

More Holiday Fun

Cinemas

Camera 12 Cinemas
201 S. 2nd St., 998-3300; www.cameracinemas.com
Downtown's 12-screen, state-of-the-art movie theater specializes in current Hollywood and independent films. Now featuring RealD 3D. Open daily.

Camera 3 Entertainment
288 S. 2nd St., 998-3300; www.cameracinemas.com
Downtown's two-screen arthouse theater specializes in exclusive foreign, independent and documentary films. Psycho Donuts runs concessions and features unique, wacky donuts, espresso drinks, beer and wine. Open daily.

The Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater at The Tech Museum
201 S. Market St., 294-8324; www.thetech.org
Don't miss the premiere of Happy Feet 2. The ultimate movie experience. See more, hear more and feel more with crystal clear images up to 8 stories high and 13,000 watts of digital surround sound. Now also playing Tornado Alley, Arabia and Born to be Wild.

Comedy Clubs

ComedySportz
Camera 3, 288 S. 2nd St., 408-985-LAFF; www.comedysportzsanjose.com
Two teams of improvisors compete every Friday and Saturday in a head-to-head battle for laughs and points. Suitable for all ages.

San Jose Improv Comedy Club & Dinner Theatre
The Jose Theatre, 62 S. 2nd St., 280-7475; www.improv.com
This holiday season, America's premiere comedy showcase and restaurant hosts Bobby Slayton, Reggie Steele, Bobbie Lee, Rex Navarrete, Zhangster, Alan Havey, Maz Jobrani and more.

Sports, Events & Entertainment

Through Jan. 31 — San Jose Sharks
Catch a professional hockey game this season. The Sharks are in town with more than 15 exciting home games. HP Pavilion. 287-9200; www.sjsharks.com

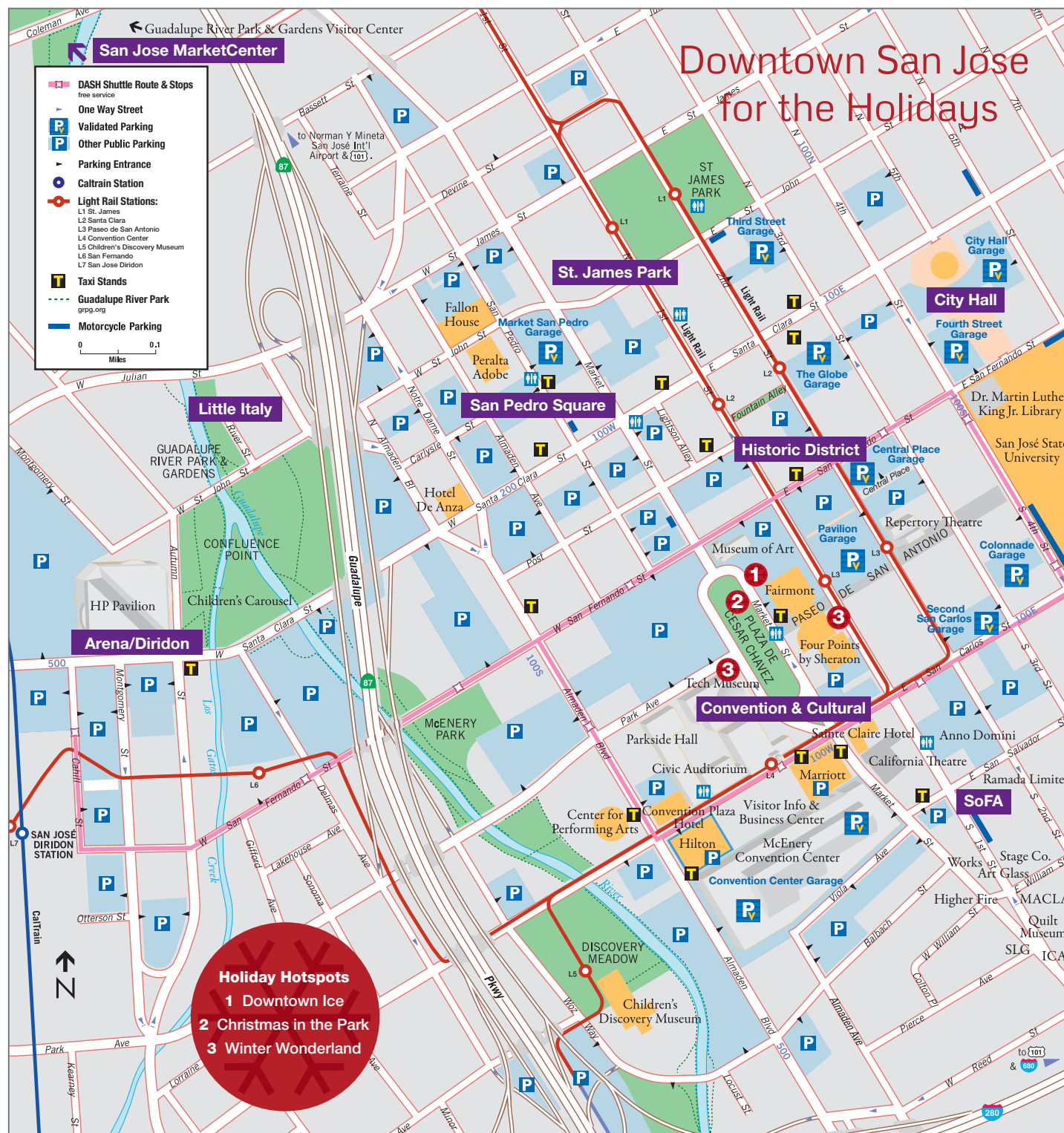
San Jose Civic
135 W. San Carlos St.; 792-4111; www.sanjosecivic.com
Nov. 27 — The Christmas Music on Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis
Dec. 30 — Tower of Power / WAR
Jan. 7 - 8 — Disney's Phineas & Ferb: The Best Live Tour Ever!
Jan. 28 — Wilco plus special guest White Denim

