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Children to celebrate Russian culture at Musical Circus

Pasadena Symphony's first Musical Circus of the new year will showcase one of Southern California's most vibrant children's entertainers, Jamie Shaheen.

This highly interactive performance, with the piano as its centerpiece, will culminate with a sing-along and dance-along celebration for the kids in attendance.

Russian Folk dancers from the Russian Souvenir Dance Company will also perform and teach the children some basic dance movements of that style.

"Musical Circus: From Russia with Love" will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 10 at The Americana at Brand in Glendale.

The Pasadena Symphony Association's Musical Circus is for children 3-8 years of age and will begin with the instrument "petting zoo" where youngsters can toot flutes, blow trumpets, pluck violins and cellos and bang on percussion instruments.

The performance and interactive activities follow shortly after the petting zoo. The theme of each Musical Circus will always reflect the Symphony Classics Series or POPS Summer Series.

The Musical Circus is a free event and the whole family can come out for an afternoon of fun music making and dance.

For more information about Musical Circus, visit PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or call 626-793-7172.

Upcoming Musical Circus dates and themes:

- Jan. 10 — From Russia With Love
- March 7 — Mozart's Effect
- March 28 — Up, Up and Away
- May 2 — Can You See What I Hear?
- June 13 — (P) is for POPS
- July 11 — New York, New York
- Aug. 8 — All That Jazz
- Sept. 12 — Hooray for Hollywood

Musical opportunities

The Pasadena Symphony Association is a proud community partner, providing music education opportunities for young people of all backgrounds and musical interests as well as offering ticketing packages for Symphony and POPS concerts that make them even more accessible to anyone interested in attending.

The Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra has been training tomorrow's classical musicians since 1972 and is considered among the best youth orchestras in the Southland.

This ensemble of gifted middle school students from grades six to nine, receive advanced instruction and challenging musical opportunities in a rigorous program that emphasizes ensemble playing through engaging rehearsals and uplifting performances.

PYSO concert dates and times include PYSO with Blue Steel Concert at Pasadena High School at 8 p.m. on Jan. 30 and PYSO Spring Concert at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium at 3 p.m. on May 16. Both concerts are free.

Music education

TEMPO! (Teaching the Essentials through Music Participation and Observation) is a music education partnership project between The Pasadena Symphony Association and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD).

TEMPO! provides a music-infused curriculum, in-school concerts, teacher professional development workshops, parent outreach opportunities, and resource materials to nine elementary schools.

This season, those schools are: Madison, Longfellow, San Rafael, Altadena, Jackson, Cleveland, Field, Burbank and Franklin Elementary Schools. The TEMPO! Program is in its 10th year and is currently reaching 600 third-grade students.

Arts Stimulus Package still in effect

Families, groups and students should advantage of this amazing opportunity while it is still available. New subscribers or those who have not subscribed in the past three seasons will receive one free subscription for each subscription they purchase.

This two for one offer makes it easier than ever to enjoy live symphonic music with the entire family. (Tickets for children under 14 are always \$10.)

For more information call PSA at 626-793-7172, ext. 16.

About the Pasadena Symphony and POPS

The Pasadena Symphony Association was founded in 1928 by Conductor Reginald Bland.

Originally named the Pasadena Civic Orchestra, its first members

were mostly volunteer musicians, many of whom were students of Bland. The annual operating budget was a mere \$3,500, which was funded entirely by the city of Pasadena.

Over the past 80 years, the Pasadena Symphony has artistically matured into one of the top performing symphonic ensembles in southern California, comprised of the most gifted and sought after musicians from the motion picture film industry.

In the fall of 2007, the Pasadena Symphony incorporated the Pasadena POPS into its Association under the new name Pasadena Symphony and POPS. This merger created an expanded Classics and POPS series providing the community with a full spectrum of live symphonic concerts year-round at the historic Civic Auditorium in downtown Pasadena and at its new summer venue on the Lawn adjacent to the Rose Bowl.

A hallmark of its robust education programs, the Pasadena Symphony Association has served the youth of the region since 1972 through the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra comprised of gifted middle school students from all over the Southland.



'Tailgate Party' with Boogie Knights concert at Paseo Colorado

Pasadena magazine, in partnership with the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paseo Colorado, the city of Pasadena and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, is throwing a tailgate party to celebrate the BCS Championship Game coming to Pasadena.

This year the Texas Longhorns and the Alabama Crimson Tide are coming to Pasadena to fight for the BCS Championship title.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, the Boogie Knights are going to get funky at the Paseo Colorado, performing some of the greatest dance hits of the '70s. There will be a cash bar and food by CPK, Rubios, Islands, and P.F.

Changes will be available for purchase. So dust off your seventies gear and get ready to kick off the game with a blow out bash!

