

Insider

EVENTS IN & AROUND THE 805

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October 11

LOS OLIVOS DAY IN THE COUNTRY AND WINE FESTIVAL

Downtown and St. Mark's-in-the-Valley. All ages can honor the town at this celebration that features a parade, crafters, pumpkin decorating, a pie-baking contest, and vendor booths. In the afternoon, adults can partake of wines from 20-plus local producers and enjoy live music within a garden setting; losolivosca.com.

October 11

VIKING CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Downtown Solvang. Vintage vehicles take over the streets at this fundraiser to provide medical assistance in Santa Barbara County. More than 200 pre-2000 cars and trucks, including hot rods, muscle cars, sports cars, pickups, and restored classics are on view; vikingsofsolvang.org.

October 18

SANTA BARBARA VINTNERS FESTIVAL

Vega Vineyard & Farm, Buellton. Makers pour sips from 50-plus wineries, and more than 30 food purveyors dish up their finest fare at what is the largest tasting in Santa Barbara County; sbvintnersweekend.com.

October 18-19

HANSEL AND GRETEL: A FAIRYTALE OPERA

Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo. Originally written in German, Englebert Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera comes to life in this production, performed in English by Opera San Luis Obispo, with two-story woodland sets, special effects, choreography, period costumes, and a live orchestra; pacslo.org.

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PROKOFIEV'S ROMEO AND JULIET: A BALLET IN ONE ACT

The Granada, Santa Barbara. The Santa Barbara Symphony and State Street Ballet join creative forces to present a dramatic new production, with original choreography, of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. Also performed are Shostakovich's Festive Overture and Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances; granadasb.org.



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October 23-26

OJAI STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Libbey Bowl and Ojai Art Center. AI takes a backseat at this congregation of authentic, live, real-time storytellers who are ready to tell original tales that are humorous, naughty, spooky, silly, and serious. Slated are workshops, parties, story swaps, and activities for all ages; ojaistoryfest.org.

October 24

WITCHES PADDLE

Ventura Harbor Village. Something wicked this way comes when a slew of witches and warlocks ride the harbor waters on kayaks and boards. Join the gruesome, goofy group by bringing your own watercraft or patronizing Ventura Boat Rentals for the hour-plus voyage; venturaharborvillage.com.

October 25

THE VOICE OF WHITNEY: A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION

Bank of America Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center. Experience Whitney Houston's musical legacy at this new tribute concert featuring original master recordings of her vocals set to new orchestrations, home movies, filmed performances, and previously unseen footage; bapacthousandoaks.com.

October 28

SEAFOOD FEAST ON MALIBU PIER

Malibu Pier. It's a dinner like no other. Take a seat on the famous pier, situated over the Pacific Ocean and enjoy a meal hosted by culinary event organizer Outstanding in the Field and fisher Stephanie Mutz and prepared by chefs Anna Sonenshein and Niki Vahle of Little Fish seafood pop-ups. Partial proceeds benefit the Los Angeles Fire Department Community Brigade; outstandinginthefield.com.

November 7-8

GARAGISTE WINE FESTIVAL

Paso Event Center. Varietals available for tasting here are made by small-production winemakers—sometimes in their garages. Activities include a Rare & Reserve Tasting and buffet dinner, a tasting seminar with a winemaker panel, an Understanding Oak tutorial, a Grand Tasting, and a rockin' after-party; garagistefestival.com. ♦

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