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UPCOMING SUMMER AND EARLY FALL EVENTS IN SAN JOSE

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SAN JOSE, CA (July 8, 2008) – San Jose’s summer festival season kicks off this month with a variety of great festivals, activities and events now through September. Among the endless choices for fun, San Jose is proud to host three of the biggest festivals of the season: the San Jose Obon Festival, taking place in one of the three remaining Japantowns in the country, the Comcast San Jose Jazz Festival and the 17th Annual San Jose International Mariachi Festival. Along with these and a multitude of others favorites such as Cinema in the Park and Music in the Park, here is a preview of what is coming up in the next few months from the biggest city in Northern California:

ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Stanford Shopping Center Summer Jazz Series

Now through August 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Stanford Shopping Center

International and local jazz legends will perform free concerts with everything from swing to straight ahead jazz. The event is sponsored by The Ritz-Carlton Club and Residences and See’s Candies and produced by SFJAZZ. For more information, please call 650-617-8240 or visit www.stanfordshop.com/.

Alice’s Wonderland: A most Curious Adventure

Now through January 11, 2009

Children’s Discovery Museum

The renowned Museum proudly welcomes Alice’s Wonderland back from its highly successful four-year national tour. Crawl through a rabbit hole to enter a world of optical illusions and puzzle solving, “Create a Mad Tea Party,” and manipulate time with a “Crazy Clock”. Admission is \$8 General, \$7 Seniors, Under 1 yr. free. For more information about each exhibit, please call 408-298-5437 or visit <http://www.cdm.org/>.

Monotype Marathon 2008

Now through July 19

Main Gallery, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

This intensive weekend of workshops is held in professional printmaking studios throughout the Bay Area and led by accomplished monotype artists who produce a number of prints, the best of which are included in an exhibition at the ICA. At the end of the three week show, the prints in the exhibition are auctioned. For more information, please call 408-283-8155 or visit www.sjica.org.

Cinema San Pedro

Wednesdays, July 9-August 20

San Pedro Square

Cinema at St. James Park

Saturdays, July 19-August 23

St. James Park

Movie fans are encouraged to come together for free movies at dusk in San Pedro Square and St. James Park. These weekly screenings are BYOC - Bring Your Own Chair. Attendees can sit back and relax, grab a snack or dinner and watch a classic movie. It’s best to arrive early, not only for the best seat, but to participate in fun games and amusing antics. Free Admission. For more information, visit www.sjdowntown.com.

Metro Music in the Park

Thursdays, July 10-September 4

Plaza de Cesar Chavez

Celebrating 20 years of outdoor concerts in the heart of downtown San Jose, artists from local to international

stature will grace the stage at Plaza de Cesar Chavez and perform music from a variety of genres. Join in the celebration and enjoy one of downtown San Jose's most anticipated concert series. Performances are from 5:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Free Admission. For more information, visit www.sjdowntown.com.

Children's Musical Theatre presents "Babes in Arms"

July 11-20

Montgomery Theatre

The rising stars production of this fun-filled musical is family theatre featuring the company's younger performers. The old-fashioned virtues of a 30's musical comedy are peppered with socio-political issues which still resonate today as a group of teenagers are left alone for two weeks to put on their own production. Tickets are available online. For more information, please call 408-453-1570 or visit www.cmtsj.org.

San Jose Bodybuilding, Fitness, & Figure Championships

July 12 10:30 a.m.

South Hall

The 28th Annual National Physique Committee (NPC) San Jose Bodybuilding, Fitness, & Figure Championships features men, women, and teenage competitors. Also featured are IFBB Mr. Olympia Ronnie Coleman and International Federation of Body Building (IFBB) Iron Man Tony Freeman. All athletes will be competing for the prestigious San Jose title to qualify for the USA Championship. Admission is \$20-\$38. For more information, call 408-238-7413 or visit www.paullovesvproductions.com

San Jose Obon Festival

July 12-13 Saturday 12 p.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

Held in one of the three remaining Japantowns in the United States, the free outdoor festival offers a rich cultural experience complete with dance, games, music and food. The festival draws approximately 900 dancers of all ages every year, many of which wear ceremonial kimonos or hapi coats and dance to the beat of live music under a canopy of colorful lanterns. Presented by the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, the festival features a variety of entertainment and food. Admission is free. For more information, please call 408-293-9292 or visit www.sjbetsuin.com.

