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The best things to do this weekend in San Diego: March 14-17

An image from the film “Water for Life,” which can be seen at the upcoming San Diego Latino Film Festival. (Courtesy of Vicente Franco)

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Here are some of the best things to do this weekend in San Diego from Thursday, March 14 to Sunday, March 17.

Thursday

San Diego Theatre Month: Locals can celebrate theater and other performing arts throughout the month of March with $15, $30 or $45 tickets at various venues. Broadway San Diego, City Ballet of San Diego, Mockingbird Improv, New Village Arts, Cygnet Theatre, Moxie Theatre, Lamb’s Players Theatre, SDSU School of Theatre, Television and Film and San Diego Junior Theatre are among the participating organizations this year. *See the full list at sandiegotheatremonth.com*.

San Diego Latino Film Festival: The San Diego Latino Film Festival returns this weekend with three decades of history in tow and a new creative director, Maria Paula Lorgia. A selection of 70 film programs will be shared and attendees can expect appearances by special guests: Cheech Marin, Javier Bátiz, Sal Lopez and Adriana Barraza. See films from around the world in categories such as documentary and short and feature narrative. One such film is the documentary “Water for Life,” which is narrated by “Star Wars” actor Diego Luna. It tells the story of three Latin American community leaders working to protect their ancestral territory and water. Special

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events throughout the festival include a closing night concert and awards ceremony and a food, beer and spirits festival. *Through March 24. Mission Valley 20, 1640 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego. Single screenings start at $9. Festival passes start at $120.* [sdlatinofilm.com]

"Hand to God": Roustabouts Theatre presents Robert Askins' irreverent, R-rated comedy about a college theater student who becomes possessed by the evil spirit that inhabits his hand puppet. *7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Through March 31. Roustabouts at Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Blvd., University Heights. $45. (619) 568-5800, theroustabouts.org*

"Tartuffe": North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Richard Wilbur's translation of the Molière comedy about a family taken in by a religious charlatan. *7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 and 7 p.m. and Sundays. Through April 7. 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach. $54-$79. (858) 481-1055, northcoastrep.org*

"King James": The Old Globe presents Rajiv Joseph's comedy-drama about two buddies whose friendship is strengthened and tested by their passion for basketball and superstar player LeBron James. *7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays. Through March 31. Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, Balboa Park, The Old Globe, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. $33 and up. (619) 234-5623, theoldglobe.org*

Friday

Joshua Bradford, Megan Makenzie and Catalina Zelles in Palomar College's production of "Crazy for You," running through March 17. (Courtesy of Lily Eichner)

'Crazy for You' at Palomar College: Palomar College presents Ken Ludwig's updated version of the 1930 George and Ira Gershwin musical "Boy Crazy," directed by Moonlight Stage Productions founder Kathy Brombacher. *7 p.m. today and Saturday. 2 p.m. Sunday. Brubeck Theatre, Palomar College, 1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos. $14-$22. (760) 214-9109, palomarperforms.com*

"How I Learned to Drive": Backyard Renaissance Theatre presents Paula Vogels

Pulitzer Prize-winning memory play about a woman looking back on the predatory uncle who gave her both driving lessons and lifelong trauma. *7:30 p.m. today and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Tenth Avenue Arts Center, 930 10th Ave., downtown. $18-$40. (760) 975-7189,* backyardrenaissance.com

"Chicken & Biscuits": Oceanside Theatre Company presents Douglas Lyons' comedy about the complex dynamics between members of a modern Black family who gather to mourn the passing of the family patriarch. *8 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Through March 24. Brooks Theater, 217 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. $20-$45. (760) 433-8900,* oceansidetheatre.org

"Pieces of Us": San Diego Dance Theater presents this production of work by four choreographers on the theme of the complexities of love: Terry Wilson's duet "A Quiet Place"; Randé Dorn's "3 Love Letters Never Sent"; Kim Epifano's "Who You Are, Where You Are" and Jean Isaacs' "Partita for Six Dancers." *7 p.m. tonight and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Light Box Theater, 2590 Truxtun Road, Suite 205, Liberty Station, San Diego. $20-$30.* sandiegodancetheater.org

Saturday

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Festival: This local parade and festival with bands, floats, bagpipes, beer and much more has been celebrating all things Irish for over 40 years. The festival includes live entertainment, food booths, a beer garden, a kids zone and crafting. Wear your best green gear to get in on the fun. *Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.. Parade begins at Fifth Avenue and Laurel Street and runs north on Fifth before turning around at Upas Street and going south on Sixth Avenue. The festival is in Balboa Park along Sixth Avenue between Laurel and Nutmeg streets. Festival is $10 for adults over 21, free for ages under 21 and military.* stpatsparade.org

