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# A Letter From the Editor

By Hawke Taylore

**W**elcome to all! This is the second monthly edition of VOICES Magazine for Tucson. To those who are unsure what this is all about, VOICES is designed to focus on real people who do extraordinary things in the Tucson Area. This publication is designed for Tucson, about Tucson and by Tucson. One of the biggest goals of this publication is to keep everything about it in Tucson and surrounding areas and influence. This will include Pima County and the neighboring cities that make up a substantial contribution to the community. This will include Marana, Benson, Vail, Sahuarita, Green Valley, Tubac, and Nogales just to name a few of our contributing neighbors. The intent of this magazine is to

introduce you to people of the community that stand out in some way. In future issues we plan to include Teachers, Firefighters, community members and that person next door to you that always seems to be doing something for everyone. I hope you enjoy this issue and the forthcoming issues of VOICES Magazine. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

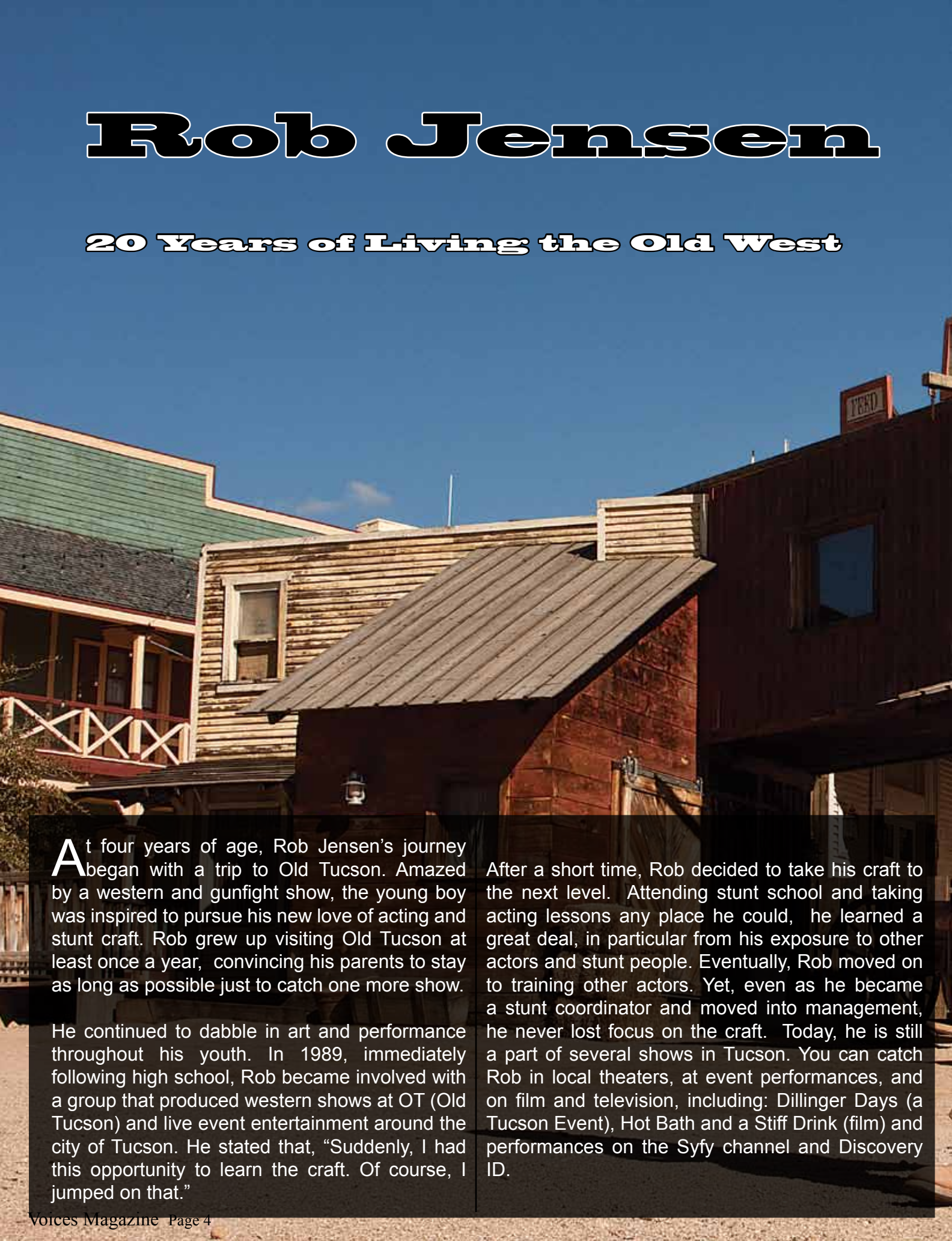
*Hawke Taylore*

Hawke Taylore



# Rob Jensen

## 20 Years of Living the Old West



At four years of age, Rob Jensen's journey began with a trip to Old Tucson. Amazed by a western and gunfight show, the young boy was inspired to pursue his new love of acting and stunt craft. Rob grew up visiting Old Tucson at least once a year, convincing his parents to stay as long as possible just to catch one more show.

