

Globe-trotting Music, Theater and Dance for Puget Sound Families - ParentMap

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Explore the world this fall, no plane tickets required

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For most families, travel season ends when the kids go back to school in September. But you don't have to stop exploring the world: These shows and concerts can keep summer's atmosphere of exploration and discovery alive all fall. (Note: Find more family fall arts picks in [this article](#).)

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Meany Center World Series

The [University of Washington's World Series at Meany Hall](#) is a carefully curated selection of music and dance performances from around the world, representing a diverse mix of styles and genres. You can subscribe to one of the four series (World Dance, International Chamber Music, President's Piano and World Music and Theatre) or create your own (choose four or more shows at 10 percent off regular price). Highlights this fall include [**Mark Morris Dance Group with The Silk Road**](#)

Ensemble performing an ancient Persian tale (Oct. 6–8) and **Portuguese fado singer Mariza** (Nov. 1). A bonus: For the piano and the chamber series, get two free youth tickets for every adult ticket.

Festál in fall

Seattle Center's yearlong series of free cultural festivals, **Festál**, honors the richness and diversity of the Pacific Northwest with performances, workshops, food and more. This fall's festivals celebrate **Croatia** (Oct. 2), **Turkey** (Oct. 15–16), **Mexico** (the long-running Fiestas Patrias is on Sept. 17–18) and **Diwali** (Nov. 6), among others.

Meydenbauer Center

Bellevue's **Meydenbauer Center** hosts homegrown multicultural arts events such as its **Japan Fair 2016** (Sept. 3–4), the American Asian Performing Arts Theatre's presentation of **Autumn Rhymes** (Sept. 30–Oct. 1) and a performance by the **Seattle Chinese Chorus** (Oct. 23). Other cultural arts ops include **Hawaii's Legends** (Oct. 30) and the **Russian American Entertainment Group's** performance (Nov. 15).

Cultural Crossroads

Head to Crossroads Bellevue on the third Saturday of the month for **Northwest Folklife at Crossroads**, which presents free family-friendly cultural arts performances. The fall lineup includes Mexican folkloric dance troupe **Bailadores de Bronce** (Sept. 17), **Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble** (Oct. 15), **Kabuki Academy** (Nov. 19) and **Tango Argentino and Friends** (Dec. 17).

Seattle Children's Festival

If you're not on the Eastside, Folklife still has you covered. The **Seattle Children's Festival** at Seattle Center on Oct. 9 is a full day of music and dance performances, workshops and hands-on activities designed to introduce kids to new cultures and traditions.

The sound of Asian music

Travel to Asia via **Benaroya Hall** several times this fall. The **Guangdong National Orchestra of China** celebrates the Chinese Moon Festival with performances called **Autumn Memory** (Sept. 12) and **Silk Road Melody** (Sept. 13), a musical epic about the Chinese sailors who opened up trade and cultural exchange with foreign lands. On Sept. 25, the annual "East Meets West" concert, titled **Year of the Monkey: Chinese Music in the Great Northwest**, will combine Chinese orchestrations with popular western classics.

The world on the big screen

Explore the world's stories in film this fall at the **Seattle Latino Film Festival** (Sept. 30–Oct. 9), or the **Seattle South Asian Film Festival** (Oct. 14–23).



Tango dancers perform at Crossroads Bellevue throughout Northwest Folklife



The Vienna Boys Choir performs at Edmonds Center and Tacoma's Pantages Theater in November

European classics

Historically, Russia has produced some of classical ballet's greatest choreographers and dancers; see one of the country's finest companies, the Russian Grand Ballet, perform the classic Petipa ballet ***Swan Lake*** at Edmonds Center for the Arts on Oct. 26; and at Olympia's Washington Center for the Performing Arts on Oct. 27; and ***The Sleeping Beauty*** at Tacoma's gorgeous Pantages Theater on Oct. 28. Another grand European tradition is the **Vienna Boys Choir**, founded by Emperor Maximilian I in 1498. Its troupe of 10- to 14-year-old singers perform at Edmonds Center for the Arts on Nov. 12 and at Tacoma's Pantages Theater on Nov. 13.

Read more about [upcoming family art](#) in our area this fall.

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