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FEBRUARY CULTURA GUIDE

DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Every Feb. 27, our Dominican comunidad celebrates the 1844 uprising that won the Dominican Republic its independence, honoring a legacy of resistance, cultura y national pride that still shapes Dominican life across the diaspora today. We have a strong y lively Dominican community aquí en Austin that's ready to celebrate!

On Feb. 28, head to Comunidad Specialty Coffee (1008 E. Sixth St.) for a todo-el-día Dominican Independence Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featuring Dominican coffee, breakfast sandwiches by Tipo Sangwich, sancocho, plus a domino tournament with prizes for the winner, this familia-friendly gathering goes all out for the comida, games and our Dominican comunidad! RSVP for free.

EL MAGO LOCO

El Mago Loco delivers the classic magic show with a cultural twist in this solo performance rooted in Latine identity at the Fallout Theater (616 Lavaca St.) on Feb. 27.

Created and performed by Salvadoran-American artist Linzy Beltran, the show blends comedy with cultural commentary as El Mago Loco fights to prove his worth one trick at a time. Expect big laughs and maybe even alguien getting cut in half! Tickets start at \$15.85, show begins at 10 p.m.

ARRIBA CON EL AMOR Y LA AMISTAD



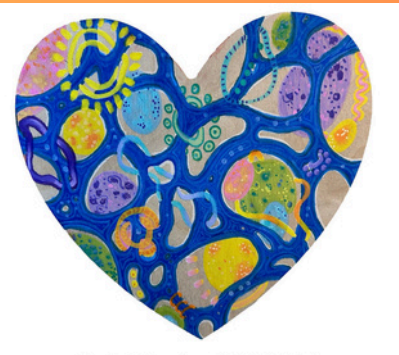
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Valentine's Day in nuestra cultura isn't just about romance, it's about cariño in all its forms! From lifelong friendships to chosen family and comunidad, Día del Amor y la Amistad reminds us that love shows up in all kinds of ways. Austin Vida has your Valentine's Day plans covered!

🦋 Celebrate love, arte, y comunidad with an online auction of beautifully decorated corazones on view now at La Peña gallery through Feb. 14. The wooden hearts, created by local artists and community members, support La Peña's cultural work and programs. Bidding starts now and ends at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14!

🦋 Spend Valentine's noche laughing with ¡Escandalo! — The Improvised Telenovela! This improv show is full of chisme, passion and plot twists at the Dougherty Arts Center. Doors open at 7:55 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$15.71.

🦋 Austin's beloved Trio Los Vigilantes brings romance to The Rosette (3908 Avenue B, Suite 116) on Feb. 14 with a special Valentine's Day concert joined by a live string quartet. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with the show from 8–9:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50.

🦋 Grab your amor, your amigui, or your familia and baila at Cumbia Bajo La Luna! The monthly dance social will meet under the moonlight from 6–9 p.m. on the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge (at 222 West Ave.) with DJ Pelon opening the noche!



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MUST-SEE LIVE MÚSICA



Photo courtesy of Money Chicha

Thursdays this month: Austin's own The Animeros take the stage at C-Boy's Heart & Soul (2008 S. Congress Ave.) with their genre-bending blend of Colombiana, 60s coastal México and West Texas grit. This 21-and-up show starts at 10 p.m. with a \$10 cash cover.

Feb. 6: Start the Benito Bowl party early! Head to Sahara Lounge for the Bad Bunny Super Bowl Tribute, bringing Caribbean sabor con live bomba from Tambores del Pueblo and multiple DJ sets. The party runs 8:30 p.m.–2 a.m. with a \$12 cover.

Feb. 13: Musical legends Los Tigres Del Norte bring their La Lotería tour to the Moody Center for a noche of corridos, cultura and decades of classics that have served as the soundtrack for generations across la frontera y beyond! This all ages show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$60.30.

Feb. 21: Run back to C-Boy's Heart and Soul to see Money Chicha at 10 p.m.! The Austin-based group brings its take on 1960s and 70s Peruvian and Colombian vibes for a groovy wrap up to the month. This show is 21+, with a \$15 cover at the door.

CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

Austin's legendary Carnaval Brasileiro returns to Speakeasy (412 Congress Ave.) with five hours of nonstop samba, live bands, DJs and over-the-top costumes in one of the city's wildest annual celebrations.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Sat., Feb. 7, at Speakeasy, with music starting at 9 p.m. across two floors. Expect feathers, sequins and pure Rio-style energy all night long. Tickets start at \$40.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dive into local Black History con Black Austin Tours all month! Offering six different tours to experience, there's something for everyone that's sure to captivate y educate. Plus, supporting Black Austin Tours means supporting our comunidad—founder Javier Wallace is a proud Black Panamian-American!

Plus, stop by the Benson Latin American Collection at UT for arte celebrating Afro-Brazilian cultura with “Quilombo Visual: Zumví Afro Photographic Archive” y “Echoes of Black Brazil: Popular Festivals through the Lens of Imagens do Povo.”

Both of these exhibits capture Afro-Brazilian experiences y historias through stunning visuals! Catch it on weekdays through March 27 and 29 respectively. These exhibits are sure to offer a unique glimpse into an often-overlooked part of nuestra comunidad.