He continued to dabble in art and performance throughout his youth. In 1989, immediately following high school, Rob became involved with a group that produced western shows at OT (Old Tucson) and live event entertainment around the city of Tucson. He stated that, "Suddenly, I had this opportunity to learn the craft. Of course, I jumped on that."

After a short time, Rob decided to take his craft to the next level. Attending stunt school and taking acting lessons any place he could, he learned a great deal, in particular from his exposure to other actors and stunt people. Eventually, Rob moved on to training other actors. Yet, even as he became a stunt coordinator and moved into management, he never lost focus on the craft. Today, he is still a part of several shows in Tucson. You can catch Rob in local theaters, at event performances, and on film and television, including: Dillinger Days (a Tucson Event), Hot Bath and a Stiff Drink (film) and performances on the Syfy channel and Discovery ID.









In addition to acting and stunt work, Rob builds functional art in the form of lamps made from scraps of metal and recycled materials. His very first lamp was a present for his mother, and now his art is found all over the world. It is currently displayed at the Petroglyphs "Lost Barrio" and can also be found on Instagram@desertshanty .

Many wonderful things have happened in Rob's life since the early days at OT, including meeting his supportive wife Brenna, with whom he has 3 children aged 9, 14 and 18. His love and pride in his kids and wife was apparent as we spoke. Brenna is working at the school their children attend while completing a degree in the medical field.

The family hasn't always been in Tucson. Rob, Brenna, and the kids also lived in Phoenix while Rob was Entertainment Director at Rawhide in Scottsdale. (Rawhide is a "Western Themed" amusement park that now resides in Chandler). "It hasn't been without its challenges" Rob acknowledges. Having to work on holidays and weekends was very difficult for the kids, and having a typical amount of quality family

time was not an option. "You take family time where you can get it."

Their only son, Nicholas, appears to be the one to take an interest in the entertainment industry. He even collaborates with his father, providing ideas for each year's Nightfall performed at OT, some of which Rob incorporates into the show.

"The industry is ever-changing and you have to change with it" Rob remarks. Every year he has to ensure that each show appeals to all ages and a variety of tastes. Rob understands that you can't please everyone, but he has been very successful keeping people amused and entertained. After 20 years of working in the industry it is "the love of doing it that keeps me going. I love to have fun."

Article and Photos by Hawke Taylore

*Rob often sits in the crowd during performances to assure customer satisfaction.*







# The Miracle Gift for a Miracle Worker



MIRACLE  
31<sup>st</sup>  
STREET

## Giving Back to Ramon



*1947 Chrysler Windsor  
Just hours after painting*

**J**anuary 29th was a bright sunny day at Rodeo Park. A huge group of people gathered, laughing, passing around food, admiring restored and customized vehicles, and playing loud music to announce 'appreciation day' for Ramon Gonzalez and the Miracle on 31st Street Campaign. Forty-six years ago Ramon began the campaign to provide Christmas toys to his nieces, nephews and neighborhood kids to "give to those who have nothing." It was intended to be a one-time event, but the giving has not stopped and has no sign of losing momentum. This community event, which was started to raise funds and collect toys for children who wouldn't normally have a Christmas, now supports gifts given to 10,000 children.

As a tribute to Ramon for all the efforts

through the years, he was presented with the initial stages of his 1947 Chrysler Windsor restoration. This car was Ramon's, and it was in need of a makeover and a lot of care. Suavecito Martinez, who spoke with Ramon about his intention for the Windsor noted, "Ramon always had the dream to drive with Santa Clause at his side as he goes to the events for Miracle on 31st Street ... Let's make it possible." Suavecito "called some people [he] knew that would step up to the challenge and they made it possible by getting it painted and fabricated. We're building his dream car."

Suavecito, a young man and father, has significant influence in the community, an influence he seems to always use to enhance the lives of the people around him. He and his oldest daughter are also mod-





*Suavecito Martinez in the passenger seat of the Chrysler.*



els that share their beautiful talent with photographers throughout Tucson. Rarely would Suavecito speak of himself, instead giving credit to others. On this day, Suavecito was focused on what Ramon did for the community.

“It’s the community that are helping do-

nate parts and money to help get it taken care of. It’s us giving back to Ramon for what he has been doing for 46 years. He’s always been selfless. He never did it for a thank you. He does what he does out of the kindness of his heart and never expects anything in return”.

