



2nd Annual Artsfest, Nov. 7-8, Tucson Lifestyle courtyard. Photo courtesy Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance.

2ND ANNUAL ARTSFEST

This second annual two-day fine art festival on November 7-8 features some of the nation's finest artisans in a lush, shaded and luxurious setting at one of the most upscale shopping centers in Southern Arizona. Experience art in its most beautiful and organic form, including pastels, oil, watercolor, sculpture, mixed media, photography and much more. There will be much to do for the family, too, with free children's art activities (face painting, crafts, balloon twisting) and live entertainment to fill your day. On the main stage in the lower level Tucson Lifestyle courtyard, live performing arts demonstrations will take place throughout the weekend, in a series of formats and genres including dance, theatre and music.

ANSEL ADAMS AT MUSEUM OF ART

A survey of more than 100 photographs by famed landscape photographer Ansel Adams (1902-1984) will be on exhibit at the Tucson Museum of Art through February 14, 2010. Many of Adams' most famous images are included and presented in the more intimate scale he intended them to be viewed. These works were originally printed by the artist himself in his California darkroom and given to The Friends of Photography to represent his legacy. Adams co-founded the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1975. For more information, visit the TMA website at www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org.

YAQUI CARVING: GENERATIONS OF FACES

Held at Tohono Chul Park through May 31, 2010, this event features selections from the Park's permanent collection together with items loaned by local collectors, carvers and photographers, the exhibit focuses on the masks carved for the Yaqui ceremonial dancer known as Pascola. The pascola, whose name translates to "old man of the fiesta," is characterized by the mask he wears and the function he performs. His job is to draw a crowd and officially begin each ceremony; he will also dance, clown around, and tell stories to the crowd throughout the night. More information is available at tucson.showup.com.



Musical Magic for Kids: Dancing with Royalty. Photo courtesy Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance.

MUSICAL MAGIC FOR KIDS

Young princes and princesses will delight in the lively concert *Dancing With Royalty* on November 21, where the very best in baroque dances will be featured when 16th century meets the 21st century. Live music and interactive dance activity make this concert especially fun. Put on your comfortable shoes and be ready to dance. More info: tucson.showup.com.

MOSCOW BALLET'S NUTCRACKER

At the Fox Tucson Theatre on December 21, Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*, featuring spectacular sets and beautifully costumed Russian dancers, is an annual treat for the whole family. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of Russian classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a unique performance not to be missed. Moscow Ballet has also reserved a limited number of premium seats for purchase, in the center aisle orchestra section for its 2009 Holiday Tour. In addition to premium seating, premium purchasers will receive a Moscow Ballet canvas tote bag, Moscow Ballet Retrospective Tour Book (a look into the present and the past, with full color photos of productions, information on some of the stars who have graced the stages with Moscow Ballet and a look behind the scenes), *Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker Soundtrack* (featuring the music of Tchaikovsky), and a Moscow Ballet *Great Russian Nutcracker* poster (an \$89.98 combined merchandise value). More information is available at tucson.showup.com.

TUCSON #1 WITH TRIATHLETES

Tucson is the best US city for year-round training, says *Triathlete* magazine. In its October 2009 list of "20 Best Places to Live," *Triathlete* gives high marks to Tucson's dry climate and varied terrain, which includes the 19-mile climb up Mt. Lemmon, the hilly Gates Pass-Tucson Mountains loop, and running trails into Saguaro National Park. Of equal appeal are Tucson's nearby lakes, proximity to rural, low-traffic areas, and abundant swimming pools (including Olympic-size facilities at University of Arizona). All this makes Tucson a favorite training base for leading triathletes—including Leanda Cave, Samantha McGlone, and T.J. Tollakson—as well as other great athletes, such as Lance Armstrong (pro road cyclist), Pete Reid (Ironman World Champion), and Sheila Taormina (Olympic athlete). The next-highest ranked cities are Boulder CO, Carlsbad CA, Austin TX and Santa Barbara CA.



As *Triathlete's* number one pick in the US, Tucson is the perfect venue for the 27th El Tour de Tucson in November.

