personal history or our faith, the play follows Beth Richardson who discovers after a comfortable life of Santa Claus, supper clubs, and Easter bonnets, that she was born Jewish, by Arizona Jewish Theatre Company. (602) 264-0402 or www.azjewishtheatre.org

Love, Janis
April 14-May 13
Herberger Theater Center
Phoenix

By Arizona Theatre Company, Janis Joplin's journey from small-town girl to rock-n-roll icon comes alive in this hit musical crafted from her letters home to her family and the high-voltage performances of her biggest hits. (602) 256-6995 or www.arizonatheater.org

Susannah by Carlisle Floyd
April 19-22
Symphony Hall
Phoenix

By Arizona Opera, pre-performance talks held one hour prior to curtain, talkbacks give the audience an opportunity to hear from artists and production staff immediately following each performance, sung in Italian with English surtitles. \$25-\$125 (480) 784-4444 or (520) 321-1000 or www.azopera.com

ASU Herberger College MainStage Dance presents Poetry Both Fierce and Fragile
April 19-22, 7:30 & 2 p.m.
Dance Studio Theatre
Tempe

By special arrangement with the Jose Limon Foundation ASU produces Limon's masterwork, *Missa Brevis*, on the 60th anniversary of its creation with Nina Watt a 30-year veteran of the Limon Dance, also a selection of exemplary pieces created and performed by the faculty, students and guest artists. \$7-\$20 (480) 965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu>

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The Full Monty
April 19-June 2
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre
Mesa

Broadway's smash hit musical comedy about six good buddies whose desperate plan to get their lives back together requires them to triumph over their fears, their nerves...and their clothes. (480) 325-6700 or www.broadwaypalmwest.com

April Off the Cuff
April 20, 7:30 p.m.
Mesa Arts Center
Mesa

An improvisational troupe of Stageworks. \$10 (480) 644-6500 or www.mesaartscenter.com

Uprooted: The Katrina Project
April 20-21, 8 p.m.
Theater 4301
Scottsdale

Developed by Alternate ROOTS in collaboration with Holden & Arts Associates, Uprooted is an artist collective of actors, dancers, musicians and poets who were affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, they share their stories while engaging in art for social change and delivering a taste of home to the displaced. \$38 (480) 994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

ASU Herberger College MainStage Lyric Opera Theatre presents Candide-Chelsea Version
April 20-28, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Evelyn Smith Music Hall
Tempe

Masterful adaptation of Voltaire's satirical comedy classic finds our hero, Candide, traveling through every absurd adversity and hardship imaginable, cast of 18 plays six principals and nearly 250 additional roles in this high-energy spoof of the "Age of Optimism" contains sexual innuendo. \$7-\$22 www.herbergercollege.asu.edu

ASU Herberger College Mainstage Theatre presents Love's Fire
April 20-29, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre
Tempe

Live short plays, each paired with the Shakespearean sonnet that inspired it, unusual interpretation by some of today's most noteworthy playwrights, contains strong language and thematic material. \$7-\$22 www.herbergercollege.asu.edu

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Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway"
April 21, 8 p.m.
Mesa Arts Center

A powerhouse group of Broadway vets unites for a one-night-only tribute to 100 years of great Broadway tunes. \$26-\$50 (480) 644-6500 or www.mesaartscenter.com

The Three Little Pigs
April 25-May 27, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Great Arizona Puppet Theatre
Phoenix

Classic story, best for ages pre-K and up. (602) 262-2050 or www.azpuppets.org

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead
April 26-29, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Theatre Outback
Avondale

The college chums of Hamlet and their story, what happened behind the scenes in Shakespeare's play, they are not only anti-agents, but also anti-sympathy, anti-identification, and in fact, anti-persons, comedy. \$7-\$12 (480) 461-7170 or www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept/d55/thp

The Projects
April 26-29, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Tempe Performing Arts Center

