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**April 2024 Calendar Announcement

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE
PRESENTS EIGHT EVENTS IN APRIL 2024**

The historic Sierra Madre Playhouse presents a range of comedy, jazz, classical music, world music, and family-friendly events in April 2024. Among the featured artists are magician **Arty Loon,** weaving amazing illusions, gravity-defying juggling, and charming puppetry into a delightful family-friendly program (**April 6**); comic **Katrina Davis,** deemed a Comedian You Should and Will Know by *Vulture* (**April 6**); trailblazing jazz keyboardist **Kait Dunton** (**April 7**); and the family-friendly **Bob Baker Marionette Theatre**, a Southland treasure long recognized for introducing children to the wonder of puppetry and theater (**April 13 and** **20**). Also featured are comedian **Chris Garcia,** offering his humorous take on life’s complexities (**April 13**), and vibraphone and marimba jazz sensation **Nick Mancini** (**April 14**). The period-instrument sensation **Tesserae Baroque Ensemble** returns to Sierra Madre Playhouse with **“Ferrara 1590,”** bringing to life the musical wonders of 16th-century Italy (**April 21**).

Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. For tickets and information, please call (626) 355-4318 or visit [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org).

**Event details are listed below in chronological order.**

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Family @ The Playhouse: Magician Arty Loon
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024, 11 AM**Families go loony for Arty Loon’s whimsical magic, weaving amazing illusions, gravity-defying juggling, and charming puppetry into a fabulous spectacle that brings smiles and laughter to youngsters and the young at heart alike.

TICKETS: $10

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Comedy @ The Playhouse: Katrina Davis**
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024, 7:30 PM**

Katrina Davis is a Baltimore-born and Florida-raised comedian known for her fun-loving approach and dark yet liberating perspectives on life. Her comedy traverses a myriad of subjects, from the quirks of hurricane preparation to the depths of heartbreak, all while maintaining a humorous and insightful stance. Davis was named one of *Time Out LA’s* Comedians to Watch 2019, had one of *Comedy Central’*s most watched videos in 2022, and was deemed a Comedian You Should and Will Know in 2023 by *Vulture*. She acts as comedy relief on the art history podcast *Podvant Garde* and is also featured on *Comedy Central*, *Don't Tell Comedy*, *America’s Got Talent* (2017), and the *Seed & Spark* comedy special *Everything Is Fine*. Her debut comedy special, *Figuring It Out*, was named in NPR’s End of Year Stand-Up Comedy Spectacular on Bullseye with Jesse Thorn and is now available for streaming on Amazon Prime and other platforms.
TICKETS: $20

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Jazz @ The Playhouse: Kait Dunton**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024, 7:30 PM**

Trailblazing multi-keyboardist Kait Duntonadds her signature groovy vintage sound to a program fusing classical, pop, rock, R&B, soul, gospel, Brazilian, and Latin music. Known for her radiant energy and masterful musical storytelling, Dunton has built a huge following on social media and a substantial listenership on Spotify. Her technicolor sensibility, influenced by Ahmad Jamal, Chick Corea, and Herbie Hancock, infuses her original music, which is in regularly rotation on prominent LA radio stations KCRW and KJAZZ, and has been featured in such films as “The Lego Movie 2” and “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” about the life of revered children’s TV host Fred Rogers. Her latest album, "Keyboards," celebrates the classic vintage keyboards of the '70s, including the Fender Rhodes, Hammond B3, Wurlitzer, and Clavinet.

TICKETS: $12, $25, $35

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Family @ The Playhouse: Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – “A Morning at the Theater”**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024, 11 AM**

This spring, the Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – a Southland treasure long recognized for introducing children to the wonder of puppetry and theater – inspires imagination with three enchanting performances of “A Morning at the Theater” at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Each family shows includes an engaging puppetry performance, fun hands-on interactive activities, and surprising behind-the-scenes puppetry insights. The Theater has captivated the hearts of children and families for half a century with the legacy of its founder Bob Baker continuing to live on through the hands and hearts of the company’s dedicated puppeteers.

