Perks Program Launches, Businesses Jump Aboard

Last month we told you about a new program that Christmas in the Park was launching called Christmas in the Park Perks. The program, designed to reward donors, provides discounts at local restaurants, museums and retail establishments when donors present their "Perks Card" when making purchases. Interested in a free entree at Sonoma Chicken Coop? How about 20% off your next order at Citti's Florist? The Perks program is all about giving back. Some offers are even good all year! Visit our website here to see the current list of participants and be sure to check back often for additional participants.

Breakfast With Santa 12/1/12
At...

Have an Idea for Us?

We are looking for your input! If you have fundraising ideas, park suggestions, holiday recipes or pictures of you at Christmas in the Park that you would like to share and possibly include in this newsletter send us an email at info@christmasinthepark.com.
BOO!!! Are you looking for new ways to celebrate Halloween with your family -- that don’t focus on going to Safeway and buying bags and bags of candy? We’ve got three unique ideas listed below for you! Find more seasonal events here: http://www.livesv.com/categories/index/31/0/FESTIVALS

Travel Hidden Villa’s “Enchanted Trail,” encountering weird and wacky characters along the way. At the end of your journey, enjoy hot cider, delicious goodies, and spook-tacular old-fashioned farm-style fun. Halloween costumes are extremely encouraged! October 26th-27th only at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills. For more information, call 650-949-8650 or visit http://www.livesv.com/event/detail/441499073.

Enter the mysterious world of bats and find out how these tiny mammals fly by night at Fright Flight! Build a flying bat model and launch a nighttime flight simulation to Transylvania, the mythical home of a legendary bat-winged villain! October 27th only at Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. For more information, call 650-654-0200 or visit http://www.livesv.com/event/detail/441513025.

Bring your goblins and ghouls to see silly and slightly spooky vintage cartoons, retro commercials, and funky film shorts at the Kiddie Cartoon Halloween Cavalcade! It’s a Halloween matinee on October 31st at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum in Fremont. For more information, call 510-494-1411 or visit http://www.livesv.com/event/detail/441497569.

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By David Mamet
October 3-October 28, 2012

“Intellectually salacious.”—Chicago Tribune

Multiple award-winning playwright/director David Mamet's RACE tackles America's most controversial topic in a provocative tale of sex, guilt and bold accusations. Two lawyers -- one black, one white -- and the firm’s young associate scramble to decide if they want to represent a wealthy white man accused of the rape of a black woman. A true case of “he said, she said,” Race questions what you thought, what you heard, and what you think you know. Race is the central theme, but the issues are more than skin deep as the red hot debate delves into questions of sex, gender equality and social class.

2012 - 2013 Season

**RACE**

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Fall Floral Festival

Floral designers interpret art from Triton’s permanent collection.

- **Fall Floral Festival Party**
  - Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012
  - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
  - $50.00
  - Light hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks

- **55.00 Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012
  - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Triton Museum of Art
  - 1505 Warrington Ave.
  - Santa Clara, CA
  - For more info: 408.247.7364
  - staff@tritonnmusuem.org
On Saturday, November 3, Ballet San Jose presents a unique evening of bravura ballet and virtuoso music, including a preview of works to be performed during its upcoming season and an encore performance of Clark Tippet’s Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1, which was received with great acclaim by audiences and critics alike during last spring’s repertory season. The gala heralds the return of live music to Ballet SJ’s orchestra pit, as Symphony Silicon Valley takes its place as resident orchestra for this performance, and the entire season to follow, under the baton of recently appointed Ballet SJ Music Director and Conductor George Daugherty.
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Grab your costume and have yourself a ghostly good time as you trick-or-treat your way through the Academy at night, among spooktacular animals and spine-tingling specimens.

Event Information: Visit www.calacademy.org or call (415) 379-8000
Saturday, October 27th - 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

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WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE

FRIGHT NIGHTS

The award-winning Winchester Mystery HouseTM attraction “Fright Nights” returns for a second year at the world-famous mysterious, rambling and reportedly haunted home of Sarah Winchester. With more thrills and exciting additions to last year’s award-winning Maze and House tour, “Fright Nights” kicks off Friday, September 28, 2012.

Throughout September, October, and November (see complete schedule below), the grounds of the Winchester Estate will be transformed into the world’s most terrifying Halloween experience. Filled with haunted walk-through attractions, roaming scare performers, and nightmare inducing tales, “Fright Nights” will once again be an open house visitors won’t want to miss!

We would like to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors
October is packed full of fun things to do. Here are some highlights from Discover Silicon Valley magazine; for a complete calendar, visit dineshopplay.com.

