



# MUSIC, MONARCHS, BOAT TOURS AND MORE

By Lakendra Lewis

With the autumn leaves slowly turning to hazy shades of winter, there are lots to see and do in downtown San Antonio that will have even the shiest concertgoer or theatre enthusiast dancing in the aisles or at least in their seat. It might even leave them wanting to hop on a boat tour or chase a butterfly or two. From classic rock to 80's pop or 90's grunge to traditional holiday fun, there is something to do in SA for everyone, through the end of the year.

## OCTOBER

### TOBIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

#### Music Is Just Alright With Me!

**October 8, 8:00pm**

Four-time GRAMMY® Award winners The Doobie Brothers with Michael McDonald will be groovin' minute by minute. The classic rock icons will be the headliners for the venue's 7th Annual Benefit Concert that this year will honor founding Tobin Center Chairman Judge Nelson Wolff.

Known for their five decades of deep harmonies and guitar-driven Southern rock, The Doobie Brothers have sold more than 48 million albums and were recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. So, get ready to rock to classic tunes like "Black Water," "What a Fool Believes," "Listen to the Music," "China Grove" and "Takin' it to the Streets," just to name a few.



#### Bang The Drum

**October 15, 9:00 to 10:00pm**

If you are looking for a fun, safe and healthy outlet to pound out some steam, check out the Tobin's drum circle gathering at Will's Plaza, headed by Jorge Ochoa, a local occupational therapist, group drumming facilitator and founder of TamboRhythms, a company dedicated to promoting FUNctional living through rhythmic expression.

This family-friendly event will take place rain or shine and is free and open to the public as part of the Wellness at the Tobin series, sponsored by H-E-B. No musical experience is necessary. A mixture of drums and hand percussion will be available to use but participants can also bring their own percussive instruments.

#### If The Glass Slipper Fits...

**October 14 to 16**

Think you know the story of Cinderella? This new magical adaptation slated for performance by the San Antonio Ballet puts a new pirouette on "happily ever after." In this new retelling set to Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev's enchanting score, the audience is taken on an emotional journey as they follow Cinderella's adventures and are reminded that how we respond to life's adversities ultimately determines our happiness. For performance times, visit the Tobin website.



## THE SAN ANTONIO AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARCHIVE AND MUSEUM

### Magical History Tour

**October 15, 5:00 to 7:00pm**

The San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum (SAAACAM) will host a Black History River Cruise that spotlights contributions of African Americans in San Antonio and explores a variety of topics, including African Americans in politics, education, churches, neighborhoods, businesses and culture.

The 100-minute floating tour treats guests to a scenic river view of historic sites that include the Museum Reach, the Aztec Theatre and the Pearl. In addition to the river barge cruise, guests are invited to visit SAAACAM located in La Villita. The museum was founded in 2017 to serve as a community archive specifically for the preservation of stories of African Americans in San Antonio. Admission to the museum is free. Tickets for the cruise are \$30; SAAACAM members receive a discount. Private tours also are available. Sail over to the museum's website for more information.

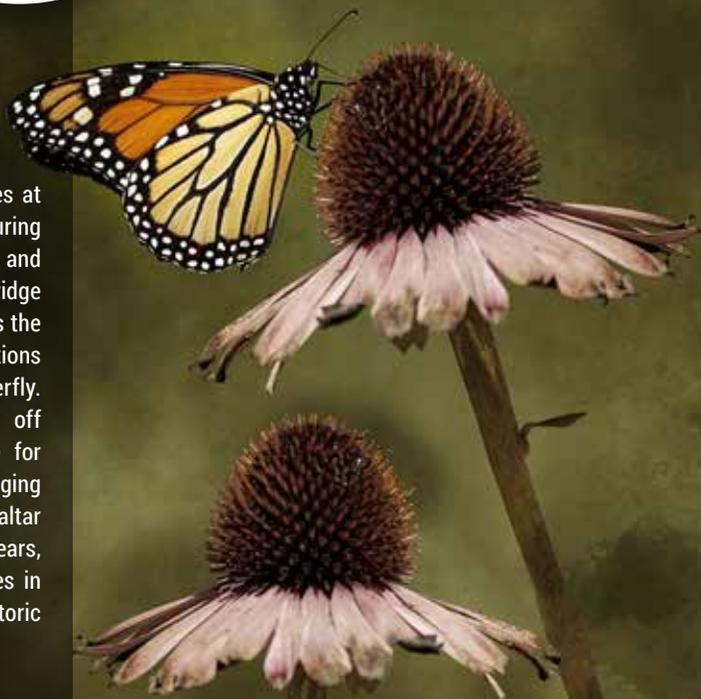


## BRACKENRIDGE PARK CONSERVANCY

### Butterflies Are Free

**October 8, 10:00am to 2:00pm**

Butterflies will once again rule the skies at the Pecan Grove in Brackenridge Park during the Seventh Annual Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival. Hosted by The Brackenridge Park Conservancy, the free festival marks the end of a month-long series of celebrations surrounding the beautiful monarch butterfly. Festivalgoers are encouraged to "dust off their wings" for the traditional People for Pollinators Procession, monarch tagging demos, waggle dancing, Forever Journey altar and educational booths seen in past years, as well as anticipate some new surprises in the new "Brackenridge" location, an historic Alamo City enclave.