The Windsor is being rebuilt by Ronald and Arlene Rios along with the crew at Body Touch Body Shop. Having started his busi-



ness as a young man restoring bikes, it was a natural progression for Ron to move to vehicles. The customizing of the vehicles we saw at the event was stunning. The way Ronald sees it, "he [Ramon] gave to the kids that had nothing. I was one of those kids who had nothing. I felt it was okay to give back to him."

Ramon was a man of few words on this day. He appeared overwhelmed, seeing his dream for the car come true. "It's beautiful, but I don't think I deserve it", Ramon shared with a small tear in his eye. "It's not myself that's doing this, it's a community that's doing this".

The community is very thankful to Ramon for starting and sticking with Miracle on 31st Street.

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*Left: The crew from Body touch that is rebuilding the Chrysler  
Below: A few of the custom design cars that were at the appreciation party*



# Dreams

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J. M. DeBORD  
aka "RadOwl,"  
reddit.com's  
dream expert

REMEMBER, INTERPRET, AND

LIVE YOUR DREAMS



# DREAM MASTER

J. M. DeBord. Tucson's International Dream Analyst

**H**ave you ever had a dream that you just want to figure out what it means? Jason DeBord is the person in Tucson to help you find the answer. Jason began dream analysis in college, but it was his mentor Larry who put him on the right path. He learned from Larry how to interpret his own dreams.

Jason eventually gained the confidence to help other people understand their dreams, and his first test subject was his wife, Lisa. Together they were able to decipher some of her dreams. Jason quickly realized he has a knack for dream interpretation and analysis and for explaining it in clear, simple language. He moved to Tucson with his wife 6 years ago, and since then he has published two books on dreams. *Dreams 1-2-3: Remember, Interpret and Live Your Dreams* and *The Big Book of Dream Interpretation*, to be published this June. He also maintains a popular blog about dreams at [dreams123.net](http://dreams123.net) and is known online as RadOwl, the reddit.com dream expert.

In the interview with Jason, he tells us, "I try to convey in the books that dreams are not as difficult to understand as they can appear. You don't need a psychologist or a guru to tell you what your dreams mean. You can do it yourself if you understand that dreams are stories told through symbolism. These stories are about you and your life."

For over a year now Jason has volunteered time to give presentations and lectures at Canyon Ranch Resort here in Tucson. He

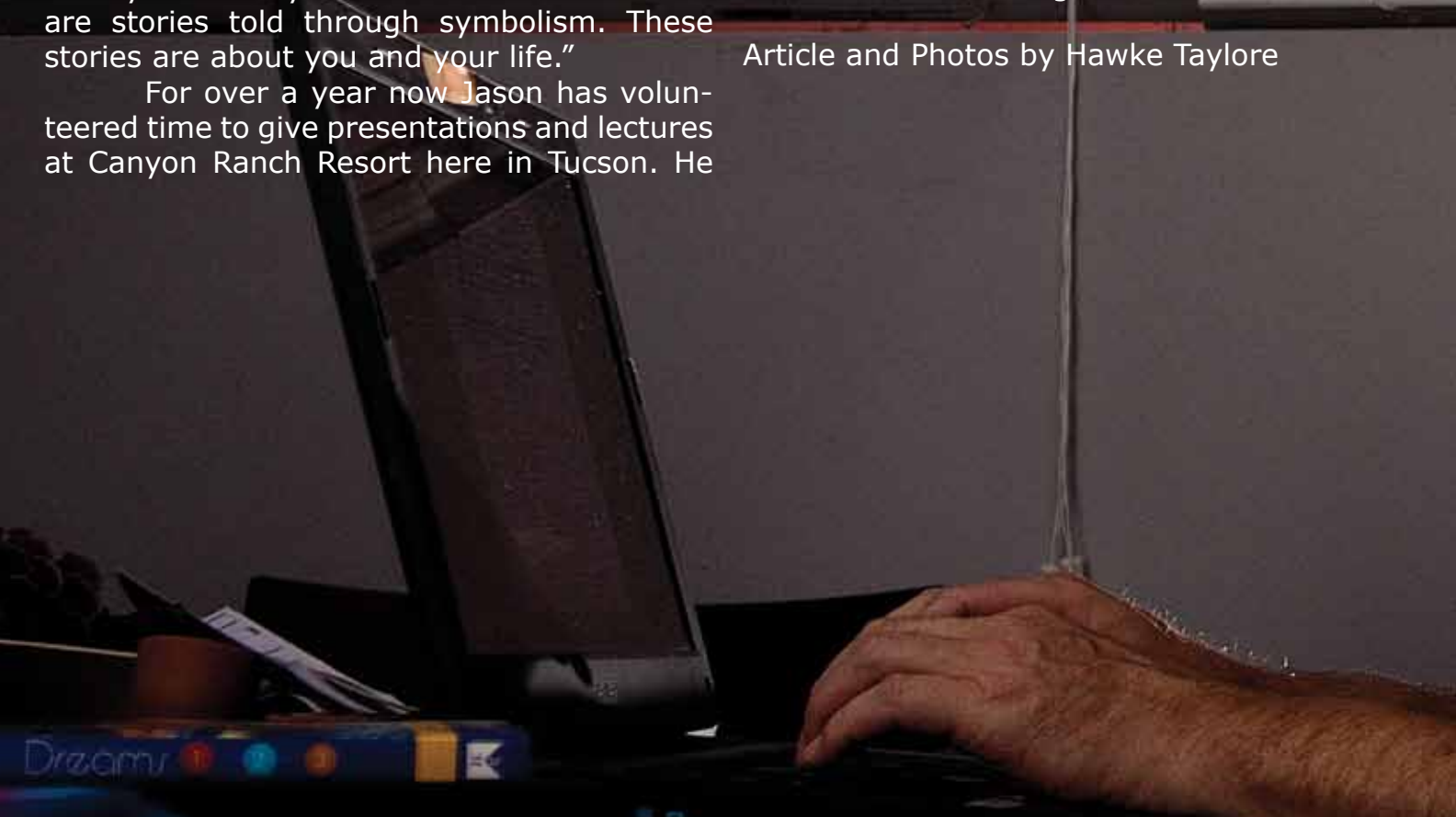
also offers workshops on dream analysis at local libraries and bookstores.

