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this week's top nightlife and entertainment picks



melody and merriment

MUSIC In its fourth annual Music Faculty and Friends Cabaret fundraiser, Santa Fe Public Schools will treat guests to an evening of Broadway tunes, piano solos, jazz vocals, and more, all to benefit SFPS' music education programs. Oliver Prezant, music director of the Santa Fe Community Orchestra, will serve as the evening's host

"It's a one-of-a-kind event that I look forward to being a part of every

year," Prezant says. "You see someone who you know as a classroom teacher get up to perform, and suddenly you're thinking, 'Wow! I didn't know she could sing like that!"

The cabaret starts at 7 PM, but doors open at 5:30 PM, at which point food—appetizers, dinner, dessert—and drinks will be available at an extra cost.

—Whitney Spivey

SFPS Music Faculty and Friends Cabaret, February 21, 7 PM, \$20, The Lodge at Santa Fe, 750 N St. Francis, sfps.info/music



Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week is the time to treat yourself to a meal (or several) at one of Santa

Fe's best eateries. You're sure to find a dish that will make your mouth water—such as sushi from Shoko, Moroccan ribs from La Boca, or black bean flauta from Zia Diner—all for a discounted price.

During Restaurant Week, Geronimo is offering

a three-course, \$40 dinner menu.

In addition to bargain meals, Restaurant Week offers numerous classes and events, during which you can learn culinary skills from the area's most talented chefs, bartenders, and sommeliers. "It's not often we have the opportunity to go behind the scenes and see how a restaurant kitchen works; discover a pro's secrets for creating the magical flavors in a dish; or gain knowledge that enhances our appreciation of a cocktail, sake, wine, or beer," says organizer Michele Ostrove. "I've attended several [such events] in the past, and they were extremely valuable. I use the skills I learned from chef Andrew Cooper [at Terra Restaurant at the Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado] in my own kitchen all the time."—WS

New Mexico Restaurant Week, February 22—March 1, prices and locations vary, nmrestaurantweek.com



Winter Wonderland Walk



and snowy outside doesn't mean there's nothing to see at the 14-acre Santa Fe Botanical Garden on Museum Hill this time of year.

"The sweetbriar rose (a.k.a. the Eglantine Rose of Shakespeare) is beautiful in the winter," says the garden's horticulture and special projects manager, Scott Canning, who notes that in addition to cold-tolerant plants, examples of man-made beauty are on display as well.

"When there aren't many plants blooming, it's much easier to see the dramatic retaining wall built by John T. Morris of New Mexico Stone and the handrails and ramadas constructed by Lex Lucius," Canning says.

On February 12, Canning will offer a Walk through the botanical garden's

guided, hour-long Winter Wonderland Walk through the botanical garden's three-acre Orchard Gardens. Designed by New York landscape architect W. Gary Smith, the gardens features intricate stonework, a historical bridge, and a variety of visiting birds, so don't forget your binoculars.—*Emily Van Cleve*

Winter Wonderland Walk, February 12, 2 PM, \$3 (free for kids 12 and younger), Santa Fe Botanical Garden at Museum Hill, 715 Camino Lejo, santafebotanicalgarden.org CDICTINA CALVADOD

