

APRIL - MAY

**IMPORTANT
DATES:**

MAY 6 Spring Fete

MAY 20
Last class day

**** Watch for details
about the 'summer
event' and the
2016-17 start date**



**ANNUAL END OF YEAR FETE
Friday May 6**

The annual end of year Fete is going to be May 6 this year in order to allow Amanda to attend; she will be out of town on May 20. As most of you know, she will be resigning at the end of classes this year so we wanted to give everyone a chance to wish her well and acknowledge all her good work on behalf of Lacauserie.

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* They will begin their term on May 20

MAY 6

LA CAUSERIE FRANCAISE
SPRING FÊTE, FESTA, FIESTA
&
BOOK SALE

12:30 FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE COME TO THE FESTIVITIES &
BRING A DISH, POSSIBLY WITH A
FOREIGN FLAVOR, TO SHARE

QUESTIONS?
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KANSAS CITY CULTURAL EVENTS

“ Carmen ”

April 23-May 1 Kaufman Center

Carmen, the passionate and devastating masterpiece by Georges Bizet, may be the opera even those unfamiliar with opera will recognize. Bizet's score is seductive, alluring and perfectly matched to Carmen's conquest of bullfighters, soldiers and smugglers. The fiery gypsy sings the signature "Habanera" as she sets her sights on local corporal Don José. He quickly falls under her spell, only to be cast aside and humiliated. The music follows his descent from soldier and lover to desperate murderer as he sends Carmen to her doom against the roar and cry of the bullring. Estimated runtime: 2 hours and 45 minutes including one intermission. *Sung in French with English titles.*

“ Les Arts Florissants ”

Saturday April 23 7PM Helberg Hall Kauffman Center

The acclaimed vocal and instrumental ensemble will perform a French and Italian program of "serious airs and drinking songs" lightly staged as a troupe of actors rehearsing, flirting and arguing in song like the cast of an early music soap opera. The illustrious ensemble was founded in 1979 by the Franco-American harpsichordist and conductor William Christie, who directs the group to this day.

“ Jean-Pierre Houdin ”

April 27 7 PM & April 28 1 PM JCCC

Judson Auditorium, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art
French architect will speak. Free

“ DaVinci Exhibition ”

Closes May 1 Union Station

The exhibition is a hands-on exploration of his life, creativity and complexity. Sixty five of his most important inventions are recreated in full scale. more than 20 fine art studies and dozens of stunning displays are presented in spectacular detail. Examine his sketches and his paintings. The machines he invented on paper are brought to life and invite your personal interaction.

“ The Ghosts of Lote Bravo ”

Through May 8 Unicorn Theater

In Juárez, Mexico, the most violent city in the world, Juanda's daughter goes missing from the sweatshop they work in. When the local policia refuse to help, Juanda's only hope is to ask the dark saint, La Santa Muerte, to guide her. Charging through dreams and visions, Juanda must risk everything if she ever hopes to see her daughter again in this riveting World Premiere production.

“Cinco De Mayo Fiesta”

May 5 Power & Light Concert & Dance

A portion of the admission fee will benefit our programs. Headliner for this year's concert is Ozomatli from Los Angeles, CA and well known local band Making Movies. It all begins at 5pm. Admission \$10.

May 7 9 AM Along SW Blvd Run/Walk

Individuals, teams of 5, children and seniors welcome. To sign up go to www.cincodemayo5que.com

May 7 11 AM -10 PM & May 8 1PM-8PM Fiesta Free Admission

Featuring Los Texmaniacs and Mariachi Azteca from San Antonio, TX (May 7)Enjoy a day with the whole family where food, folkloric dancers, local entertainment, vendors, inflatables/rides, raffles, contests, art and much more will be available. May 8, the celebration ends with a performance from local band Tropical Azul. All type of Mexican food and beverages will be sold that day as well.

May 8 12 PM Mariachi Mass

This mass is a wonderful tradition open to the whole community, this year celebrating our moms on Mother's Day! Mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine located at 907 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, KCMO. A local Mariachi band will delight the public with their music and our "Sala de Honor" honorees will be recognized for their volunteer work and performances at past **fiestas**. This will take place at 12pm.

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