

HOT PICKS

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A crowd gathers during the Z Lounge Paparazzi Party.

■ Photos from "Diva Nights" at Dink's Restaurant and Ultra Lounge in Palm Springs

Coming up:

■ Photos from the red carpet at Sunday's Golden Globes

TODAY

VISIONS OF THE SALTON SEA:

Photographer Christina Lange took on the daunting task of documenting the beautiful and diverse landscape of the Salton Sea and its surrounding areas. At 5 p.m. today, a formal opening reception will be held for her photography exhibit "Visions Past and Present of the Salton Sea" at the La Quinta Museum. Lange will serve as the reception's guest speaker. The exhibit, which will feature some photographs that were displayed at the Imperial Valley College Library in 2008, is set to run through March 31.

■ "Visions Past and Present of the Salton Sea," 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the La Quinta Museum, 77-885 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta. Information: (760) 777-7170.

LIONEL IN CONCERT: My co-workers and I have been loudly humming the bars to various Lionel Richie songs all week. This probably has something to do with the five-time Grammy award winning singer-songwriter performing tonight at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. Richie, who is responsible for monster hits such as "Dancing on the Ceiling," "Three Times a Lady," and "All Night Long," released his most recent album, "Just Go," last year. Read more about him on page 13.

■ **Lionel Richie in concert**, 8 p.m. today, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, 84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, \$69-\$149. Information: (800) 827-2946, www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

SATURDAY

MUSICIAN AND THE MUSE: When I was 13, my father bought me a used electric guitar and insisted we learn to play together. As we haphazardly banged out sometimes-in-tune notes, he'd talk about how much he admired Eric Clapton for making the instrument seem so effortless.

I recall one summer he got hold of Jesse Cook's 1995 album "Tempest" and played it nonstop, swearing we would one day be able to replicate the rich flamenco melodies. If my father didn't live in Ohio, I'm sure he would be thrilled to learn the Juno Award winning musician is scheduled to perform at The McCallum Theatre on Saturday. Jazz singer Sophie Milman is set to join Cook on stage in what I'm sure will be an amazing display of musical talent.

■ **Jesse Cook and Sophie Milman in concert**, 8 p.m. Saturday, McCallum Theatre, 73-000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert. \$25-\$65. Information: (760) 340-2787 or www.mccallumtheatre.com.



COURTESY OF THE MCCALLUM THEATRE

Sophie Milman and Jesse Cook are slated to perform Saturday at The McCallum Theatre.



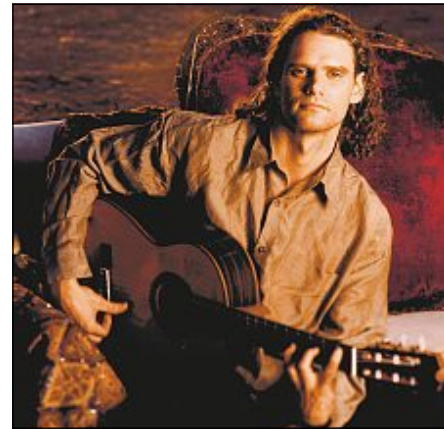
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A variety of artwork is featured at Art Under the Umbrellas at Old Town La Quinta.

OUTDOOR ART: Now that the holidays are over, how about treating yourself to something special? If you happen to be searching for something creative and artsy, Art Under the Umbrellas in Old Town La Quinta is where you need to be this Saturday.

The outdoor art show, which is presented by the La Quinta Arts Foundation, will feature the works of more than 50 artists. Grab a latté, enjoy the nice desert weather and check out some great art.

■ **Art Under the Umbrellas**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Old Town La Quinta. Free. Information: www.lqaf.com.



COURTESY OF THE MCCALLUM THEATRE

Jesse Cook

GALLERY RECEPTION: An opening reception for works by three artists is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Imago Galleries in Palm Desert.

The opening reception is for "Don Gummer: Country, City, Desert;" "Robert Graham: Selections;" and "Charles Arnoldi: Wood — Early works."

The show, which runs through Feb. 14, features Graham's female busts, Gummer's architectural sculptures and a selection of Arnoldi's early wood works.

Admission to the reception is free, but reservations are required.

■ **Imago Galleries**, 45-450 Highway 74, Palm Desert. Information, reservations: (760) 776-9890; imagogalleries.com.

GET LISTED

SUBMIT TO Weekend, The Desert Sun, 750 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262; phone (760) 778-4659; Web mydesert.com/calendar
The final deadline to submit or revise any Weekend listing is Friday, two weeks before publication.