HP Pavilion at San Jose
525 W. Santa Clara St.; 287-9200; www.hpps.com
Nov. 25 — Vicente Fernandez
Dec. 10 — Watch the Throne Tour — Jay-Z & Kanye West
Dec. 13 — The Triple Ho Show 2.0
Dec. 18 — Wild Jam 2011: Drake, J. Cole
Jan. 13 — 15 — Michael Jackson - The Immortal World Tour by Cirque Du Soleil
Jan. 16 — Harlem Globetrotters
Jan. 22 — 29 — U.S. Figure Skating Championships

More to Do

San Pedro Square Market
Brand new public market featuring 20+ independent locally-owned restaurants, businesses and services. Holiday programming to be announced, please check website for details. Also available to rent for holiday parties. 170 W. St. John Street, 813-5984, www.sanpedrosquaremarket.com

Guadalupe River Park & Gardens
Three-miles of trails, parks, and public art along the banks of the Guadalupe River in the heart of downtown. 438 Coleman Ave., 298-7657; www.grpg.org



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Getting Downtown

Where to Park

With more than 23,000 spaces in public and private facilities, it's easy to find parking in downtown San Jose.



Shop or dine at one of the more than 100 participating businesses displaying the Parking Validation (Pv) sign and receive up to 2 hours of validated parking during the day; free parking evenings and weekends; and three and a half hours from Camera Cinemas at designated garages.

To find out more about this program or to get up-to-date parking information, visit sjdowntownparking.com.

Take Public Transit

VTA Light Rail and Buses run seven days a week and make several stops in downtown San Jose. The free Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH) runs about every 5 to 15 minutes from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on major holidays.

VTA's Historic Trolley is making a come back this holiday season! During December, this free service runs from 6:30-10 p.m. on Fridays, and 1:30-9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and operates between the San Jose Diridon and Civic Center stations only. The Historic Trolley will not operate on December 23-25.

