

'Viva El Paso!' — The summertime pageant returns to McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre for its 33rd season at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, **through Aug. 7**, offering an array of multicolored costumes, electrifying musical production numbers, and legendary characters. The outdoor musical extravaganza highlights the four major cultures of the region, through drama, song and dance, that have called El Paso home: Native American, Spanish Conquistadors, Mexican and Western American. Tickets: \$18.20 general admission. Dinner show: \$24.35 (\$14.05 age 12 and younger). (Ticketmaster) Information: 231-1165 or viva-ep.org.

'El Sueño de Petra' — "Viva Mexico" Theater Ensemble presents the original comedy by Rubert Reyes at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **July 30-31**, at EPCC's Transmountain Lecture Forum, 9570 Gateway North. Translated and directed by Malena Cano, the production stars Mario Cano, Luz Elena Duarte, Chris Fraga, Dora Gomez, Jose Manuel Lara, Anahi Claudia Rose, Maria Elena Salazar, Francisca Sanchez, Alberto Trevizo and Gustavo Urrea. Admission: \$5. Information: 772-3905, 329-7774 or 831-7802.

'The King and I' — Alamogordo Music Theatre presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's Tony-winning work as its summer musical **July 30-Aug. 1** and **Aug. 6-7**, at Flickinger Center, 1110 N. New York, Alamogordo. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10. Information: (575)442-8661 or alamogordomusictheatre.org.

The story is based on the memoirs of Anna Leonowens, who taught the children of King Mongkut of Siam in the 1860s. Songs include "Shall We Dance?" "Getting to Know You" and "Something Wonderful."

'Viva los Niños!' — The original pageant for and about the children of El Paso is presented at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, **July 30-Aug. 1**, at Ysleta ISD Fine Arts Complex Amphitheater, 8455 Alameda. The cast includes children who attended the YISD Fine Arts Summer Camp.

The pageant celebrates the history and culture of our region through song, music and dance, and includes stories of the Native, Spanish, Mexican and Western Americans. Tickets for performances are free and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Information: 434-9700.

On Stage

The performance is part of the annual "Festival of Lights," a family-oriented event featuring food and craft vendors, games for children, jumping balloons, rock wall, obstacle course and more. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. each night. Festival admission is free.

'A Delicate Balance' — No Strings Theatre Company will open its 10th season with Edward Albee's 1967 Pulitzer Prize-winning play **through Aug. 8** at Black Box Theatre, 420 N. Downtown Mall, in Las Cruces. Directed by Ceil Herman. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and 8, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5. Tickets: \$10 (\$9 students and seniors over 65, \$7 all seats on Thursday). Information: (575) 523-1223 or nstcbbt@zianet.com.

A wealthy middle-aged couple Agnes and Tobias, have their complacency shattered when longtime friends Harry and Edna appear at their doorstep. Claiming an encroaching, nameless "fear" has forced them from their own home, these neighbors bring a firestorm of doubt, recrimination and ultimately solace, upsetting the "delicate balance" of Agnes and Tobias' household.

'Romeo & Juliet' — UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance's summer production presents Shakespeare's classic love story **through Aug. 1** at UTEP's Wise Family Theatre. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Directed by Chuck Gorden. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 ages 4-12, UTEP students/faculty and staff/alumni, military, seniors and groups of 10 or more), plus service charges. (Ticketmaster). Information: 747-5118.

Military Night is Saturday, **July 31**. Military with valid ID receive one free ticket for each \$8 ticket purchased.

'Nonsense' — The Las Cruces Community Theatre, in the city's Downtown Mall, kicks off its 2010-2011 season with the its season with the "habit-forming" musical by Dan Goggin **Aug. 6-22**. Directed by Art Haggerton. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Gala opening night is Aug.

6. Tickets: \$10 (\$9 seniors/students/military; \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more; \$7 children 5 and younger). Information: (575) 523-1200 or lcctnm.org.

When the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, "Sister Julia, Child of God," has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, they are in dire need of funds for the burials. They decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show and take over the school auditorium currently set up for the eighth grade production of "Grease." Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon translated into 21 languages.

'The Clown Who Ran Away' — El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana, presents Conrad Seiler's family comedy about a clown who must save six other dolls **Aug. 6-21**. Directed by Moises Hinojos. Showtime is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$7 (\$5 under age 12). Information: 532-1317, elpasoplayhouse.com.

Dodo is a clown whose rescue effort changes him from runaway to hero.

Harlequin Awards — El Paso Playhouse will host its 2009-2010 Harlequin Awards Sunday, **Aug. 8**, at Coronado Country Club, 1044 Broadmoor. The Playhouse's own "Academy Awards" event will honor the past season's Best Actor and Best Actress, Best Show, and more. Cocktails served at 6 p.m.; dinner and awards at 6:30 p.m. Open to all volunteers and participants. Semi-formal attire. Cost: \$30; reservation deadline is July 30. Information/reservations: 532-1317 or elpasoplayhouse@sbcglobal.net.

'The Wise Men of Chelm' auditions — Kids-N-Co. will host auditions for adaptation of Jewish Folk Tales by Sandra Fenichel Asher at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, **Aug. 8-9**, at Kids-N-Co. Performance Center, 1301 Texas. Directed by Francesca Moore. Roles are available for actors and actresses ages 10 through adult; acrobatic skills appreciated. Performance

dates are Oct. 2-24. Information: 351-1455 or kidsnco.org.

Shakespeare in the Park — Shakespeare on the Rocks presents three of The Bard's classic at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 20-22** and **Aug. 27-29**, at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial. Admission: \$10 (\$8 military, students and seniors). Group rate for 10 or more; \$6 with advance notice. Information: 532-7273, 474-4275 or shakespeareontherocks.com.

- "Othello" — **Aug. 20 and 28.**
- "Twelfth Night" — **Aug. 21 and 29**
- "Romeo and Juliet" — **Aug. 22 and 27.**

'Iolanthe or the Peer and the Peri' — The Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso presents its 41st anniversary performance with the comic opera at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 21-22**, at The Black Box Theatre, 430 Downtown Mall, in Las Cruces. Tickets: \$10 (\$9 students and seniors). Group rates available. Reservations: (575) 523-1223.

This fanciful comedy is considered by many to combine Sullivan's finest opera compositions with another of Gilbert's comic plots and his witty and waggish dialogue. Iolanthe presents a topsy-turvy love story involving fairies and members of the House of Lords in a political fairy tale.

'Soldadera' — Eden Enterprises presents a staged reading of the play by Josefina Niggli at 7 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 21**, at the Philanthropy Theatre in the Plaza Theatre Annex. The play views the Mexican revolution from the perspective of women soldiers. Admission: \$25. Information: 474-4275.

Cloudcroft melodramas — Cloudcroft Light Opera Company's live melodrama 2010 season features "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" **Sept. 3-5** and **Sept. 17-18** at the Open Air Pavilion at Zenith Park on Burro Ave. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Early arrival recommended. Information/times: (575) 682-2733 or cloudcrofttheater.com.

Death Before Dessert — El Paso Playhouse's comedy group (formerly "Die Laughing") performs mysteries the last Saturday of the month at Il Posto Italiano Ristorante, 7128 N. Mesa. Reservations required: 585-2221. Information: elpasoplayhouse.com.




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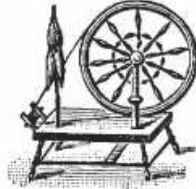


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