The kick off is scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m. on Jan. 5 at the Paseo Colorado, 280 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling Ticket Master at 866-448-7849. Tickets are also available at the Pasadena Civic box office.

The organizers offer a special thanks to the title sponsors: Thorson Motor Center and KPCC 89.3 FM.

For more information call 800-469-1281.

Free football films, guide to Pasadena

Downloadable guide offers out-of-state visitors savings and movie screenings

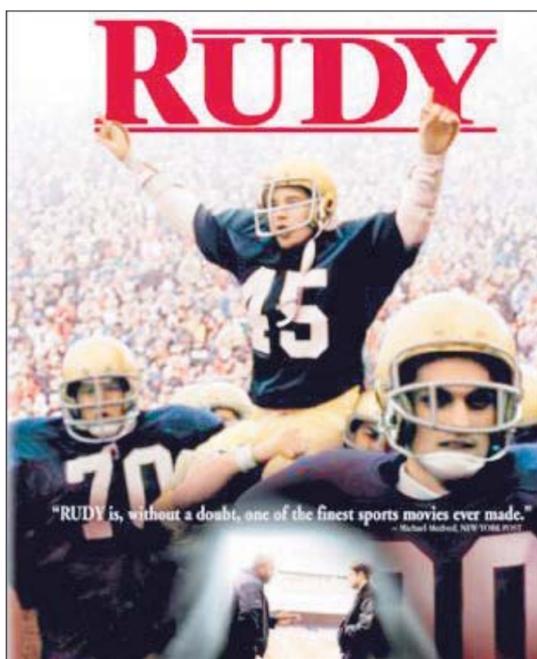
The Pasadena Playhouse District kicks-off the post collegiate football season by offering the thousands of football fans descending upon the Crown City a guide to exploring the city on a budget.

The "Welcome to the Playhouse District" Guide includes special events, more than a dozen restaurant discounts, and free events and offerings. The guide will be available online at www.playhousedistrict.org/collegefootball through Jan. 7.

The recession-friendly guide offers a lot of great deals. Among them are \$2 off admission at the Pasadena Museum of California Art, two-for-one-admission at the Ice House for out-of-state visitors, and a free self-guided historic architecture walking tour.

With thousands of football fans making the trek to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl and the national championship game, the guide will make it easy to explore the city. In addition, it will provide visitors with savings, thanks to the numerous discounts listed.

"We are really excited to welcome college football fans to Pasadena. The guide will be a great resource to help many visitors to see the many



hidden treasures and things that Pasadena has to offer," said Erlinda Romo, Playhouse District Association executive director.

The Playhouse District will also host Football Flicks: A free Wednesday doubleheader on Jan. 6 beginning at 11 a.m. The event will take place

at the Laemmle Playhouse 7, 673 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena.

The football film festival will include free screenings of two popular films: "Rudy" and the 1974 classic "The Longest Yard." Kicking-off the film festival will be "Rudy," the classic Cinderella

story about an underdog's triumph, followed at 2 p.m. by the hilarious 1974 Burt Reynolds classic, "The Longest Yard," the funny tale of good vs. evil and never giving up.

Highlights from the brochure include:

Museums — Visit the Pacific Asia Museum one of the nation's only four institutions in the country devoted to the arts and culture of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

For the contemporary art lovers, the Pasadena Museum of California Art (PMCA) is dedicated to the exhibition of California art, architecture and design from 1850 to the present. Mention the code word, "BCS," and receive \$2 off admission.

Entertainment — The Ice House Pasadena is offering two-for-one admission for all out-of-state visitors who present identification.

Restaurants — More than a dozen restaurants in the Playhouse District are offering 10 percent off entire meals, a free desert or drink with entree purchase. Frequent these restaurants and cash-in on the savings.

For more information, call 626-744-0340 or visit www.playhousedistrict.org/college-football.

Start the new year with laughter yoga in Pasadena

Start the New Year off with a laugh at the Pasadena Laughter Club from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1. Join in the fun with Laughter Yoga at the Flintridge Foundation, 236 W. Mountain St., Suite 118, Pasadena.

Laughter Yoga is a worldwide social movement promoting the health benefits of laughter.

You don't need to bring a mat or wear any particular form of clothing. People can stand or sit depending on what their body allows.

Laughter Yoga is a deceptively simple yet very powerful and potentially even life-changing form of exercise that anybody can do, anytime, anywhere.

Its core premise is that your body can and knows how to laugh, regardless of what your mind has to say. You do not need to have a sense of



humor, know jokes or even be happy.

The group meets weekly on Fridays. Walk-ins are welcome.

The activity is free. Parking is in the rear of the building or off Hudson Street.

For information, call Sebastian Gendry at 626-755-5999 or send e-mail to info@laughteryoga.us or visit the American School of Laughter Yoga Web site at www.laughangles.com.

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