

The Palm Springs 2014 Season in the Sun

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The Greater Palm Springs area has developed into an amazing hub for festivals and events in season. Whether it's watching the world's greatest tennis at Indian Wells Tennis Gardens or checking out the incredible concert scene at Coachella and Stagecoach, the Valley's signature events take center stage.

Golf and tennis tournaments, glamorous star-studded evenings, and social galas abound. Here is a sampling of "must attend" events to add to your busy datebook this season.

THE FABULOUS PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

The Last Hurrah

November 1 thru May 18

After more than two decades, the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies will be closing its doors forever with a final "greatest hits" show. 760-327-0225 or visit www.psfollies.com

PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

January 3 thru January 13

Film Screenings and A Star-Studded Black Tie Gala on **Saturday, January 4.**Join 135,000 other film aficionados at one of the largest Film Festivals in North America, known for its lineup of new and celebrated international features and documentaries. 760-322-2930 or visit www.psfilmfest.org

HUMANA CHALLENGE

January 13 thru January 19

New in 2014 will be the event's top amateur players participating in Sunday's final round with the professionals. The tournament also introduces the Club Team Challenge Pro-Am, featuring three amateur members of the same club, a PGA TOUR professional and a PGA Club pro. 760-346-8184 or visit www.humanachallenge.com

DESERT GUILD OF BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

February 3

Annual Luncheon & Shopping Boutique at Omni Rancho Las Palmas. Honorees Dr. Jane Woolley and The Honorable Shirley Pettis Thompson. 760-413-4469 or visit www.bigheartsmembership.org

DESERT AIDS PROJECT – 20TH ANNUAL STEVE CHASE HUMANITARIAN AWARDS February 8 at 5:30 p.m.

This celebrity-filled event is a highly sought after ticket. Event will be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center. 760-323-2118 or visit www.desertaidsproject.org

BARBARA SINATRA CENTER FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

The Frank Sinatra Starkey Hearing Technologies Celebrity Invitational February 20 thru February 22

This quintessential desert event includes a celebrity golf tournament, pairings party, fabulous luncheon & fashion show, dinner, live auction, and Saturday night Black Tie Gala. 760-674-8447 or visit www.franksinatragolf.org

VIRGINIA WARING INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION Black & White Gala

February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa in Rancho Mirage.

An elegant evening of hosted cocktails, dinner and a musical performance by the 2011 Solo & Concerto Winner Tristan Teo. Honoree is Harold Matzner. 760-773-2525 or visit www.vwipc.org

BNP PARIBAS OPEN

March 3 thru March 16 at Indian Wells Tennis Garden

The action is non-stop at the largest combined ATP World Tour and WTA in the world next to the four Grand Slams. This event combines the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 and WTA Premier event, and features top men and women professional tennis players competing in a 96 singles draw and 32 doubles draw. 1-800-999-1585 or visit www.bnpparibasopen.com



PALM SPRINGS WOMEN IN FILM & TELEVISION 6th Annual Broken Glass Awards Gala March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at The Show at Agua Caliente Casino

Stroll on the Red Carpet along with numerous celebrities as part of this star-studded award show honoring women who have broken through the glass ceiling in television, the arts, and philanthropy. 760-328-0306 or visit www.pswift.org

FASHION WEEK EL PASEO March 4 thru March 23

The Ninth Annual Fashion Week El Paseo unfolds under the Big White Tent in the heart of Palm Desert's most celebrated shopping district. 760-325-2333 or visit www.fashionweekelpaseo.com

LA QUINTA ARTS FESTIVAL

32nd Annual Arts Festival – La Quinta - Ranked # 1 in the Nation. 760-564-1244 or visit www.LQAF.com

KRAFT NABISCO GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP March 31 thru April 6

at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage.

Experience the first major event on the LPGA tour. Over 100 top women golfers in the world vie for the winner's title and the opportunity to participate in one of golf's most beloved traditions – the champion's leap into Poppie's Pond and the donning of the white robe. 760-324-4546 or visit www.kncgolf.com

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF THE DESERT Michael Childers presents "ONE NIGHT ONLY" April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at McCallum Theatre

Showcasing a truly impressive cast "ONE NIGHT ONLY" is a must see with tickets selling out quickly. 760-325-4088 or visit www.jfsdesert.org

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