For information and schedules, visit vta.org or stop by the Downtown Customer Service Center at 2 N. 1st St., weekdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed weekends and most holidays.

Take a Pedicab

Door-to-door pedicab service. Fast. Friendly. Green. Eco City Cycles provides an affordable and convenient way to get around downtown. Knowledgeable drivers are happy to provide suggestions on downtown San Jose's popular destinations. 771-7723; ecocitycycles.com

Take a Taxi

Grab a cab to get around. Taxi stands, marked by T's on the adjacent map, are conveniently located throughout the downtown core where the action is.



Downtown San Jose

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Downtown San Jose for the Holidays

Discover the Unexpected at every turn during your stay in downtown San Jose this holiday season.

Where else would you:

- ❄ Find a circular ice rink built amid 32 twinkling palm trees?
- ❄ Enjoy a vibrant and diverse music scene that is very much LIVE every night of the week?
- ❄ Be moved by Dennis Nahat's brilliant staging of "The Nutcracker" set unlike any other?

At this time of the year in downtown San Jose, being delighted by something unexpected is as simple as opening your eyes.

Let the extraordinary art at downtown's galleries and museums amaze, the unique gifts on downtown's shelves impress, the special creations and sauces by our chefs thrill, and the performances by our talented theater troupes delight.

Then stay the night and find new discoveries all over again the next day, and the next. Indeed, expecting the unexpected but remaining open to discovery can become habit-forming.

Come see for yourself how Silicon Valley's "city center" celebrates creativity, innovation and WOW! like no place else.

Happy – and enlightened – holidays to you and yours.

Discover Silicon Valley arts and entertainment at
LiveSV.com/sjdowntown



Events, Performances & Attractions

Ongoing — Noche Electrica

A series of night time video projections, created by Bay Area Latino artists, to animate and activate MACLA's building façade with creativity and contribute to SoFA as a cultural destination. 510 S. First St., 998-2783; www.maclaarte.org

Open daily — Islamic Science Rediscovered

California Premiere. Don't miss this limited engagement. Amazing ancient Islamic inventions are brought to life by more than 40 stations with interactive and sensory exhibits and videos to recreate the ingenuity. The exhibition covers the main fields of Islamic scientific endeavor including: architecture, arts, astronomy, engineering, exploration, flight, mathematics, medicine, optics and water control. The Tech Museum, 201 S. Market St.; 294-8324; www.thetech.org

Open daily — Mammoth Discovery!

An exhibition that sparks the scientist within each of us to learn about the creatures that roamed San Jose during the Ice Age. Children's Discovery Museum, 180 Woz Way; 298-5437; www.cdm.org

Through Nov. 27 — Pagliacci and La voix humaine

Opera San José presents a double-bill of two intensely dramatic one-act operas, Leoncavallo's Pagliacci paired with Poulenc's French monodrama, La voix humaine. California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 437-4450; www.operasj.org

Through Dec. 18 — The Santaland Diaries

An out-of-work slacker turned temporary Macy's elf shares his observations of parents, children, department store Santas, and the whole holiday hoopla. City Lights Theater Co., 529 S. Second St.; 408-295-4200; www.cltc.org

Through Jan. 29 — Downtown Ice

Downtown Ice's spectacular circular rink provides a perfect setting for skaters who glide under the stars and twirl around 32 twinkling palm trees. Come feel the aloha spirit shared by partners Hawaiian Airlines and Olympic figure skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi. Open daily; Market Street, across from Plaza de Cesar Chavez; 291-0525; www.sjdowntown.com

Through Mar. 11 — This Kind of Bird Flies Backward: Paintings by Joan Brown

Explore the work of this beloved and pivotal Bay Area artist in the context of the women's movement and stake a claim for her place in American art history, including many rarely seen paintings from private collections and the artist's estate. Dec. 1 - Gallery Talk with Jodi Throckmorton. Dec. 7 - Lunchtime Lecture with Andrea Pappas. San Jose Museum of Art; 110 S. Market St.; 271-6840; www.sjmusart.org