TICKETS: $10

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Comedy @ The Playhouse: Chris Garcia
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024, 7:30 PM**

Chris Garcia possesses a knack for finding humor in life’s complexities. Considered among the funniest voices in comedy, he has made a name for himself with uproarious performances on Comedy Central, including his own special, “This Is Not Happening.” His work, bourn of his Cuban heritage, also includes the TV show “Adam Devine’s House Party” and writing credits for scripted shows on Adult Swim, Comedy Central and Broadway Video. He currently works on the Netflix sitcom “Mr. Iglesias.”

TICKETS: $20

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Jazz @ The Playhouse: Nick Mancini The Next Step
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024, 7:30 PM**

Vibraphone and marimba sensation Nick Mancini, a true “original” (*LA Weekly*), has made an indelible mark on the jazz world, earning critical accolades and recognition from peers and audiences alike. Named “Best Jazz Percussionist" on vibes in DRUM Magazine's Reader's Poll, the internationally acclaimed artist has appeared around the globe, from Scandinavia and Australia to New York’s famed Apollo Theater. During his illustrious career, Mancini, a composer as well, has shared the stage with an array of musical greats, from Arturo Sandoval to Kamasi Washington. He is also a dedicated educator who serves on the faculty at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at CSU Long Beach and CSU Northridge and mentors up-and-coming jazz musicians at the Thelonious Monk Institute.

TICKETS: $12, $25, $35

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Family @ The Playhouse: Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – “A Morning at the Theater”**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, 11 AM**

This spring, the Bob Baker Marionette Theatre – a Southland treasure long recognized for introducing children to the wonder of puppetry and theater – inspires imagination with three enchanting performances of “A Morning at the Theater” at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Each family shows includes an engaging puppetry performance, fun hands-on interactive activities, and surprising behind-the-scenes puppetry insights. The Theater has captivated the hearts of children and families for half a century with the legacy of its founder Bob Baker continuing to live on through the hands and hearts of the company’s dedicated puppeteers.

TICKETS: $10

Sierra Madre Playhouse Presents

**Music @ The Playhouse: Tesserae Baroque Ensemble - “Ferrara 1590”**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024, 2 PM**

For Tesserae Baroque Ensemble’s third program at The Playhouse, “Ferrara 1590,” the period-instrument group brings to life the musical wonders of 16th-century Italy and the distinct schools of Italian keyboard music that culminated in the emergence of the Baroque style as epitomized by Girolamo Frescobaldi, a native of Ferrara, Italy, and a pivotal figure in the evolution of keyboard music. Ian Pritchard, a master of the harpsichord, delves into the vibrant keyboard traditions that influenced Frescobaldi's early career.

TICKETS: $35 - $45

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**TICKETS & INFORMATION:**

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**ABOUT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE**Sierra Madre Playhouse, a vibrant Southern California cultural hub with a rich history spanning nearly a century, energizes audiences and the community with distinctive theatrical productions and captivating live performances. Hailed as a “jewel” (*Pasadena Weekly*) and “a landmark theater” (*ABC7 Los Angeles*), it has garnered tremendous accolades for its varied repertoire and thought-provoking education and outreach programs curated with social impact in mind. The *Los Angeles Times* proclaims, “This is theater from the heart.” As one of San Gabriel Valley’s only performing arts center presenting a broad spectrum of performance genres, including theater, music, dance, film, comedy, and family-friendly productions featuring eminent local and national professional artists, the treasured artistic beacon draws audiences from across the Southland. The intimate 99-seat Sierra Madre Playhouse offers an up-close and personal connection to performances that resonate deeply, earning multiple Ovation Awards, NAACP Awards, and LA Times Critics' Choice honors. It is nestled into a historic building on the inviting Main Street of Sierra Madre, a charming village in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Retaining its distinctive movie theater façade and instantly recognizable marquee, the structure has undergone numerous transformations since opening in 1910, from furniture emporium to silent movie theatre to the artistic institution that now stands as a vibrant embodiment of the region’s rich cultural legacy. The Sierra Madre Playhouse fosters creativity that aspires to bridge divides and spark dialogue, all while celebrating the rich tapestry of the American experience and the enduring pursuit of shared understanding.

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