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# White Sands National Monument Full Moon Nights 2015



## Santa Fe and El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestras



Enjoy a moonlit evening of classical music performed by the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. William Waag and the El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Andy Moran. Both ensembles feature our region's most talented young musicians performing masterworks of the orchestral repertoire. Dr. Christopher Hughes, Director of Instrumental Studies at NMSU, will guest conduct the combined ensembles in "Toreador Song" from Georges Bizet's "Carmen."

\*7:30 pm Sunday, May 3

## Mariachi Fuego del Sol

Founded in mid-2013, Mariachi Fuego del Sol has been dubbed the "happiest Mariachi in the Southwest." Bound together by a deep passion for mariachi music, this nine-person band has gone on to win the three awards from Western New Mexico University and the League of United Latin American Citizens Counsel. Come join us as they share their love of mariachi music beneath the full moon.

\*8:30 pm Tuesday, June 2

## La Cella Bella

Join La Cella Bella, a cello quartet that exploits the range and timbre of the cello, on the dunes for this Full Moon Night. They will entertain the audience with innovative and sparkling original arrangements from a wide variety of familiar tunes—ranging from folk songs to jazz ballads to alternative rock hits. La Cella Bella generates a musical experience that is new, fresh, and highly entertaining. It is both familiar and truly different, a unique and enjoyable sound.

\*8:30pm Wednesday, July 1

## Dana Falconberry

Dana Falconberry and her five-piece band will present rusticated chamber music using banjo, cello, and staggered vocal harmonies. This Austin songwriter is best known for her eloquent interpretations of nature and wildlife in her music. Dana Falconberry's band has played festivals like ACL Fest, SXSW, and Noise Pop Festival. Enjoy the sounds of Dana's music in the inspirational setting of the moonlit dunes.

\*8:00 pm Friday, July 31

## The 1st Armored Division "Old Ironsides" Band Shock Action

Shock Action is the 1st Armored Division Band's highly versatile and energetic pop/rock band. The group comes prepared with a wide repertoire of music ranging from R&B, Hip Hop, Old School Rap, Classic/Alternative Rock, and Country. Shock Action has performed across Southwestern Texas and abroad, entertaining deployed troops during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Join Shock Action and its innovative style and boundless energy under a moonfilled night.

\*7:30 pm Saturday, August 29

## Intrigue, Science, and Discoveries in the White Sands

Do you love microscopes and learning amazing things? We do, too! Come join us for some hands-on interactive fun, all in the name of science! From bugs and footprints of Ice Age giants to microbiology and mineralogy, rangers and researchers will be presenting different aspects of the science of the dunefield. This engaging science program will showcase why White Sands is a living library. This program will provide everyone with an opportunity to explore the monument through the eyes of a scientist.

\*7:00 pm Sunday, September 27

## Symbols and Iconography of the Southwest by Diana Molina



Join photographer, writer, and artist Diana Molina for a moonlit night filled with tradition, history, contemporary culture, and nature. Learn about New Mexico's heritage and the Mexican holiday *Dia de los Muertos* through symbols and iconographic representations. These include *calacas* and *calaveras* (skeletons and skulls), the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mimbres rock art, and other popular symbols including those less familiar that help create New Mexico's rich heritage. This program is made possible in collaboration with and generous support of the New Mexico Humanities Council.

\*6:00 pm Tuesday, October 27

Programs are held in monument's amphitheater and are free. Monument entrance fees apply: \$3.00 per person 16 years and older. Events may be canceled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. Reservations are not accepted. Visit [www.nps.gov/whsa](http://www.nps.gov/whsa) for more information.

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