

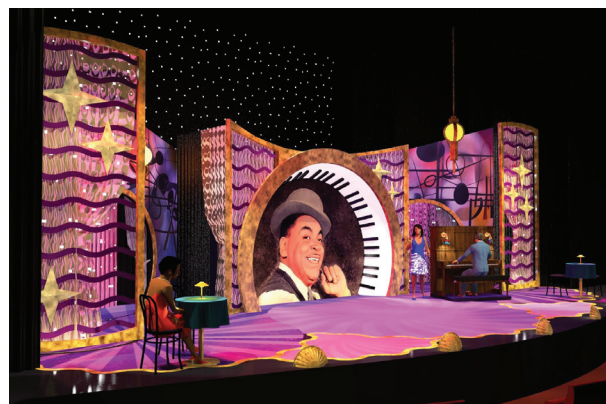
# calendar *of* events



Left: Anne Akiko Meyers is artistic director for the 2024 Laguna Beach Music Festival. Right: The Patriot's Day Parade is set for March 2.



**"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' "**  
THROUGH FEB. 11;  
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE  
Jazz music is at the forefront of this musical revue, which is inspired by the life and times of pianist Fats Waller. The hit show, which debuted in the 1970s, takes place in Harlem nightclubs and features songs like "Honeysuckle Rose" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," showcasing the beginnings of American swing music. (949-497-2787; lagunaplayhouse.com)



"Ain't Misbehavin' " is showing at Laguna Playhouse this winter.

**"BE STILL"**  
THROUGH FEB. 29;  
LAS LAGUNA ART GALLERY  
Held both in the Laguna gallery and online, this art exhibit showcases the beauty of still life paintings. National and international calls for art mean that the curated show could feature a variety of different mediums, ranging from acrylic, oil and watercolor paint to charcoal drawings, printmaking and beyond. (949-505-0950; laslagunaartgallery.com)

**"ESCAPE-ROUTE"**  
THROUGH MARCH 8;  
LAGUNA ART MUSEUM  
A narrative installation at the local art museum that combines sculpture, photography and video, "Escape-Route" takes the viewer along on an American West road trip. Created by Luciana Abait, the piece is meant to inspire art lovers to preserve Earth's landscapes while also touching on humans' connection with the planet and the parallels between self-reflection and

discovery in nature. (949-494-8971; lagunaartmuseum.org)

**LAGUNA BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
FEB. 16-18; LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE  
Following a prelude event at Laguna Art Museum on Feb. 14, this annual music festival opens with Anne Akiko Meyers' "Metamorphoses," with new violin arrangements from this year's artistic director. Then, Saturday night brings "Doubles," with interplay between dual violins, and a pairing of "Histoire

du Tango" with "The Carnival of the Animals" in Sunday's closing, "Carnaval!" (949-715-9713; lagunabeachmusicfestival.com)

**ROOT & BLOOM RETREAT**  
FEB. 17; LAGUNA BEACH YOGA & FAIR TRADE  
Designed to foster community and connection, this mini retreat at a local fitness studio focuses on wellness with a yoga class, meditation, sound bath, reiki, a women's circle, cocoa ceremony, nature project, crystal blessing and more. (949-312-1357; lagunabeachyoga.com)

**LAGUNA DANCE FESTIVAL**  
FEB. 22-25; LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE  
Another annual celebration, the Laguna Dance Festival, will feature performances from Black Grace, this year's featured guest company out of New Zealand; Syncopated Ladies and Los Angeles Ballet will also participate in the event. The festival is held each winter to showcase dancers from across the globe

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DAVID ZENTZ; DOUG MILLER; COURTESY OF LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE



Participating OC Restaurant Week eateries, Starfish Laguna (above) and Rumari (below)

while inspiring an increased appreciation for the arts. (949-715-5578; lagunadancefestival.org)