LIVESTRONG Challenge

July 13 9:00 a.m.

McEnery Convention Center

Lance Armstrong Foundation's signature fundraising event, inspired by the hope, courage and determination that exist in all of us is making its stop in San Jose. We unite people to pick a fight with cancer and to stand up for the nearly 12 million Americans living with cancer today. Participants can walk, run or bike individually or as a team individually or as part of a team to honor our families, our friends and ourselves. To register or learn more, please call 888-424-2553 or visit <http://www.livestrongchallenge.org>

Mitch Fatel Stand-up

July 17-20

IMPROV Comedy Club

Mitch Fatel is a stand-up comedian in New York who performs regularly at the famed Comedy Cellar and has performed on the Late Show with David Letterman, Late Night with Conan O'Brien and works as a correspondent on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Tickets are \$16-\$18. For more information, please call 408-280-7475.

Coldplay in Concert

July 18, showtime 7:30 p.m.

HP Pavilion

Tickets range from \$47.50-\$97.50

For more information, please call or visit www.hppsj.com.

Finding Peace in an Unsettled World—An Evening with Swami Kriyananda

July 19 7:30 p.m.

Center for Performing Arts

Swami Kriyananda will speak in his only Bay Area appearance this year. Swami Kriyananda (J. Donald Walters) is one of the foremost spiritual teachers of Yoga principles in the world today. He has taught on four continents in seven languages over the course of nearly 60 years. Tickets are \$25. For more information, please call 408-323-3363 or visit www.swami2008.com.

California Extreme

July 19-20

Parkside Hall

California Extreme is the "Classic Arcade Games Show." It's an annual celebration of coin-operated pinball machines, video games and other novelties you once found in game arcades. All games on display are set for free play. Tickets range from \$15-\$60. For more information, please call Parkside Hall at 408-277-3535 or visit www.caextreme.org.

Children's Musical Theatre Mainstage presents "West Side Story"

July 25-August 8

Montgomery Theatre

Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' is transported to modern-day New York City, as two young idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks. Tickets are available online. For more information, please call 408-288-5437 or visit www.cmts.org.

Founders' Day Fiesta Fandango

July 27, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Kelley Park (West Saint John St.)

Families are wanted to help celebrate the founding of San Jose. Hear stories about the founding of the Pueblo and enjoy authentic singing and dancing of the Mission and Rancho period with the Alta California Orchestra and Calicanto Singers. You can even learn to make your own candle, tortilla or corn husk doll. Admission is free. For more information, please call 408-287-2990 or visit www.historyofsanjose.org.

The Elegant Era

August 2

San Jose Center for Performing Arts

A display of local kid talent and senior charm as they grace the stage with testimonials and dance routines in an effort to demonstrate the positive impact dance can have on our citizens. Join the dancers after the professional show and dance to live music. "Adrian Flores Presents" is a Walnut Creek-based non-profit agency that advocates dance in education. Tickets are \$20. For more information, please call 408-528-1903 or visit <http://www.adrianflorespresents.com/>.

Havana Nights: Festival Gala

August 2

Mexican Heritage Plaza

This special event fundraiser is set to kick off the 19th Annual Comcast San Jose Jazz Festival Week. Taking place in the Mexican Heritage Plaza, the theme of "Havana Nights" will carry through the cocktail reception, silent auction dinner and dancing. Come enjoy the festivities from 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. A member's table of 10 is \$1800 with non-member tables of the same size are \$2250. Single member tickets are \$200 while single non-members tickets are \$250. For more information, please contact Robert Long III at 408-288-7557 or visit www.sanjosejazz.org.

Comcast San Jose Jazz Festival presented by Southwest Airlines

August 8-10

Downtown San Jose

Jazz fans can enjoy soothing tunes on at least seven stages during the celebration of the 19th annual San Jose Jazz Festival in and around Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park. Come celebrate diverse artists and styles from around the globe from the brilliant Cuban saxophonist Yosvany Terry, and the rising Brazilian guitarist-composer Chico Pinheiro, to North African-inflected rhythm and jazz of the Mo'Rockin Project. Admission is \$10 per day and \$25 for all three days while children 12 and under get in free. For more information, please call 408 288 7557 or visit www.sanjosejazz.org.