Nov. 23 – Dec. 14 — A Christmas Carol

An original adaptation of Dickens' classic holiday story that is truly a feast for the senses full of traditional Victorian carols, lavish period costumes, and actors playing over a dozen traditional instruments. San Jose Repertory Theatre, 101 Paseo de San Antonio; 408-367-7255; www.sjrep.com

Nov. 23 – Dec. 19 — Every Christmas Story Ever Told

A fast-moving, irreverent comedy that takes holiday cheer to the extreme! Back by popular demand, Every Christmas Story Ever Told is a fond and furious whirlwind of holiday merriment. San Jose Stage Company, 490 S. 1st Street; 408-283-7142; www.thestage.org

Nov. 23 – Jan. 1 — Winter Wonderland

From the giant gondola towering 10 stories to the classic carousel, families are traditionally attracted to the festive arcade of rides and attractions. Park Avenue and Paseo de San Antonio; 286-1313; www.winterwonderlandsj.com

Nov. 24 — Applied Materials "Silicon Valley Turkey Trot"

Before the turkey and the pies, join 17,500 others in a 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run benefiting The Second Harvest Food Bank, The Housing Trust of Santa Clara County and The Children's Health Initiative. There's also a Kids Fun Run – so bring the family. Arena Green, Guadalupe River Park and downtown streets; www.svturkeytrot.com

Nov. 25 – 26 — Ridin' Right Through That Rainbow

Steve Oliver pays tribute to Burt Lancaster through memorable scenes and biographical anecdotes about this larger-than-life Hollywood icon. The Tabard Theatre Company/Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro St.; 679-2330; www.tabardtheatre.org

Nov. 25 – 27 — Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show

Hundreds of artisans offer American handmade art, crafts, ceramic, pottery, jewelry, blown glass, clothing, photography, specialty food and more. San Jose McEnery Convention Center; (415) 447-3205; www.harvestfestival.com

Nov. 25– Jan. 1 — Christmas in the Park

Celebrating 32 years of a San Jose tradition with more than 60 musical and animated displays, thousands of glittering lights and the gigantic Community Giving Tree. Visit with Santa and enjoy nightly entertainment. Tree Lighting Ceremony, Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m. Plaza de Cesar Chavez; www.christmasinthepark.com

December — Historic Holiday Trolleys

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Dec. 2 — Pianist Jon Nakamatsu Concital

A full evening of virtuoso piano performances both solo and with the orchestra. California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 286-2600; www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

Dec. 2 — South First Fridays Art Walk

Enjoy an eclectic evening of free arts and culture in Downtown's SoFA Arts District. Held each first Friday of the month, the arts venues are open from 7- 11p.m., many with special performances and entertainment. South First Street, San Carlos to Reed streets & beyond; 271-5155; www.southfirstfridays.com

Dec. 2 – 4 — The Nutcracker

San Jose Dance Theatre presents its 45th annual production of the classic holiday production. Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd.; 286-9905; www.sjdt.org

Dec. 2 – 11 — Tarzan

The story of a young boy orphaned in the jungle and raised by a family of apes. When English explorers arrive it sparks the lifelong question Tarzan has always had, where do I fit in? Join in the fun of flying through the jungle as CMT Marque Productions presents the west coast premier of Disney's Tarzan. Montgomery Theater, 271 S. Market St.; 792-4111; www.cmtsj.org

Dec. 2 – 18 — It's a Wonderful Life

The American holiday classic staged as a live 1940s radio play, complete with all sound effects performed in front of the "studio" audience. The Tabard Theatre Company/Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro St.; 679-2330; www.tabardtheatre.org

Dec. 2 – 30 — HARK! Holiday Art Show at KALEID Gallery

Hundreds of affordable works of art by regional artists perfect for gift giving. KALEID Gallery, 88 S. Fourth St.; 947-1785 and 271-5151; www.kaleidgallery.com

