The holiday season is in full swing, the end of the semester is in sight, and the University closure is right around the corner. But even as fall winds down for campus, this month offers opportunities to learn about the universe, hear career advice from UA leaders and let Grammy award-winning tunes get you in the holiday spirit.

Find a list below of some of December's events, and check out the UA Master Calendar to find out what else is happening on campus.

**Poetry Center Family Day and 'Storytime With Elephant and Piggie' | Dec. 2-3**

The UA Poetry Center and UA BookStores are offering a weekend full of family events that are free and open to the public. The *Poetry Center Family Day* on Dec. 2 invites parents or guardians and children 13 and younger to a day of workshops, music, activities and refreshments. At "*Storytime With Elephant and Piggie,"* children between 2 and 5 can sing, make crafts and enjoy a meet-and-greet with both characters. The storytime event will be held three times during the weekend of Dec. 2 and 3.

**'Black Holes, Galaxies and Cosmic Fireworks' | Dec. 4**

Stephanie Juneau with the National Optical Astronomy Observatories will lead this talk as part of Steward Observatory's *Public Evening Lecture Series*. The series, which the observatory has held for nearly a century, features talks by astronomy experts from the UA and other organizations. After each talk, the Raymond E. White Jr. Reflector in the observatory's dome opens for public viewing of the night sky, weather permitting. All lectures and the use of the telescope are free and open to the public.

**Rodgers + Hammerstein’s 'Cinderella' | Dec. 5-10**

The creators of "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific" put a spin on a classic tale in this Tony Award-winning Broadway musical. Broadway in Tucson, which is presenting the show, calls it a "lush production" with "an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love ? the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more ? plus some surprising new twists!" The show is recommended for ages 6 and older.

**'Shark For A Day' | An Interactive Workshop Where You Evaluate Startups for Success | Dec. 6**
Become a panelist on a UA version of "Shark Tank" with help from Tech Launch Arizona's team of experts. Attendees will learn how to evaluate a startup idea to determine if it's a good investment. Then they will hear pitches and give scores on each idea's potential for success. TLA's experts will answer questions afterward. The event is for UA employees and students only. Refreshments will be provided. Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shark-for-a-day-tickets-39626949272).

**CSW Campus Leader Panel** | Dec. 6

The [Commission on the Status of Women](http://csw.arizona.edu/) is holding this panel discussion, in which the panelists will discuss their career paths, navigating equity and provide tips for those who wish to grow in their careers at the UA. Space is limited, so please [RSVP](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfofb-r-ZKY1H2qe3yVWlhrvrrakkYP5jY0YpckkWrJP1fvXw/viewform).

- **Karen Francis-Begay** [12], Assistant Vice President, Tribal Relations
- **Jana Hawley** [13], Director, John and Doris Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences
- **Chrissy Lieberman** [14], Associate Dean of Students
- **Adela C. Licona** [15], Interim Director, Institute for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies
- **Leigh A. Neumayer** [16], Interim Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
- **Jesús Treviño** [17], Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence, Senior Diversity Officer
- **Kendal Washington White** [14], Dean of Students, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

**'Mannheim Steamroller Christmas' by Chip Davis** | Dec. 17

UA Presents offers a performance at Centennial Hall that has been a holiday tradition for more than 30 years. The concert will feature "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas" classics and a selection of compositions from Chip Davis' "Fresh Aire" series. The performance will also include multimedia effects. Two concerts are scheduled: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Student and employee ticket prices start at $35. Tickets can be purchased [here](https://uanews.arizona.edu/calendar/103426-performance-rodgers-hammersteins-cinderella).

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