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Austin Area CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Austin Boat Show

January 17-20, 2008

The huge Annual Austin Boat Show features over 20 dealers and 200 booths and is coming again to the Convention Center. Fun for the whole family!

February

Cararnval Brasileiro

Flamboyant costumes, Brazilian samba music, and the uninhibited, spirited atmosphere have made Austin's Carnavao one of the biggest such festivals outside of Brazil.

Austin Marathon

February 17, 2008

One of the countrys premier races attracts nearly 11,000 participants from around the world.

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo

February 29, 2008 to March 15, 2008

Pull out your lasso and boots for this annual fair and rodeo. Austin goes cowboy as PCRA competitors hit the arena and area students exhibit prize livestock. Headline entertainers perform in concert nightly. This event features live music, auctions, carnivals, a petting zoo and a BBQ cook-off.

March

Explore UT

03/01/2008

The "biggest open house in Texas" invites thousands of schoolchildren from throughout the Lone Star State to experience UT's arts programs, architecture and engineering, the mysteries of science and the cultures of the world. Activities take place all over campus and are free. 512-471-7753

Texas State Arts Festival

03/01/2008 to 03/02/2008

This festival will feature all that is great about Texas. Texas arts & crafts vendors will show off their works, performances by a variety of Texas bands, Texas foods, and theatrical historical performances. We will also have all sorts of childrens activities making for a well rounded family event. 512-441-9015

Zilker Park Kite Festival

03/02/2008

The annual Zilker Park Kite Festival offers old-fashioned, outdoor fun for all ages. Participate in one of

many competitions including most unusual and smallest kites. <http://www.zilkerkitefestival.com>.

South by Southwest

03/07/2008 to 03/16/2008

Now one of the biggest festivals in the nation - as well as in the world, SXSW offers the latest and the greatest in music, film and multi-media interactive worlds. Talented, filmmakers, musicians and multi-media artists from around the world gather. SXSW brings more than 1,400 performers to Austin to play at dozens of venues over four days. 512-467-7979

Artists and Artisans Festival

03/15/2008 to 03/16/2008

The annual Artists & Artisans Festival showcases the work of local artists in metal, painting, photography, jewelry, pottery and more. Find unique, nature-themed gifts, enjoy the spring gardens and chat with authors signing their books. 512-232-0100

Capitol 10K

03/30/2008

The biggest 10K run in Texas is made for the whole family, and has been described as "a cross between a footrace and a Mardi Gras parade." This event draws nearly 10,000 runners each year, some choosing to dress up in kooky costumes ranging from giant guitars to a copy of an Austin American Statesman newspaper. 512-472-3524

Bat Watching

04/01/2008 to 11/01/2008

The 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats that live beneath the Congress Avenue Bridge take flight in a mass exodus each night at dusk. 512-416-5700x3. <http://www.batcon.org>

April

The Louisiana Swamp Thing And Crawfish Festival

04/05/2008

Mardi Gras comes late at this Louisiana themed event, which includes a broad menu of Cajun seafood and features live Cajun, Zydeco, Funk and Rock music. 512-441-9015. <http://www.roadwayevents.com>

Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival

04/10/2008 to 04/13/2008

The best Texas and nationally known chefs and wineries pair their best culinary creations and fruits of the vine at a variety of venues ranging from an exotic game ranch to an outdoor festival in the park. 512-249-6300

Art City Austin

04/12/2008 to 04/13/2008

Art City Austin, the citys largest and longest running outdoor art fair, features more than 200 national artists, top local restaurants, two music stages and hands-on art activities for adults and children. 512-458-6073

KGSR's Unplugged At the Grove

04/12/2008 to 09/27/2008

Join acoustic musicians each Thursday at Shady Grove for "Unplugged at the Grove" The restaurants tree-shaded patio showcases Austins diverse music scene with such acts as Bob Schneider, Patrice Pike and the South Austin Jug Band. 512-474-9991

Old Settlers Music Festival

04/17/2008 to 04/20/2008

A nationally known family music festival held in the heart of the hill country features over two dozen of the best in Americana music as well as arts & crafts and talent competitions. 512-346-0999

Bizet's CARMEN

04/18/2008 to 04/26/2008

Immerse yourself in the treacherous world of opera's most beloved bad girl. Mistaking Carmen's flirtation for true love, the young soldier Don Jose forsakes everything - his adoring girlfriend Miceala and his career. As Carmen entrances the dashing toreador Escamillo, Jose's fury is unleashed. This classic drama of a lovers' triangle culminates in a tragic conclusion that leaves no heart untouched, both onstage and in the audience. Come see the dazzlingly beautiful spectacle that is Carmen. 512-472-5927

The Grind on Congress

April 6, 2008

This event will feature professional wake boarders competing in a rail jam for major awards, along with live music by over 6 alternative rock bands, great food, graphite artist exhibits, custom boat accessories by numerous vendors, wakeboard accessories, wakeboard instructional sessions, a showcase of the latest wake board boats, and much more.

Austin Reggae Festival

04/19/2008 to 04/20/2008

The message of peace, tolerance, and non-violent change is coupled with world music, arts & crafts and ethnic food at this annual festival benefitting the Capital Area Food Bank. 512-791-0222

Eyores Birthday Party

04/26/2008

This former picnic evolved into an annual festival filled with colorful costumes, drum circles, live music and family-oriented games and contests. 512-448-5160

May

Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival

05/03/2008 to 05/04/2008

Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively street fair. Over 200 artists and craftspeople. 512-443-6179

O Henry Pun Off

05/17/2008

Everyone is invited to participate in the Pun-Off World Championships, one of the oldest public events in Austin. The competition is open to 32 contestant in two categories: "Punniest of Show" and "Punslingers." 512-472-1903

Kerrville Folk Festival

05/22/2008 to 06/08/2008

Join over 30,000 guests for 18 days of folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock, blues, country, jazz, and Americana music. Catch emerging artists as well as legendary talents such as Willie Nelson and Lucinda Williams. 830-257-3600

Congress Avenue Mile

5/17/2008

Be part of an Austin tradition, The Mercedes-Benz of Austin Congress Avenue Mile. This course is certified (TX95088ETM) and fast; starting at the Texas State Capital Building in downtown Austin on Congress Avenue, finishing on the Congress Avenue Bridge over Town Lake. It is your opportunity to set a new mile time PR, run for fun, or just come out and enjoy this events positively charged atmosphere. The event will be Chip Timed by Run-Far Timing Services.