Dec. 3 — Heritage Holiday Tea & Tours

Traditional tea with scones, sandwiches, champagne, carollers, and holiday tours of the Fallon House, then stroll to San Pedro Square Market. Fallon House, 175 W. St. John St., 918-1055 www.historysanjose.org

Dec. 3 and 4 — Nakamatsu Plays Chopin

Award winning pianist Nakamatsu, whose Chopin LA Times called "brilliant, poetic, heroic, and spontaneous;" this is a must-hear concert. Plus Milhaud's ballet score filled with Brazilian rhythms, Kodaly's Gypsy-inspired dances, and Marquez' Danzon No. 2, dubbed "the people's national anthem of Mexico." California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 286-2600; www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

Dec. 3 and 17 — DIY Art: Light Up Cards and Gift Tags

Give a gift that glows this holiday season—make your own battery-powered LED greeting cards. San Jose Museum of Art; 110 S. Market St.; 271-6840; www.sjmusart.org

Dec. 7 – 24 — A Christmas Carol

The 28th annual production of this holiday classic. Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely miser, who, through the help of spirits and visions from his past, present and future, finds a second chance to become a loving, generous, kind human being. 848 E. William St.; 288-7820; www.northsidetheatre.com

Dec. 10 — Carols In The California

The Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale presents a festive program of holiday favorites. Features an 80-voice chorus, the mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ, Sonos bell choir and the Symphony's brass section. California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 286-2600; www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

Dec. 10 – 23 — Ballet San Jose's The Nutcracker

Ballet San Jose's professional dancers with Symphony Silicon Valley present the story of Maria and her beloved Nutcracker Prince. The theater itself is a wonderland of surprises, with lavish lobby décor, carolers, free toys from the Pocket Lady, and more. Special family-priced matinees on Dec. 10 and Dec. 21-23. Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd.; 288-2800; www.balletsj.org

Dec. 12 – 23 — Season of Hope Cathedral Performance Series

The historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph celebrates its 16th year of offering free nightly soul-satisfying multicultural musical concerts during the holidays. 80 S. Market St.; 283-8100 ext. 2200; www.stjosephcathedral.org

Dec. 13 — Big Band Christmas

Hot arrangements of favorite seasonal classics performed by popular Tabard singers and Nineteen, San Jose's new jazz ensemble. Free, reservations recommended. The Tabard Theatre Company/Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro St.; 679-2330; www.tabardtheatre.org

Dec. 26 – 30 — "Giving Back" Days

During this season of giving, families explore ways to "give back." Fun activities help children think about how they can help others. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food and/or a blanket to support community members in need. Children's Discovery Museum, 180 Woz Way; 298-5437; www.cdm.org

Dec. 27 – Jan. 1 — Cats

There's no better way to introduce your family to the wonders of live theatre than with the magic, the mystery, the memory of CATS. The ultimate feel-good show that has audiences coming back again and again. Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd.; 792-4111; www.broadwaysanjose.com

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve with Juanita Harris and The Jack Conway Trio

Top hats/tiaras and a complimentary glass of champagne, appetizers and dinner catered by Eulipia Restaurant, then Le Jazz Hot and plenty of dancing; The Tabard Theatre Company/Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro St.; 679-2330; www.tabardtheatre.org

Dec. 31 — Noon Year's Eve

Celebrate the arrival of 2011 by creating noise-makers, decorating party hats, making New Year's resolutions and participating in a "countdown". Children's Discovery Museum, 180 Woz Way; 298-5437; www.cdm.org

Jan. 7 – 8 — Celebration of "El Dia de los Tres Reyes Magos"

A traditional Three Wise Kings party, complete with Rosca de Reyes bread, papel picado crafts, community performers and appearances by the Three Wise Kings. Children's Discovery Museum, 180 Woz Way; 298-5437; www.cdm.org

Jan. 14 and 15 — Mozart & Tchaikovsky

The viola was Mozart's own favorite instrument, and he probably wrote the demanding part in his Sinfonia concertante for himself. Principal Violist Patricia Whaley has invited Concertmaster Robin Mayforth to join her in this brilliant double concerto. Maestro Klein will also lead Tchaikovsky's great Symphony No. 5. California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 286-2600; www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

