

June 17th 2011

What's on in Madrid this week

Theater



CLÁSICOS EN ALCALÁ 2011

The stage arts festival of Alcalá de Henares will take place from June 16th to July 3rd in several privileged venues such as Corral de Comedias or Patio de la Antigua Hospedería de Estudiantes. The main purpose of this festival is to make classical theater available to the general public, including children. 26 different companies from the USA, Spain and Italy will offer 70 different cultural events, which include theater plays, music and dance shows, talks and exhibits.

Plays by Lope de Vega, Molière, Shakespeare, Zorrilla, Cervantes, Fernando de Rojas and many more will be performed by great actors and actresses such as Nuria Espert, Gemma Cuervo, María Adán, Cristina Marcos, Daniel Albaladejo and Natalia Sánchez.

Ticket prices range from 6 to 18,50€. More information on: www.clasicosenalcala.net

This theater festival is the perfect excuse to visit Alcalá de Henares, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the town where Miguel de Cervantes was born and it boasts one of the oldest universities in Spain. The best way to get there is by train: **from Príncipe Pío or Atocha take the commuter train (Cercanías) line 7 to Alcalá de Henares (2,65€ each way).**

For 9€ you can enjoy the train ride both ways and a guided visit of the historical part of town.

Visit: www.renfe.es



Other performances

THE ALUMINUM SHOW

The Aluminum Show is a unique and energetic experience for the entire family, combining movement, dance, visual theatre and plenty of humor. Accompanied by impressive visual effects, lighting manipulations and enchanting music, talented dancers and actors breathe life into recovered materials from industrial factories to tell the story of a young machine determined to reunite with its parents. With sights and sounds that overcome any language barrier, this is visual entertainment at its best.

(from www.esmadrid.es)



Teatro Coliseum. C/ Gran Vía, 78 (Plaza de España). Until July, 10th.
Tickets: 17,50-29,50€

Summer Specials

Summers in Madrid can be harsh, because of the heat, but they can also be a lot of fun if you take advantage of what the city has to offer. Here are some recommendations:

1- Get out of the city into the mountains to breath some cooler fresh air (Cercedilla or Manzanares el Real).



2- Go to public swimming pools for a revitalizing swim.

3- Go out for tapas in the popular *terrazas* after 8:30-9:00pm.

4- Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic drinks. I recommend *horchata* (natural, sweet, chilled drink typical from Valencia) and *granizado de limón* (lemon frappé drink).



5- Enjoy the many cultural activities of Los Veranos de la Villa

From June 23rd to August 28th, there will be especial concerts, dance and theater shows, zarzuela, opera, an outdoors movie theater and much more. These events will take place in some theaters, but mainly in outdoor venues. For example, you can enjoy classical music concerts in Plaza de Oriente at sunset, a flamenco show in Jardines de Sabatini or a reggae music concert by the Debod Temple. Several of those activities are free, so you have no excuse for staying home. Check out the program on:



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Movies



Un cuento chino

El cuento es chino porque la vida de Ricardo Darín, que interpreta en esta comedia dramática a un ferretero de Buenos Aires, se cruza con la de un joven chino (del que no entiende una palabra) que termina alojando en su casa. Roberto, un hombre marcado por un duro revés que arruinó y paralizó su vida hace más de veinte años, vive atrincherado frente al mundo y en completa soledad. Sin embargo, un día, un extraño acontecimiento logra sacarlo de su aislamiento y ponerlo de nuevo en contacto con el mundo. "Un cuento chino" es la historia de un argentino y un chino unidos por una vaca que cae del cielo. (from www.guiadelocio.com and www.filmaffinity.com)

Sports

Public outdoor swimming pools are open!!

Is there anything better in summer than a refreshing swim in a pool? During the weekends they'll probably be more crowded, but during the week, public swimming pools are easily accessible, cheap and open from 11:00am to 9:00pm. Enjoy them!

Price: 3,50-4,35 €

These are the closest ones to campus:

Centro Deportivo Municipal **Casa de Campo**

Pº Puerta del Ángel, 7 (Lago L10, Puerta del Ángel, L6)

Phone # 914 630 050

Centro Deportivo Municipal **Francos Rodríguez**

C/ Numancia, 1 (Francos Rodríguez L7)

Phone #: 914 599 871



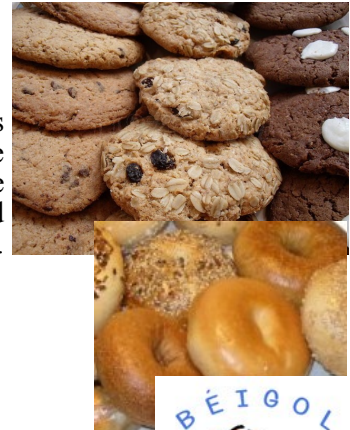
Places to Check Out

Bagels

The Old Bakery

Although this bakery shop has only been open for a couple of months, it has already received very good reviews. The young couple who run it are extremely nice and enthusiastic. Traditional English and American goods are freshly baked with the best and most natural ingredients daily. You'll find bagels, an assortment of bread types, chocolate cake, cookies, brownies etc. You may also get a hot chocolate to go. A perfect treat for a chilly winter day!

C/ de Abtao, 38. (Conde de Casal L6) Phone No. 91 287 3608



Taste of America

From Macaroni and cheese to ranch dressing, Nerds or bagels, you can find almost any typical American product, especially desserts, breakfast food, sauces, sweets, drinks, condiments and snacks. Bagels, although good, are not fresh but frozen. Check out their website and on-line store: www.tasteofamerica.es

C/ Serrano, 149 (República Argentina, L6) Phone No. 91 411 4642



Colloquial Spanish phrases

Tania: ¡Puff! ¡Estoy sofocada!

Tania: Puff! I'm boiling!

Tim: Yo también. ¡Hace un calor que se caen las moscas!

Tim: Me too. It's so hot you could fry an egg on the sidewalk!

Fanny: Lo siento. No vine a clase el martes porque tuve un problema con la ducha y luego me hice daño en el tobillo cuando coria para coger el bus.

Fanny: I'm sorry. I couldn't come to class on Tuesday because I had a problem with my shower and then I ran to catch the bus and sprang my ankle. I missed the bus and I was already late, but...

Lo perdí, y ya era tarde, pero...

Prof. Gómez: No me cuentes cuentos chinos. ¿Has hecho la tarea?

Prof. Gómez: I don't want to hear your sob story. Have you done your homework?

Fanny: Bueno.. Es queee...

Fanny: Well... the thing is....