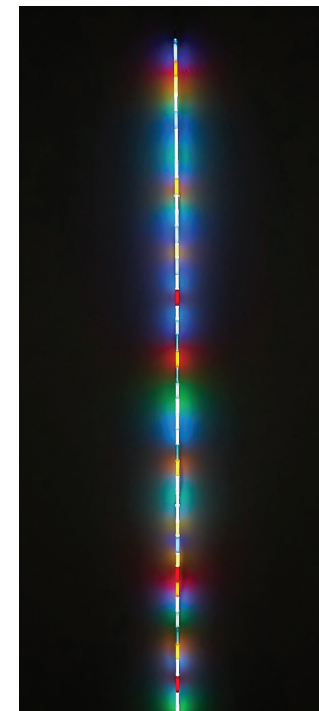
**LAGUNA BEACH PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE**  
MARCH 2; DOWNTOWN LAGUNA BEACH  
Laguna Heritage will be the theme of this year's annual Patriot's Day Parade, in which locals, students and organizations will march the streets of town. Honorees include Grand Marshal Rick Shoemaker, Honored Patriot Col. Richard Seitz, Citizen of the Year Karyn Philippsen, Artist of the Year Mike Tauber and more. (949-494-6016; facebook.com/lagunabeachparade)

**CALIFORNIA COOL**  
MARCH 2; LAGUNA ART MUSEUM  
As the biggest fundraising event of the year for Laguna Art Museum, this annual bash is sure to sell out. Featuring a red carpet experience, craft cocktails, live



music as well as both silent and live auctions, the luxurious benefit supports the museum's mission to educate the public on California art and local artists. (949-494-8971; lagunaartmuseum.org)

**ORANGE COUNTY RESTAURANT WEEK**  
MARCH 2-9; VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
A red carpet launch party March 2 at Marriott Irvine Spectrum kicks off the 2024 Orange County Restaurant Week, which offers prix fixe menus for eateries throughout OC, including Mozambique, Bodega Laguna,



"Child's Play" by Laddie John Dill, part of California Cool, the Laguna Art Museum fundraiser

Lumberyard, Rumari, Oliver's Osteria, Starfish Laguna and more. (ocrestaurantweek.com)

**"ALICE BY HEART"**  
MARCH 8-17; NO SQUARE THEATRE  
This musical, featuring songs by Duncan Sheik, poignantly offers insight on how to come to terms with loss and move forward. Inspired by Lewis Carroll's novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," the show follows a young girl who must shelter in a metro station in London during World War II. A sensory-friendly adaptation will take place March 16. (949-715-0333; nosquare.org) ■

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
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**TO SUBMIT YOUR EVENT:**  
edit@lagunabeachmagazine.com; If you're on Facebook, make sure to "like" Laguna Beach Magazine, and follow @LagunaBeachMagazine on Instagram.

**FIRST THURSDAYS ART WALK:**  
MARCH 7; VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
First Thursdays Art Walk is a beloved tradition in town that encourages locals and visitors alike to view artwork and mingle at local galleries. (949-463-4800; firstthursdaysartwalk.org)

**LAGUNA ART MUSEUM:**  
In addition to ongoing art exhibits, check out Laguna Art Museum's special events, including a weekend trip to Venice to explore a number of studios and galleries in Los Angeles from Feb. 9-11, the beloved California Cool art auction fundraiser on March 2 and more. (949-494-8971; lagunaartmuseum.org)

**LAGUNA BEACH FARMERS MARKET:**  
Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon; Forest Avenue and Laguna Canyon Road (ocercac.ocpublicworks.com)

**LAGUNA LAUGHERS:**  
An informal group meeting Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Main Beach (lyinstitute.org)

**NATURE HIKES:**  
Various dates; Laguna Canyon Foundation (949-497-8324; lagunacanyon.org)

**SAWDUST STUDIO ART CLASSES:**  
Although Sawdust Art Festival is closed for the season, creative types can find a number of art classes available year-round at the festival grounds. Sign up for workshops in acrylic painting, mosaics, pottery and more. (949-494-3030; sawdustartfestival.org)

**WINE CRAFT:**  
Explore your artistic side while tasting wine; projects have ranged from painting on canvas to decorating wine glasses and seasonal items. (949-376-0007; winecraftoc.com)

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