

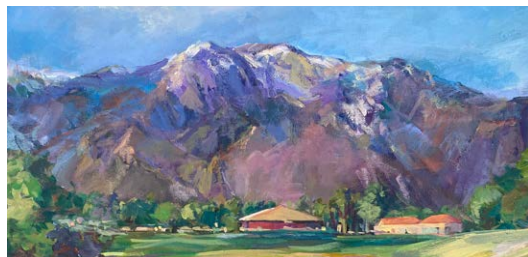
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The City of Rancho Mirage  
Cultural Commission is proud  
to present a new season of  
special events for our residents to  
experience and enjoy. All events  
are free and open to the public.

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 5–8 PM**

**DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION  
FEATURING JARABE MEXICANO  
RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Kick off this year's Día de los Muertos celebrations by joining us for a fun and festive afternoon and evening the whole family will enjoy! Celebrate and remember loved ones who have passed on with special crafts, a community ofrenda, fun activities, and delicious treats. Wrap up the evening with a very special family-friendly Día de los Muertos concert presentation with Jarabe Mexicano at 7 pm. Lauded as cultural ambassadors, this high energy border band believes every performance is an opportunity to create a deeper and more inclusive sense of community.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 2:30–4:30 PM**

**CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT'S  
3RD ANNUAL JINGLE BELL ROCK PRESENTED BY THE  
RANCHO MIRAGE CULTURAL COMMISSION  
CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT,  
71-701 GERALD FORD DRIVE**



The Cultural Commission is proud to be the Clark W. Griswold title sponsor of this annual free event that brings the community together for winter holiday festivities. Learn about different cultures and celebrations with a

musical concert and various activities including photos with Santa, cookie decorating, story time, arts and crafts, and more. Learn more at [cdmod.org](http://cdmod.org).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 2–3:15 PM**

**HOLLYWOOD AT HOME IN GREATER PALM SPRINGS  
RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Don't miss this special multimedia experience created specifically for fans of the silver screen who want to learn more about the connection between Hollywood and Palm Springs. Join showbiz aficionado **Jim Cook** and history enthusiast **Vinny Stoppia** as they take you through the timeline of how Palm Springs became the "playground of the stars."



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 7–8 PM**

**STEPHANIE TRICK AND PAOLO ALDERIGHI  
FOUR HANDS JAZZ PIANO  
RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Pioneers in the use of four-hands piano in jazz, **Stephanie Trick** and **Paolo Alderighi** have earned widespread success with their interpretations of classics from the stride piano, ragtime, and boogie woogie traditions, as well as from the Swing Era and the Golden Age of Tin Pan Alley. Blending impeccable technique with mature musicality, the piano duo has performed across the United States, Europe, and Asia, winning the acclaim of critics and fans alike.





**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 7–8 PM**

**CHASE HUNA • SAXOPHONIST**  
**RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Join us at the Library for a wonderful night of jazz with saxophonist **Chase Huna** and his band. A Coachella Valley native, Huna will be performing a special concert featuring his new original music as well as meaningful covers. He currently tours with folk-rock legend Al Stewart and also performs across the county with Ambrosia, Peter White, and John Ford Coley. Don't miss the opportunity to experience an unforgettable performance from our valley's own homegrown musical star!



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 7–8 PM**

**MAXIMO MARCUSO • VOCALIST**  
**RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

**Maximo Marcuso's** soulful voice and performances are marked by an extraordinary ability to convey the full spectrum of human emotions, evoking profound joy, heartache, and everything in between. Whether he graces the grand stages or enchants intimate halls and recitals, Marcuso's stage presence is both commanding and deeply moving, leaving a lasting impression on all who witness his artistry. Join Marcuso for a very special evening featuring a beautiful and diverse repertoire of operatic arias, classical crossovers, Broadway standards, and contemporary favorites.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 7–8 PM**

**CAMARADA: TANGO OBSESSION**  
**RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

At its roots, tango is sensuous, rhythmic, and passionate—a rich mix of urban culture forged together with the influence of immigrant history. Founded in 2020, the **Camarada Tango Quartet** showcases the scintillating rhythms and seductive melodies of the tango through inventive and energizing concerts.

The quartet, consisting of Argentinian composer and international bass player **Andrés Martín**, flutist **Beth Ross Buckley**, violinist **David Buckley**, and pianist **Dana Burnett**, brings a deep passion for tango and many years of performing experience to the stage.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 10 AM–4 PM**

**THE 12TH ANNUAL RANCHO MIRAGE ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR  
AND POP-UP GALLERY**  
**STARTS AT RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

The 12th Annual Rancho Mirage Artists Studio Tour is a self-guided tour that provides the unique opportunity to meet our City's artists in their own environment, seeing how they live and work. The Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory will feature a Pop-Up Gallery where additional artists will have their work on display. The tour begins with registration at the Library where participants will receive a map and a pass before heading out for a day of discovery.



**SATURDAYS, APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 6–8 PM**

**SPRING MUSIC SERIES**

**THE RIVER AT RANCHO MIRAGE, 71800 HIGHWAY 111**

Join us for an incredible lineup of four amazing bands every Saturday evening throughout the month of April. Enjoy great music in a beautiful outdoor atmosphere at one of our community's favorite gathering places. A month-long raffle featuring stunning gift baskets is part of this special series that will support the Fenixia Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with Autism and disabilities.



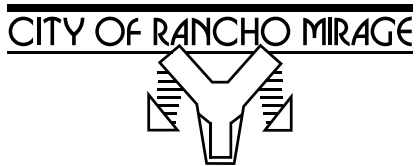
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 7–9 PM**

**MUSICAL THEATRE UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE  
RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Join the students of nationally renowned Musical Theatre University (MTU) and several Broadway veterans in the staged concert reading of a hit Broadway Musical, accompanied by a live, professional orchestra. MTU is a comprehensive conservatory training ground for young people from throughout the region, in residence at Rancho Mirage High School, who have aspirations for careers in professional theatre, most specifically on Broadway.

Founder **David Green's** alumni include Tony winners Lindsay Mendez and Stephanie Block, Tony nominees Susan Egan and Matthew Morrison, and more.





The Cultural Commission supports the development and prospering of the cultural environment of the City by enhancing access to cultural amenities for all residents.