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DECEMBER CULTURA GUIDE

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HECHA DE ORO

Check out Hecha de Oro, an Afro-Latino multidisciplinary dance and music production by Oro Dance Company at Trinity Street Playhouse (901 Tillery St.) at 7:30 p.m.

This dynamic performance blends traditional folklore with contemporary forms like hip-hop, flamenco and spoken word, making for una noche you won't forget.

Tickets for the Dec. 18-19 show start at \$28.52.

CONSPIRARE CON CARRIE RODRIGUEZ



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Kick off your holiday season with Conspirare Christmas: House of Love. This signature holiday concert by the Grammy Award-winning organization blends choral music with acclaimed instrumentalists performing everything from pop to holiday favorites and features guest performances from local high school choirs y más.

This year's program spotlights Ameri-Chicana singer-songwriter Carrie Rodriguez (of Laboratorio), whose warm vocals and expressive fiddle work celebrates bicultural artistry in all its magia.

Experience Conspirare's genre-expanding approach to choral music and Rodriguez's comunidad-rooted musical expression. This program reminds us how música can ground, move and connect us across generations. Check out Conspirare Christmas: House of Love at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 and 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Hogg Memorial Auditorium, 2300 Whitis Ave. Tickets start at \$25.

THE SELENA EFFECT

"The Selena Effect" exhibit at the Wittliff Collections offers a special new look at Selena Quintanilla's legacy — not only as the Queen of Tejano, but as a cultural icon. Through photography, artwork and pieces from her design collections, the exhibit captures the spark, style and alegría that define her place in our imagination. Remember Selena in reimagined ways at this exhibit which runs through December 2026. You have plenty of time to experience it for yourself (more than once)!



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MUST-SEE LIVE MÚSICA



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Every Tuesday: Head over to Green Mesquite Barbecue, (1400 Barton Springs Road) at 7 p.m. for Conjunto Tuesdays featuring Josh Baca, the Grammy-nominated accordionist de Los Texmaniacs. Enjoy an evening of free conjunto vibes alongside good comida. The series runs all month, so there's no reason to miss it!

Dec. 12: Soak up Money Chicha vibes at the band's album release show with Hairy Apes at Radio East at 7 p.m. Expect hypnotic grooves y unmistakable Latin energy! Tickets start at \$24.54.

Dec. 16: Catch Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernández at ACL Live at The Moody Theater at 8 p.m. for Merry-Achi Christmas, blending mariachi favorites con all our holiday classics. This year's performance also marks Hernández's 50th year of championing and elevating mariachi. Tickets start at \$35.17.

Dec. 20: Celebrate Cumbia Navidad with Miguel St. Michael y Los Milagros at The Rosette (3908 Avenue B) from 7:30–11 p.m. The night features an exclusive screening, a full-band performance and special appearances by Cynthia Lee Fontaine y Adriana Rosso. Tickets start at \$15.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CON ESQUINA TANGO

Ring in el año nuevo with Esquina Tango (209 Pedernales St.) at Midnight Magic, starting at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 31.

The fiesta features a milonga, Latin social dancing, party favors and a lively countdown to 2026.

This BYOB event is open to all ages, with niños 13 and under free. Tickets start at \$25.

TEATRO CON CORAZÓN

 The Puerto Rican Cultural Center brings its latest bilingual musical to the Boyd Vance Theatre at the Carver Museum with Sembrando Herencia 2025: "PiraguaMan Returns," an action-packed, comedia-infused adventure through time. Blending oral tradition with real events, the play spotlights unsung heroes through original música, dance, live actors and Boricua warrior arts. Catch it at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and 3 p.m. Dec. 14. Adult tickets start at \$20.

 Take a day trip to the Gaslight-Baker Theatre, (216 S. Main St.) in Lockhart, for "Cuento Navideño: A Bah Humbug in the Barrio," an all-ages reimaging of "A Christmas Carol" set en el barrio. The story follows Evangelina Cruz as she's guided back to comunidad, familia and the true spirit of the season. Ticket prices vary. Enjoy the shows Friday, Saturday, and Sundays from Dec. 5–21.