Jason has interpreted thousands of dreams and is always happy to hear about the dreams of friends or strangers. "My first approach is, I can't tell you what your dreams mean, but I can give ideas and suggestions to help lead toward your own answers. Only you know what your dreams mean." Jason goes on to say, "When people tell you about their dreams, what they are really telling you is who they really are. I'm always interested in hearing about people's dreams. Dreaming is like living another life when you close your eyes."

Jason also helps care for his wife's mother who suffers from dementia. Caring for her is a challenge and keeps the family busy with a very full schedule. His wife Lisa is an instructor at Pima College. Looking at his family you would not guess that all they do can be accomplished in a single day.

Since his first book, Jason has been a guest speaker for over 40 radio talk shows including Coast to Coast AM, as well as international television programs such as The Moore Show in the UK. His books are available on Amazon.com and Target.com.

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## Family Places:

[www.traildusttown.com](http://www.traildusttown.com) Always something for everyone.

<http://foxtucson.com/events/show-all> All kinds of things for all ages.

<http://oldtucson.com/events> Old West fun!

<https://reidparkzoo.org/events> Let's face it, Animals are cool to see.

[www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org) in the desert without feeling deserted.

[www.thewildlifemuseum.org](http://www.thewildlifemuseum.org) All ages!

<http://speedway.tucson.com/calendar> New events posted daily

[www.sabinocanyon.com](http://www.sabinocanyon.com) Healthy hikes and great views.

<http://mtlemmon.com/summerhaven> Great getaway trips!

[www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org) A garden in the middle of town.

## Places for Couples and Friends:

[www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com) Music and concerts

<http://hotelcongress.com/events> Music and More

[www.tsrdowntown.com](http://www.tsrdowntown.com) Movies and Music

<https://loftcinema.org/showtimes> All kinds of Movies

[www.fourthavenue.org/events](http://www.fourthavenue.org/events) Whole area of fun and excitement.

[www.union.arizona.edu/involvement/gallagher](http://www.union.arizona.edu/involvement/gallagher) Movies for \$3!

<http://rocktucson.com/calendar>



# The Mixed Bag!

These places have events for everyone! Links are constantly updating

<http://tucsonconventioncenter.com/event-calendar>

<http://southernarizonaguide.com/find-event-tucson-southern-arizona>

[www.kvoa.com/category/295118/events-calendar#/85701-tucson/all/today](http://www.kvoa.com/category/295118/events-calendar#/85701-tucson/all/today)

[www.visittucson.org/events/categories/events](http://www.visittucson.org/events/categories/events)

[www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm](http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm)

<http://tucson.eventful.com/events>

[www.wikido.com/us/az/tucson](http://www.wikido.com/us/az/tucson)

<http://tucsonhappenings.com/today.asp>

[www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

[www.tucsonmuseumofart.org](http://www.tucsonmuseumofart.org)

[www.moca-tucson.org/calendar](http://www.moca-tucson.org/calendar)

[www.arizonahistoricalandsociety.org/tucson](http://www.arizonahistoricalandsociety.org/tucson)

[www.eventbrite.com/d/az--tucson/events](http://www.eventbrite.com/d/az--tucson/events)

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