

I Love the Nightlife

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Summer is here, and the time is right for dancing in the streets of downtown San Antonio, where cool plays, concerts and cocktails are right along the River Walk. Whether you prefer a stage performance, are looking to party the night away or want to spend time exploring with the family, these upcoming events will help you enjoy the nightlife San Antonio has to offer!





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AZTEC THEATRE

The historical gem found in the heart of downtown San Antonio began life as a grand movie theatre before it was converted into the premier entertainment venue it is today. Located at the corner of Commerce and St. Mary's, the Aztec opened its doors in 1926 and boasts a rich architectural history. The stunning three-ton chandelier that hangs in the lobby is reason enough to visit the venue, as it was considered "the largest chandelier in the largest state of the Union" at the time it was designed, and is a whopping two stories tall and twelve feet wide. But aside from its significant cinematic history and historical beauty, the Aztec is still a place to find great entertainment this summer in the likes of GRAMMY®-nominated Blues artist **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** in July; Heavy Metal band **Crutch** in August; and the comedy of **Las Mas Masters: Rogelio Ramos & José Luis Zagar** in September, just to name a few. Check out the theatre's website for its full calendar of scheduled performances.

TOBIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BENISE

July 28, 8:00pm
Rarely is an artist capable of touching the hearts and souls of people of all ages, cultures and diverse musical backgrounds as **BENISE** (pronounced Buh-nes-say). For Benise, music has always been a journey ... from his humble beginnings as a street performer, to performing around the world. "I wanted to push the boundaries of traditional Nuevo Flamenco/Spanish

guitar while combining the elements of dance and theatre. This show is a celebration of Music, Love and Life," comments the composer, virtuoso guitarist and creative force behind "fuego!"

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN August 4, 8:00pm

Freddie Mercury may be gone but his essence lives on in Gary Mullen and The Works, a premier Queen tribute band whose raucous replication of the band's iconic songs and its legendary front man—exuberantly embodied by Mullen—see to it the show does go on. The band will be in San Antonio to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their world-renowned "One Night of Queen" live stage show that pays homage to the stage theatrics and music of Queen. The concert is headed by Freddie Mercury imitator Gary Mullen, who along with his band, has performed to sold-out audiences around the world.

AN EVENING WITH CRISTELA ALONZO September 20, 7:30pm

Comedian, writer and producer Cristela Alonzo made history as the first Latina woman to create, write and star in a network TV show, "Cristela." She developed a comedy special for Netflix Lower Classy and served as a fan-favorite guest host on ABC's "The View." Alonzo uses humor to shine a light on bigger issues, and makes us laugh while she opens our eyes. Her comedic point of view was honed through her experiences growing up as a first-generation Mexican-American, and she is a masterful storyteller, as evidenced in her bestselling memoir full of humor



and heart, "Music to My Years: A Mixtape-Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up."

H-E-B CINEMA ON WILL'S PLAZA

Summer nights become movie nights under the stars at The Will Naylor Smith River Walk Plaza, known as Will's Plaza, where the public is invited to grab their lawn chairs and blankets, and enjoy a free screening of a film on the plaza's 32-foot LED video wall, courtesy of the Tobin Center and H-E-B. This summer's upcoming films will feature the Lin Manuel Miranda musical, "In the Heights" on July 14; "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" on August 11; and the animated family classic "Up" on September 8. Showtimes are at 8:00pm. Chairs are available at the venue as well as a full concession and bar. No outside food, drinks or pets are allowed on the plaza. Visit the Tobin Center website for more details.

SAN ANTONIO ZOO JUNGLE BOOGIE NIGHTS

June 17 – August 5

Saturday: 10:00am to 7:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Boogie nights are always the best in town at the San Antonio Zoo during its annual Jungle Boogie Nights celebration. Get ready for a roaring good time with live music, dance parties, animal interactions, and food and fun for the whole family. Last year's celebration featured a different theme each week, such as Boy Band Night, Fixin' to 2 Step, Disco Boogie, 80's Night

and Beach Bash. Each week also featured a Dance Party that kicked off at 6:30pm on the Great Lawn, along with free commemorative buttons and giveaways. This event is included with admission and is free for Zoo members. Visit the Zoo's website for details.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

GEORGE LOPEZ

July 28 & 29, 7:00pm

Funnyman George Lopez is bringing his hilarious stand-up to the Alamo City during his "Allriiiighht!" tour. Lopez is currently starring in the NBC sitcom "Lopez vs Lopez," which features his real-life daughter, Mayan Lopez. The actor and comedian turned children's book author can also be seen in the upcoming superhero film "Blue Beetle" slated for theatrical release in August.

COUNTING CROWS WITH SPECIAL GUEST DASHBOARD CONFSSIONAL

August 22, 7:30pm

For more than two decades, the Counting Crows have fascinated audiences worldwide with their music, and now audiences in San Antonio will be able to hear the GRAMMY and Academy Award-nominated Adam Duritz and company live. The "Mr. Jones and Me" rockers will be in San Antonio, along with special guest rockers Dashboard Confessional, as part of a scheduled stop on their "The Butter Miracle Tour" that will feature hits spanning their 30-year career.

CHICAGO

September 19, 7:30pm

Chicago is in Texas and feeling stronger every day with a new album of songs to bring to area fans. The iconic group recently released their 38th studio album, "Born for This Moment," that includes the hit single, "If This is Goodbye." Audiences will also be treated to decades of hits, such as "If You Leave Me Now," "Color My World" and "You're the Inspiration."

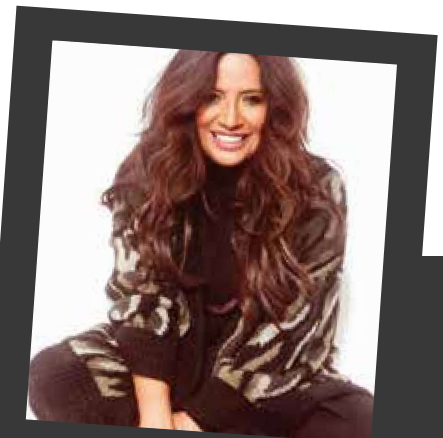
MERKABA

If you are looking for some nightlife served with a great cocktail, check out Merkaba, the cocktail lounge and nightclub that infuses drink flavors and decor inspired by the rich history of San Antonio. Located on the South Bank of the River Walk, the club has an array of events, including karaoke on Thursday nights, plus San Antonio's own classic country band, the 501s, provide live music along with various featured DJs throughout the week. You can also relax in the Witch Doctor or the Grotto lounge, boogie on the dual dance floors or take in the two separate patio spaces while sipping on a drink. Cheers!

HOWL AT THE MOON

Feeling a bit wild and crazy? Then go next door (from Merkaba) to Howl at the Moon for one of their high-energy live music shows where you can sing along to dance hits and party anthems that will get you dancing in no time. You can also imbibe in a smooth cocktail, shot, beer or bucket to share with friends. Like its sister venue, Merkaba, Howl at the Moon always has a variety of events so check their website for drink specials and the latest fun theme, such as 90's night.

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