Sham Rock St. Paddy's Day Music and Beer Festival: Irish and Celtic rock bands will take to three different stages at this long-running Gaslamp festival. Participants can take Irish dance lessons, play games to win prizes and enjoy food and drink specials at participating restaurants. All ages welcome. *2 to 11 p.m. Saturday.Gaslamp Quarter. Tickets start at $35. Kids under age 4 can enter for free.* sandiegoshamrock.com

Circle of Art: This long-running Borrego Springs art show features juried fine art such as paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, weaving and jewelry. There will be food and other activities at the show in addition to art exhibits. *9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Christmas Circle Community Park, 700 Christmas Circle Drive, Borrego Springs. borregobasic.org/circle-of-art.html*

Buffalo Exchange 50th Anniversary: The two local Buffalo Exchange locations will host special events in celebration of 50 years in the sustainable fashion industry. In Pacific Beach, there will be live music, tacos and giveaways. Hillcrest will host a DIY hair charm station, trivia, giveaways and a photo booth. *During store hours Saturday and Sunday. Hillcrest location: 3863 Fifth Ave., San Diego. Pacific Beach: 1079 Garnet Ave., San Diego. Free.* buffaloexchange.com/50years

"The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate: The Musical": Lamb's Players Theatre presents the world premiere of Omri Schein and Daniel Lincoln's musical adaptation of the 2009 young adult novel about an 11-year-old girl exploring the natural world around her. *Previews, Saturday through March 23. Opens March 24 and runs through May 5. 2 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays; 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. 1142 Orange Ave., Coronado. $28-$82. (619) 437-6000,* lambsplayers.org

"Nexus": La Jolla Symphony & Chorus presents symphonic and vocal works by Debussy, Poulenc, Boulanger and Shekhar, featuring soprano Andrea Zomorodian. *7:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Mandeville Auditorium, 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, La Jolla. $20-$43.* ljsc.org

Razkal market and fashion show: Shop from 50 local designers and other vendors at a market before seeing a fashion show from 6 to 7 p.m. *3 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Queen Bee's Arts and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio St., San Diego. Tickets for the fashion show are $10.* *eventbrite.com/e/razkal-market-and-fashion-show-tickets-849648249787*

A previous edition of the Razkal Market and Fashion Show. Queen Bee's Arts and Cultural Center will host it this weekend. (Photo courtesy of Christian Magdaleno and Aaron Yeung)

Long hair-cutting world record attempt: The Longhairs will host what they're calling "The Great Cut 2024" in an attempt to break a world record for the most charitable hair donations in a 24-hour period. People are invited to help with cutting or allow for their long hair to be cut and donated to the Children With Hair Loss organization. Register online. Local vendors, food and drinks, raffles, giveaways and live entertainment will take place throughout the day. *8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego. $40. thegreatcut.us*

Vieness Piano Duo: Pianist Eva Schaumkell and Vijay Venkatesh will perform works for two pianos by Ravel, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. *2:30 p.m. Saturday. San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., downtown. Free. (619) 236-5800,* *sandiego.librarymarket.com*

San Diego Master Chorale's "We Are the Music Makers": Students from throughout San Diego County will perform classical and contemporary works with the Master Chorale and FUMC Chamber Choir. *4 p.m. Saturday. First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. $15.* *sdmasterchorale.org/honor-choir-concert*.

Storytelling Festival: The Coronado Public Library and Storytellers of San Diego will celebrate World Storytelling Day with a 14th annual festival. The theme is "Building Bridges." Locals can learn from various workshops and there will be programming for children starting at noon. *10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Ave., Coronado. storytellersofsandiego.org*

Sunday

Barleymash goes green: This Gaslamp Quarter bar is offering Irish food and drink specials on St. Patrick’s Day. Dishes will include housemade corned beef sandwiches with Kennebec chips, several Irish-themed cocktails and green beer. *10 a.m. to close Sunday. 600 Fifth Ave., Gaslamp Quarter. (619) 255-7373, barleymash.com*

Smoking Gun St. Patty’s celebration: The Smoking Gun restaurant/bar in the Gaslamp Quarter will be serving corned beef tacos and Jameson Irish whiskey flights in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. *11 a.m. to close Sunday. 555 Market St., San Diego. (619) 233-3836, thesmokinggunsd.com*

“Knowing/Not Knowing”: Project BLANK and Sacra/Profana choir present this new 80-minute work by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Roger Reynolds featuring Sacra/Profana, an 8-channel sound movement and projections. *7 p.m. Sunday. UC San Diego Park & Market, 11 Market St., downtown. $10-$15. eventbrite.com*

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