Children's Musical Theatre presents "Pinocchio"

August 8-10

Montgomery Theatre

This charming musical adaptation of this beloved children's classic is a timeless adventure of the puppet who yearns to be a real boy are magically brought to life on the theatre's stage. The theatre has been training and educating today's youth to become the artists, patrons and leaders for tomorrow for 40 years. Tickets are available online. For information, please call 408-288-5437 or visit www.cmts.org.

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus

August 20-24

HP Pavilion

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey proudly present a terrific trio of magnificent family productions touring the nation. No city ever sees the same show twice, so come one, come all to the greatest show on Earth. Tickets range from \$15-\$95. For more information, please visit www.ringling.com.

6th Annual Electronic Sports World Cup Grand Final

August 25-27

The ESWC World Finals will settle in San Jose for three days of competition, show and entertainment-- the first-ever visual computing mega-event where thousands of enthusiasts, gamers and artists will gather. Video-game champions from 50 countries will battle and compete to grab one of the six ESWC world titles after surviving qualifier tournaments involving more than 100,000 players. General Admission is \$50. For more information, visit www.eswc.com.

17th Annual San Jose International Mariachi Festival

September 7-28

Downtown San Jose

Now in its 17th year, the San Jose International Mariachi Festival presents a weeklong schedule of music and educational events, drawing a crowd of over 50,000 people to hear artists like Linda Ronstadt, Aida Cuevas, Lila Downs, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, Mariachi Cobre, Los Tigres Del Norte and Pepe Aguilar. The Mexican Heritage Corporation is proud to present San Jose's celebration of Mexican music, cuisine and culture in Plaza de Cesar Chavez. This event is the largest of its type in the nation. The Festival closes with an outdoor fair, featuring music, arts, cultural activities and food. General tickets are on sale now. For more information, please call or visit www.sanjosemariachifestival.com.

Tapestry Arts Festival

August 30-September 1

Downtown San Jose

Let your senses drink in the variety of visual arts of the 33rd Annual Tapestry Arts Festival. With four entertainment stages, 35 food booths, a creativity zone with free hands-on art activities for kids of all ages, rock climbing, hang gliding simulator, golf, spas and Jacuzzis, there is something for everyone. Sunday Twilight Concert features RYZE 5-7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 408-494-3590 or visit www.tapestryarts.org.

Opera San Jose presents "Eugene Onegin"

September 6-21

California Theatre

As conceived by Alexander Pushkin, one of the great poets of all time, and composed by Tchaikovsky, one of the great musical geniuses of all time, Eugene Onegin has earned its place among the most important works of Russian culture. This beautiful elegant story of youthful passion and naiveté is particularly fitting for the captivating artists who perform with Opera San José. For more information, please call 408-437-4450 or visit www.operasj.org.

Fiesta Patrias/Mexican Independence Day

September 14

Downtown San Jose

This spectacular display of culture is celebrated in downtown with a parade sponsored by the San Jose Mercury News and the San Jose Chapter of the American GI Forum. The celebration commemorates Mexico's independence. Thousands come to view the floats, colorful costumes, marching bands and drill teams vying for a first place finish in competition. For more information, please call 408-288-9470 or visit www.sigif.org.

PUBLIC CONVENTIONS/TRADE SHOWS

Plug-In Conference and Exposition

July 22-24

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

This inaugural three-day international conference will showcase the latest technologies advances, market research and policy initiatives shaping the future in of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, or PHEVs. There will be several highly interactive discussions about issues from the latest innovations and up to date technical research to current regulations involving PHEVs. Includes an open to the public panel discussion for an admission fee. For more information, please call 408-395-0095 or visit <http://conventioncenter.sanjose.org>.