Jan. 17 – 22 — West Side Story

More than fifty years ago one musical changed theater forever. Now it's back, and mesmerizing audiences once again. The greatest love story of all time. Center for the Performing Arts, 792-4111; www.broadwaysanjose.com

Jan. 21 and 22 — Gypsy - Broadway In Concert

Join Mama Rose, her daughters June and Louise and a cast of lovable misfits in their trip across the United States in the ultimate show-biz story of a strong-willed stage mother and her brood of young performers. Featuring stars of the Broadway stage and the full orchestra performing the complete show as it was originally meant to be heard. California Theatre, 345 S. First St.; 286-2600; www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

More Holiday Fun

Galleries

Anno Domini // the second coming of Art & Design

366 S. First St., 271-5155; www.galleryAD.com
Dec. 2 – Jan. 7 — Fresh Produce annual invitational group exhibit and sale. Works of urban contemporary art by international artists all affordably priced for the holidays.

Art Glass Center of San Jose

465 S. First St., 971-1530; www.sjgaa.org
Hands-on art glass classes in fusing, casting, torching and stained glass, plus a fine art gallery and unique gift shop.

Higher Fire

499 S. Market St.; www.higherfirestudios.com
A pottery studio and contemporary ceramics gallery featuring work made by members, local clay artists, and nationally recognized potters and sculptors.

KALEID gallery

88 S. 4th St., 947-1785; www.kaleidgallery.com
A gallery of fine art, limited editions and creative gifts.

MACLA / Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana

510 S. First St., 998-2783 main; 287-5819 gallery; www.maclaarte.org
Through Jan. 7 — Cuban Connections: Near and Far: artists and local collectors highlight the work of contemporary Cuban artists throughout the Bay Area and beyond.
Dec. 1 — History of Cuban Photography with Ron Herman, Chair of Photography at Foothill College

The San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art

560 S. First St., 408.283-8155; www.sjica.org
Through Feb. 18 — Dos Mundos: Paintings and Works on Paper by Tim Craighead.
Through Feb. 25 — One Thing Leads to Another: Seriality in Works on Paper

SLG Art Boutiki & Gallery

577 S. Market St., 947-8929; www.slgcomic.com/boutiki
San Jose's swankiest spot for comic books, graphic novels and toys, comic art and other cool stuff.

Works/San Jose

451 S. First St., 286-6800; www.workssanjose.org
A community art and performance center dedicated to providing an environment where artists, audience, and ideas interact to expand the scope of cultural and artistic experience.

Museums

Children's Discovery Museum

180 Woz Way, 298-5437; www.cdm.org
With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs the museum serves the needs of children, families and schools as a center for learning and discovery. Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King celebration

Peralta Adobe - Fallon House Historic Site

175 W. St. John St., 918-1055 www.historysanjose.org
Uniquely situated across the street from one another, and now the centerpiece of the new San Pedro Square Market, discover two rich periods of San Jose's past.

San Jose Museum of Art

110 S. Market St., 271-6840; www.sjmusart.org
Through Jan. 15 — Book-ish
Through Jan. 15 — So, Who Do You Think You Are
Through Feb. 5 — Bill Owens: Ordinary Folks
Through Feb. 26 — Beta Space: Anna Sew Hoy

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

520 S. First St., 971-0323; www.sjqmiltmuseum.org
Through Feb. 5 — Invisible Lineage
Dec. 4 and Jan. 8 — Kids Create, a multicultural, hands-on art program

The Tech Museum

201 S. Market St., 294-8324; www.thetech.org
A must-see, must-do Silicon Valley experience for all ages. Explore how technology and science affect the way we live, work, play and learn. Discover fun, hands-on exhibits. Learn about Silicon Valley innovations. Plus explore our brand new exhibits in The Tech Innovation at Play Gallery and "Green Garage".