Take the whole family to the Northern California Renaissance Faire south of San Jose in Hollister, Oct 6-7 & 13-14. This lively recreation of a Renaissance-era harvest fair offers arts, crafts, foods, wines and frothy ales, while costumed singers, dancers, jugglers and actors perform on stage and throughout the grounds. Fair-goers are invited to wear their own period costumes and participate in activities such as archery, axe throwing and darts. 10am-6pm; Celtic Rock Series: Sat, 6pm. (Hollister: Casa de Fruta; 408/295-4200. www.norcalrenfaire.com)

On Oct 13-14, head to the coast for the Half Moon Bay Art & Festival. Held on quaint, historic Main Street, this popular event is as famous for its lineup of events and live entertainment as for its display of huge champion pumpkins. The weekend festival includes such highlights as the Great Pumpkin Parade; Farmer Mike, the “Picasso of pumpkin carvers;” a 5 & 10k Pumpkin Run; and, of course, a wide range of pumpkin-infused delicacies, covering everything from pancakes and ice cream to sausage, bread and beer. Additional fun includes three stages of live entertainment, including bands playing everything from pop to rock to reggae; pie-eating and costume contests; 250 arts and crafts booths; and a natural and organic food tasting exhibit. There’s also plenty of fun for kids, such as a spooky haunted house; a youth talent show; pumpkin carving; face painting; amusement rides; and even a 24-foot rock climbing wall. Sat-Sun, 9-5. (Downtown Half Moon Bay; 650/726-9652. www.miramarevents.com/pumpkinfest)

Grab your gallon hat, jeans and bolero ties and hit the dusty trail leading to the Grand National Rodeo, Horse & Stock Show, Oct 19-20 & 26-27. See some of the best horses and livestock on the West Coast and can catch professional rodeo events such as reigning, working stock horse and team penning and more. To add to the country-theme, the event includes a barbecue, lively music, country dancing and a western marketplace. (Daly City: Cow Palace; 415/404-4100. www.grandnationalrodeo.com)

Bring the young ones to San Jose to see Disney on Ice, Oct 24-28, where Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and their friends from Mulan, The Lion King, Pinocchio, Finding Nemo, The Incredibles and Toy Story take to the ice. Produced by Feld Entertainment, this skating spectacular celebrating 100 Years of Magic features more than 60 Disney stars that span the decades, a sing-along score of award-winning Disney music, stunning choreography, elaborate sets and beautiful costumes. (San Jose: HP Pavilion; 650/903-6000. www.theatreworks.org)

For those interested in quilts and wearable art, the Pacific International Quilt Festival is the event to attend. This well-recognized quilt show—the largest on the west coast—features a spectacular collection of over 800 quilts and works of wearable and textile art, in addition to a wide array of workshops and lectures. A Merchants Mall offers the best in fabrics, notions, machines, wearable art and everything for the quilter, artist and home sewer. Thurs-Sat, 10-6; Sun, 10-5. (Santa Clara: Convention Center; 215/862-8828. www.quiltfest.com)

When it comes to music, the options are plentiful, from Madonna in San Jose (Oct 6-7 at HP Pavilion; 408/287-9200) and Spyro Gyra in Saratoga (Oct 19 at Montalvo Arts Center; 408/961-5858) to classical music performances such as the Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra’s presentation of Purcell’s Dioclesian (Oct 3 at Atherton Center for Performing Arts; 415/252-1288) and Symphony Silicon Valley with violinist sensation Karen Gomyo in Lalo’s Symphonie Espagnole (Oct 20-21 at San Jose’s California Theatre; 408/286-2860).

Finally, in the way of theater, it’s a tough choice if you have to limit yourself. City Lights Theatre Company is staging 44 Plays for 44 Presidents, thru Oct 21, a fun, fast-paced glimpse that the 44 men who have led our country, from their humiliating defeats to their greatest successes, and from the first days of the Oval Office to Barack Obama. (San Jose; 408/295-4200. www.cltc.org)

From Oct 3-28, TheatreWorks is staging the regional premiere of 33 Variations, a play by Moisés Kaufman. Driven to solve Beethoven’s greatest mystery, sharp-witted musicologist Kathryn Brandt joins a captivating waltz between present and past, art and life, distant mother and defensive daughter. (Mountain View; 650/903-6000. www.theatreworks.org)

What might a debate between the legendary psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud and the young professor and author C.S. Lewis have been like? Find out in Freud’s Last Session, by Mark St. Germain, brought to stage by San Jose Repertory Theatre in a co-production with the Arizona Theatre Company. This astute comedy imagines the exchanges of views on the issues of love, sex, the existence of God, and the meaning of life, with Freud’s home in London on the day that England enters World War II as the backdrop. (San Jose; 408/367-7255. www.sjrep.com)

Finally, for a different theatrical experience altogether, catch the new Broadway musical, Memphis, Oct 23-28. Presented by Broadway San Jose, this musical bursts off the stage with explosive dancing and irresistible songs. Set in the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, and inspired by actual events, this tale of fame and forbidden love is about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. (San Jose; 408/792-4580. www.broadwaysanjose.com)

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