27TH EL TOUR DE TUCSON

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving when many Americans are raking leaves or baking pumpkin pies thousands of cyclists gather in Tucson for Southern Arizona's largest participatory sporting event. At least 9,000 cyclists are expected to ride in the 27th annual El Tour de Tucson (officially, the University Medical Center El Tour de Tucson presented by Diamond Ventures), Saturday, Nov. 21. This event incorporates races of 35, 67, 80, and 109 miles, plus 4-mile and ¼-mile Fun Rides designed for kids. The course typically follows the scenic perimeter of Tucson, with a rolling to moderately hilly course (though the 35-mile is basically flat) offering views of mountain vistas and saguaro cactus stands. In-person registration is open through November 19; online registration closes November 16. For more details, visit the Perimeter Bicycling Association of America at www.perimeterbicycling.com.

TUCSON MARATHON

December temperatures typically range between 40F and 60F (though it has been warmer) in Tucson—a perfect month to run a marathon. Between 3,500 and 5,000 runners are expected from every state and several countries for this year's Honolulu Tucson Marathon & Half-Marathon, Sunday, December 13. Organized under the direction of record-setting ultra-runner Pam Reed, this race boasts a fast and scenic downhill course. Runners start north of Tucson in Oracle (home to Biosphere 2), and run on a paved road along the majestic Santa Catalina Mountain range through Catalina, and finish in Oro Valley (site of the Tucson Marathon Expo at Tucson Hilton El Conquistador Resort). This event is popular with first-timers and Boston Marathon runners alike. For details: 520-320-0667 or www.tucsonmarathon.com.

LIVING HISTORY AT TUCSON PRESIDIO

Meet and talk with representatives of colonial Tucson during Living History Days at the Tucson Presidio (or El Presidio Real de San Agustin del Tucson). On select Saturdays through April, volunteers will re-enact life at this replica of the adobe fort originally established in the latter half of the 18th century in what is now down-



Nimbus is one of three microbrewery and brewpub options worth a drive to Tucson (with a designated driver).

town Tucson. Visitors can experience the fort's 20-foot-tall, 1780s lookout tower; a 1830s-era house and street-scape; and a large mural depicting presidio life. Volunteers dressed in military uniform will march while cannons fire, and volunteers portraying the fort's residents will demonstrate craft making and cooking and other daily activities. Also featured are interpretive exhibits and a small gift shop. For Living History dates and times, visit the Tucson Presidio Trust website at www.tucsonpresidiotrust.org/calendar.html.

TUCSON'S CRAFT BREWERIES

More and more beer drinkers are choosing beers brewed and bottled in their own town over mass-produced brands. The craft brewery is the fastest growing market segment in the alcohol beverage industry, and Tucson is home to three main craft breweries: Nimbus Brewing Company and Barrio Brewing Company, both microbreweries, and Thunder Canyon Brewery, a brewpub. Nimbus recently opened a second location on East Tanque Verde Road, with over 130 craft beers by the bottle—including seven Nimbus-brand locally brewed classic ales and various seasonal specialties, and about 20 beers on tap—with a menu offering traditional pub grub with more sophisticated bistro fare. Barrio Brewing (www.barriobrewing.com) Nimbus (www.nimbusbeer.qwestoffice.net) Thunder Canyon (www.thundercanyonbrewery.com)

ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

Etherton Gallery in downtown Tucson has a new exhibition combining art and design in one space. The exhibition, *ART+DESIGN: etherton invites*, is a collaboration of nationally known designers and artists from Arizona. New works not seen before in Tucson are on display, including hand-blown-glass lighting fixtures by Tom Philabaum; mesquite-wood furniture by Stephen Paul; paintings inspired by travels to Asia, North Africa, and Spain by Nancy Tokar Miller; monumental Sonoran Desert-inspired paintings by Jim Waid; photographs of colorful beach cabanas by Judy Gelles; and contemporary Tibetan rugs collected by David Adler. The exhibition runs through November 28. View works by the artists at www.ethertongallery.com.

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