LUX5

July 26

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

On entering Luxury Lifestyle, you will witness a sea of luxury. For a few hours, every foot of the venue is transformed into a spectacular high-end showcase. Products such as limited edition watches, rare tech gadgets, boutique clothes, fine jewelry and high end merchandise can all be bought directly at Lux5. For more information, please call 949-252-0155 or visit <http://www.lux5events.com/>.

Santa Clara County Peace Officer Association Benefit

August 8, 8:30 p.m.

San Jose Center for the Performing Arts

A family benefit magic show featuring grand illusions and comedy. Tickets are \$40 per family. For more information, please call 408-376-3424.

SHARE in San Jose

August 10-15

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

SHARE is an association of organizations representing thousands of IT professionals worldwide. SHARE conferences provide you the most up-to-date information on major issues taking place in enterprise technology. You'll find numerous sessions that cover the following themes and provide sound advice to help you become a proactive, informed IT professional. Registration is available online. For more information, please visit www.share.org.

Search Engine Strategies 2008

August 18-22

McEnergy Convention Center

Search Engine Strategies San Jose is the high tech and internet company event of the year. Join your fellow marketers and SES Alumni to quickly learn how to maximize search engine marketing and optimization opportunities and stay informed of the latest search developments and solution in this area. Ticket range anywhere from \$25-\$1,995. For more information, please call 203-295-0050 or visit <http://www.searchenginestrategies.com>.

DUB Show

August 31

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

The 12-city stop 2008 DUB Show Tour sweeps through San Jose. For eight consecutive years, DUB's Custom Auto Show & Concert has celebrated car culture to the fullest, with hundreds of the hottest show cars in existence along with celebrity rides. Not to mention the concert stage is known to showcase some of the biggest names in music. Tickets are \$20. For more information, please call 626-336-3821 or visit <http://www.dubmag.net/>.

CDNLive!

September 8-11

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

In CDNLive! Silicon Valley's annual event, participants exchange ideas and best practices for boosting design productivity, eliminating risk, and developing differentiated products. Stay on the competitive edge by sharing knowledge with top designers and executives alike. Tickets: \$350 Early Bird (June 23 - August 17) \$575 (August 18 - September 11). For more information, please call 415-444-7726 or visit <http://www.cadenceevents.com/cdnlive/>.

Santa Clara Association of REALTORS Convention and Trade Show

August 11, 9:30 a.m.

South Hall

This convention & tradeshow has it all about the real estate industry. Attendees who come from across Northern California will have the opportunity to experience the latest products and services, listen to informative and inspiring seminars on current trends and interact with movers of the industry. Tickets are free to SCCAOR members until August 22, \$10 for non-members and at the door. For more information, please call 408-445-5062 or visit <http://www.sccaor.com/convention2008/>.

West Coast Green

September 25-27

San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

Over 380 exhibits of the most interesting and progressive products available: a bike that cleans water as you pedal, AIA continuing education, green rood garden, and much more. At the heart of West Coast Green is a commitment to realigning ourselves with and enhancing the brilliant, common sense, vitalizing design principles of the natural world. Come to expand your green business or your mind, determine regional construction standards, or get some remodeling tips. Tickets range from \$25-\$600. For more information, please call 800-724-4880 or visit www.westcoastgreen.com.

2008 Missions Conference

September 27-28

Parkside Hall

This annual conference event focuses on the missionary work of the San Jose Christian Alliance Church. A time of worship and sessions are scheduled. Speakers are typically invited to preach on the subject of missions. Free admission. For more information, please call 408-280-1021 or visit <http://www.sjacac.org/eng/index.php>.

LOOKING AHEAD

Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon - San Jose

October 5
www.mrsj.com

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association 2008 Expo

November 6-8
www.aopa.org/expo/

The Elixir of Love Opera

November 8-23
www.operasj.org

Downtown Ice

November 21-January 19
www.sjdowntown.com/eve_eve_ice.html

Winter Wonderland

November 26-January 4
www.giantcreative.com

Christmas in the Park

November 27-January 1
www.christmasinthepark.com

Turning Wheels for Kids

December 13
www.turningwheelsforkids.org

El Camino Youth Symphony Holiday Concert

December 14
www.ecys.org

Tsunami Student Conference

December 29-31
www.studentwave.com

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