A Ludwig Dance Theatre features three popular pieces: Glass Blocks, American Utopia and Suite Tango, also premieres a new work, Variance. \$10-\$16 (480) 966-3391 or www.aludwigdance.org

See it Sports

27th Annual New Horizon's Pro-Am Bass Tourney
April 13-14
Windsor Beach
Lake Havasu City
(928) 854-9378 or www.golakehavasu.com

Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Colorado Rockies
April 13-15, 6:40 p.m.
Chase Field
Phoenix
(602) 541-8400 or www.arizonadiamondbacks.com

4th Annual Desert Ice Bonspiel
April 13-15
Alltel Ice Den
Scottsdale
24 curling teams from

Canada and the U.S. will participate in the tournament, www.coyotescurling.com

Arizona Rattlers vs. Nashville Kats
April 14
US Airways Center
Phoenix
Kick-off at 7 p.m. (602) 514-8383 or www.azrattlers.com

Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
April 16-17, 6:40 p.m.
Chase Field
Phoenix
602-541-8400 or www.arizonadiamondbacks.com

Phoenix 150
April 19
Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale
NASCAR AutoZone West Series race. (866) 408-7223 or www.phoenixraceway.com

5th Annual Habitat for Humanity Desert Foothills Golf Event
April 23, 10:30 a.m.
Firerock Country Club
Fountain Hills
Features a silent auction, raffle, golf prizes, box lunch and full dinner. \$250 (480) 488-4693 or www.hfhdesertfoothills.com

Arizona Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres
April 24-26, 6:40 p.m.
Chase Field
Phoenix
(602) 541-8400 or www.arizonadiamondbacks.com

Feel it: Run/Walk/Bike

MS "Walk on the Wild Side"
April 14, 7:30 a.m.
Phoenix/Tempe
SRP, 10K walk through the Phoenix Zoo & Desert Botanical Garden, benefits the Desert Southwest Chapter of the NMSS for client programs & research to find the cause & cure of MS, pledges. (480) 968-2488 or www.nationalmssociety.org/AZA

3rd Annual Ironman Arizona
April 15
Tempe Beach Park
Features a 2.4 mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a complete marathon. (352) 243-0948 x 25 or 888-280-9097 or www.ironmanarizona.com

Arizona Xtreme Desert Triathlon
April 21
Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort
Mesa
Swim 1500 meters, mountain bike 16.2 miles, trail run 5 miles. www.active.com or www.trifind.net

2007 Run for the Cheetah 5K
April 21
Papago Park
Phoenix
5K run/walk, 1 mile fun run, kid's 100 yard dash, post run festivities, animal-themed booths. (480) 236-0811 or www.arizonaroadracers.com

2007 Arizona's Bicycle Championships
April 22, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Downtown Scottsdale
Amateur bicycle racers competing from state championships, a USCF event, free for spectators and kid's race participants. www.TeamOneRacing.com

Hear it: Tours

Marshall Butterfly Pavilion
Through May 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Desert Botanical Garden
Phoenix

Whimsical, dream-like habitat where hundreds of vibrant-colored butterflies flutter by, feeding and flitting among the flowers, \$2 with admission. (480) 941-1225 or www.dbg.org

Feel it: Hikes

Tovrea Castle's Carraro Cactus Garden Tour
April 20-22
Phoenix
The garden boasts more than 5,000 cacti in more than 100 varieties, benefits the garden and the Tovrea Castle renovations. \$15, pre-register. (602) 256-3220 or <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/tovrea.html>

Earth Day Celebration
April 22, 2 p.m.
Red Rock State Park
Sedona
Demonstration on "How Wet is Our Planet?" followed by a walk along the riparian area of Oak Creek and learn the importance of preserving this unique water. (928) 282-6907 or www.azstateparks.com

Verde Valley Nature & Birding Festival
April 26-29, 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Dead Horse Ranch State Park
Field trips, local tours, workshops & seminars, educational activities for kids, exhibits, key-note speaker, entertainment. \$10+ (928) 282-2202 or www.birdyverde.org