

Summer 2009 - Performing Arts

The world-renowned [Santa Fe Opera](#) opens its spectacular 2009 season on July 29. Come early to enjoy the amazing views and prelude talks or visit during the day for a backstage tour.

Located at the heart of downtown Santa Fe, the [Lensic Performing Arts Center](#) boasts a wide variety of performances, including contemporary music headliners Laurie Anderson and David Byrne, plus a slate of readings, dance, and other performances.

Celebrate the opening of this year's [Santa Fe International Folk Art Market](#) on Thursday, July 9, with the Market Kick-Off Concert on the Plaza in downtown Santa Fe.

If flamenco dancing is your passion, don't miss the Sunday matinee performances at The Lodge at Santa Fe. Enjoy *Flamenco's Next Generation* under the direction of internationally acclaimed performer and choreographer [Maria Benitez](#) from August 2 to September 6.

[Music on the Hill](#), a free outdoor music series presented by St. John's College on Wednesday evenings, starts June 10 and continues through July 22. Bring a picnic lunch or buy a delicious meal on the hill. Fun for the whole family!



More entertainment for the kids? The [Santa Fe Children's Museum](#) presents live musicians, puppeteers, magicians, storytellers, and actors on special occasions. Visit [El Rancho de Las Golondrinas](#) the 200-acre living history museum, on selected weekends for an authentic Spanish *rancho* experience complete with music and dance.

Theatre aficionados will want to visit the [Santa Fe Playhouse](#), the oldest continuously running theatre this side of the Mississippi. Author Mary Austin founded the historic theatre in 1922. Take your love of theatre to the next level by adding a dash or two of circus and puppetry with [Wise Fool New Mexico](#).

La la laaaa! Yes, it's the [Desert Chorale's](#) Summer Festival 2009, starting July 7 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. Follow the enchanting voices through the festival to the beautiful acoustic chambers of the Loretto Chapel, Santuario de Guadalupe, and the Scottish Rite Center.

[Moving People Dance Santa Fe](#) hosts its annual summer dance festival with guest choreographers and dancers on June 12, 13, and 14 at the Lensic Performing Arts Center.

Another choice for June 12, 13, and 14 is the [Thirsty Ear Music Festival](#), Santa Fe's premier roots music festival. Tap your feet and shake your ... ears? at the [Eaves Movie Ranch](#), this year's festival location.

Cellos! and pianos! and flutes! Oh my! The [Santa Fe Symphony and Chorus](#) ends its season on May 2 and 3 with Verdi's *Requiem*. The [Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival](#), one of the world's most acclaimed music festivals, presents concerts from July 19 to July 24.

The fun is non-stop at the Plaza. Join the community for live music by local and touring acts from July 6 to August 20 at the [Santa Fe Bandstand](#) Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8:30 pm and afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1:30 pm.

Round out your [Santa Fe Indian Market](#) experience on August 22 and 23 with music, comedy, and poetry on the Plaza!

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