## NOVEMBER

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#### Mad About Belinda Carlisle

**November 10, 7:30pm**

80's music icon and lead singer of one of rock's most successful all-girl bands, Belinda Carlisle is bringing her "Decades" tour to the H-E-B Performance Hall.

From her hits with her 2021 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-inducted band the Go-Go's to solo chart-topping tunes like "Mad About You," "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "I Get Weak," audiences will not be able to keep their lips sealed during this head-over-heels concert!

#### They Are The Champions!

**November 13, 7:00pm**

It is UK meets the US in SA as the Champions of Magic team up for some powerhouse prestidigitation in a magic show that has wowed sellout crowds around the globe.

Filled with an evening of impossible illusions and spectacular special effects, this dynamic ensemble of magicians and acrobatic artists—described by the press as "The Avengers of magic"—will perform incredible interactive feats, jaw-



dropping escapes, death-defying levitation and a finale that can only be seen to be believed.

#### Ga Ga For The Goo Goo Dolls

**November 15, 7:30pm**

The Tobin Center presents An Evening with the Goo Goo Dolls as part of the band's "Chaos in Bloom" tour. Backed by a slew of hits and a pile of platinum records, concertgoers will slide into a catalogue of tunes that prove why this pop rock-grunge duo has been an alt favorite for the past three decades. VIP packages are available. Check the Tobin website for details.

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DECEMBER

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A Holiday Tradition Returns

December 2-11

The holidays are not officially here until you have experienced the magic of Ballet San Antonio's "The Nutcracker." This year's performances will be held in the H-E-B Performance Hall, with dance by guest choreographers Easton and Haley Smith.

Join the adventures of Clara, the Mouse King and The Nutcracker Prince in a production featuring a cast of more than 100 children and community heroes in the role of Mother Ginger. See the Tobin website for a full performance schedule.

Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!

December 14, 7:30pm

Doc Watkins and His Orchestra are back for an unforgettable night of swingin' Christmas tunes. Snap those fingers and tap those toes to new arrangements of holiday big band favorites, as well as classic selections from the 1965 animated television special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas."



Abracadabra!

December 16, 8:00pm

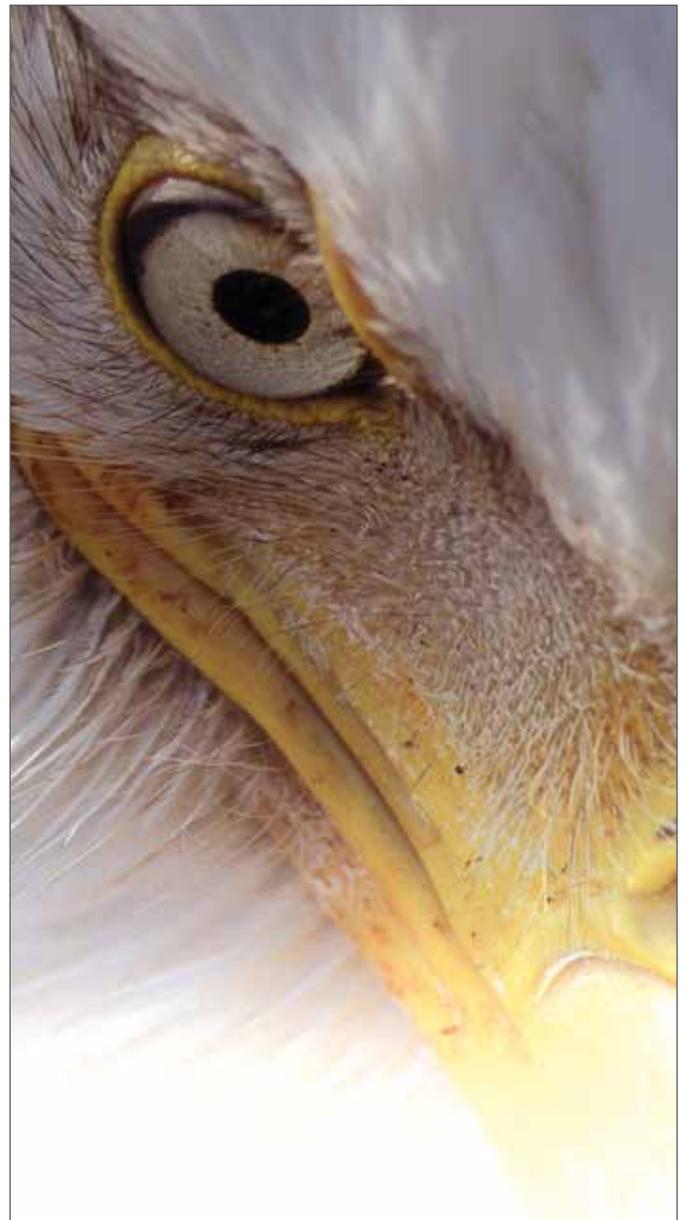
No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you. The Illusionists will be in town direct from Broadway to present their "Magic of the Holidays" show.



Chocked full of thrilling and sophisticated acts, this mind-blowing show has shattered box office records all over the world and dazzled audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing feats of magic. Do not miss it!

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