Chuy's 25th Annual Hot to Trot 5K

5/10/2008

On Lake Austin at Lucy's Boatyard & Hula Hut. The race benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas.

June

Children's Day Art Park

Children can experience the magic of the arts at Children's Day Art Park. This exciting summer program features local musicians, dancers, storytellers, magicians, mimes and crafts people. Youngsters can visit the Instrument Petting Zoo, talk to symphony musicians and hear them play their instruments, see a Ballet Folklorico, hear a Latin jazz band, follow a real Pied Piper along the Lemonade Trail to the Magic Oak Tree and try their hands at different art projects under the Art Tent. 512-476-6064

Texas Greek Festival

Austin Museum of Art Laguna Gloria. The 7th annual Texas Greek Festival is a celebration of Greek food, music and culture right here in Austin. Join the fun of a Greek "bouzouki" band, traditional dancing, authentic Greek food and delicious pastries. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of festivities. 512-844-3856

Republic of Texas Biker Rally

6/12-15/2008

The "Biggest Biker Rally in Texas" rolls on 6th Street this weekend.

Capital of Texas Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth celebrates the day that slaves in Texas learned of their independence following the end of the Civil War. Festivities include pageants, parades, carnival and battle of the bands. 512-832-9058

Luling Watermelon Thump

The 53rd annual event will feature a parade, seed spitting and watermelon eating contests, crafts and live music in downtown Luling, Texas. 830.875.3214

Heart of Tx Red, White and Blues Festival

Local and national blues artists gather for an early Independence Day celebration and jam throughout the day. Guests mingle among vendor booths and enjoy local cuisine.

July

Fourth of July Fireworks & Symphony

Be part of the largest Independence Day celebration in the State. The Austin Symphony performs patriotic classics and the ever-popular 1812 Overture-punctuated by 75-millimeter Howitzer cannon, courtesy of the Texas National Guard Salute Battery. The concert finale backdrop is the spectacular mile-high fireworks display over the city's skyline. Free and open to the public. 512-476-6064

August

Austin Ice Cream Festival

08/16/2008

This free event will include games, activities, contests, live entertainment and ice cream and is centered around family, fun and ice cream. Contests include ice cream eating contest and best homemade ice cream contest. Money will be raised for local charities such as the Austin Children's Shelter, La Leche and Hibibis Hutch. 512-441-9015

Austin Summer Boat Show

8/1-3/2008

The huge Annual Austin Boat Show features over 20 dealers and 200 booths and is coming again to the Convention Center. Fun for the whole family!

Austin Chronicle Hot Sause Festival

8/24/2008

In the sixteen years since its inception, what started as a friendly contest between Austin and San Antonio has become one of the largest annual contest events in the world. Free to the public, the event draws upwards of 15,000 spectators and more than 300 entries every year. Live music and some of the best hot sauce in the world.

Batfest

08/30-31/2008

Arts, Crafts, Music, Food, Bat Watching, Childrens Activities, and Educational Displays. All professional Artists and Craftspeople are invited to participate in Batfest... Approximately 150 Booths will be set up in the Festival Area located on the Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin. This is an outdoor show.

September

Austin BatFest

Two days of bat mania on the Congress Avenue Bridge includes more than 150 art and crafts and food booths, musical performances, bat education displays and, naturally, bat watching. 512-441-9015

Austin City Limits Music Festival

09/12-14/2008

The 5th Annual Austin City Limits Music Festival will showcase the music of Austin as well as other regional and national acts on 6 stages for three days in Zilker Park.

Pecan Street Fall Arts Festival

09/20-21/2008

Arts and crafts from some 250 artisans. Great food and drink with live music on five stages by local Austin entertainers.

October

21st Annual Gruene Music & Wine Fest

10/3/2008

A fantastic weekend of wine tasting and music.

Ride for the Roses

Tour de France four-time champion Lance Armstrong leads the pack during a weekend of bike events and galas for raise money for cancer research and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. 512.236.8820

Halloween on Sixth Street

More than 60,000 costumed revelers make this one of the worlds largest All Hallows Eve celebrations.

November

46th Annual Wurstfest, New Braunfels

This annual "Salute" to sausage is a family funfest in the Texas-German tradition, Texas' answer to Munich's Oktoberfest. Over 40 groups provide the finest in Alpine and Bavarian style entertainment, while local vendors provide the sausage and other delightful foods. Local and area tours available. This is fun for the entire family. 800.221.4369. www.wurstfest.com

December

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

The Armadillo Christmas Bazaar keeps Austin weird with distinctive jewelry, fabrics, handmade goods, blown glass, paintings and prints from local and national artists, Austin Music Hall at Third and Nueces Streets provides a fun atmosphere for shoppers to browse among the handicrafts while listening to live music from some of Austins best musicians. 512-447-1605.

Last Chance Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar

If you have last minute holiday shopping to get done, this is the place. The bazaar includes more than shopping — there is entertainment for the whole family, carnival rides, Santa, and more. The name says it best! 441.9015 . www.roadstarproductions.com.

Events taken from the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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