

# This week's 5 best bets for arts & culture in Las Vegas



Oli Silk performs as part of The Groove Project June 2 as part of the free Jazz in the Park concerts at the Clark County Amphitheater. (Clark County)



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## The Groove Project

It's a smooth jazz three-for-all at Saturday's free Jazz in the Park concert, with saxophonist Marcus Anderson, guitarist JJ Sansaverino and keyboardist Oli Silk teaming up to perform as the Groove Project at the Clark County Amphitheater. Gates open at 6 p.m., with the music starting at 7. For details, click on [clarkcountynv.gov/parks](http://clarkcountynv.gov/parks).

## Rainbow Showcase

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre ends its season this weekend with a free Ensemble Showcase: 10-minute plays written and performed by members of Rainbow's student ensemble. The showcase begins at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St. For more information, visit [artslasvegas.org](http://artslasvegas.org).

## Ariana Savalas

Last year, Ariana Savalas (daughter of actor Telly Savalas) had to share the Cabaret Jazz spotlight when she hosted Postmodern Jukebox's PBS special. This weekend, she's got the place to herself, showing off her musical and comedic chops, along with dance and a dash of burlesque, at 7 p.m. Friday at The Smith Center. For tickets (\$39-\$55), click on [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com).

## Jan Steckel

Ivy League-trained pediatrician Jan Steckel is an activist for bisexual and disability rights. She's also an award-winning poet whose direct, uncompromising verses focus on working with underprivileged patients, social justice and more. At 2 p.m. Sunday, she headlines the Poetry Promise Reading Series with a reading and book signing at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. More information: [poetrypromise.org](http://poetrypromise.org).

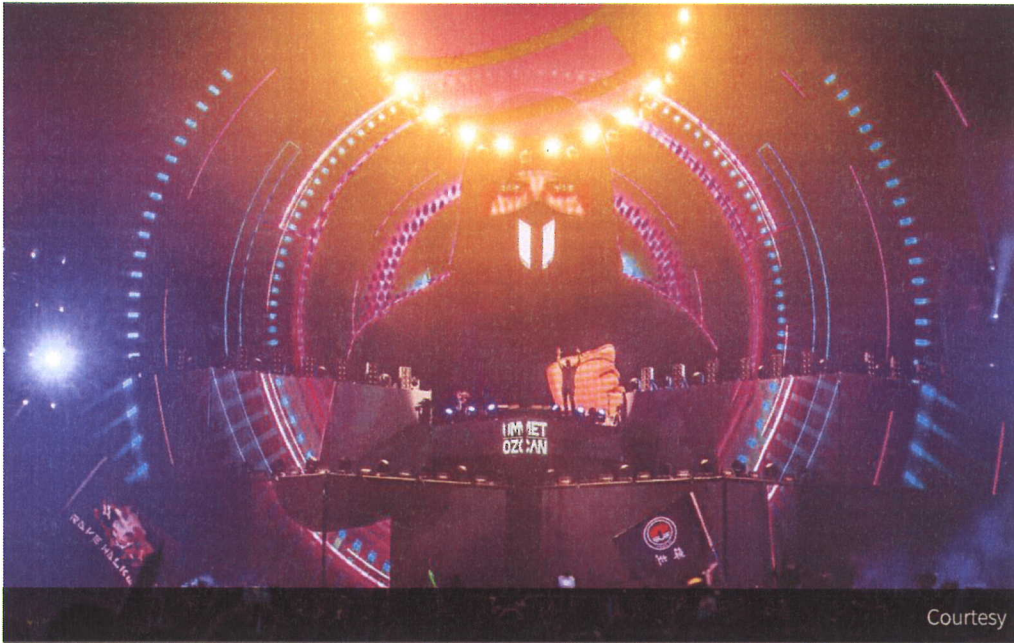
### 'Finding Fremont'

You know downtown's Fremont Street, but do you know the street's namesake, John C. Fremont? "Finding Fremont: Pathfinder of the West," a new exhibit at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, highlights Fremont's 1842-44 expeditions to map and describe what became the Oregon Trail — journeys that set the stage for his later careers as soldier and politician. The museum, adjacent to the Springs Preserve at 309 S. Valley View Blvd., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays; admission is \$9.95 for Nevada residents, \$19.95 for non-residents and free for children under 18. For details, visit [bit.ly/2JbjrER](http://bit.ly/2JbjrER).

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Courtesy

Las Vegas Weekly Staff

Thu, May 31, 2018 (2:11 p.m.)

## Jan Steckel at Clark County Library

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Lambda Literary Foundation says her poems are “crazy good.” Reviewer Sheila Lambert lauds Jan Steckel for the way she “describes medical problems with an interesting mix of medical vocabulary, poetic metaphor and compassion.” Steckel, a former pediatrician, has an Ivy League pedigree, which she now uses in her work as a poet, writer, medical editor and activist for bisexual and disability rights in Oakland.

For fans of defunct band Far, this is a must-attend. Classic *Water & Solutions* will be performed in full (with a backup group). *With The Pauses, The First Sun.*

Her collection *The Horizontal Poet* won the Lambda Literary Award. She has also written a fiction chapbook *Mixing Tracks* (2009) and a poetry chapbook *The Underwater Hospital* (2006). She’s been nominated twice for the prestigious Pushcart Prize, and her writing has been published in *Scholastic Magazine, Yale Medicine, Bellevue Literary Review, Red Rock Review, biMagazine, Jewish Women’s Literary Annual* and more.

Steckel will read as part of Las Vegas’ Poetry Promise, Inc. reading series. For fans who want more, Steckel will also head up a writing workshop May 31 at 7 p.m. at Janco Books (2202 W. Charleston Blvd. #9). *June 3, 2 p.m., free. –C. Moon Reed*

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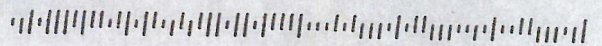
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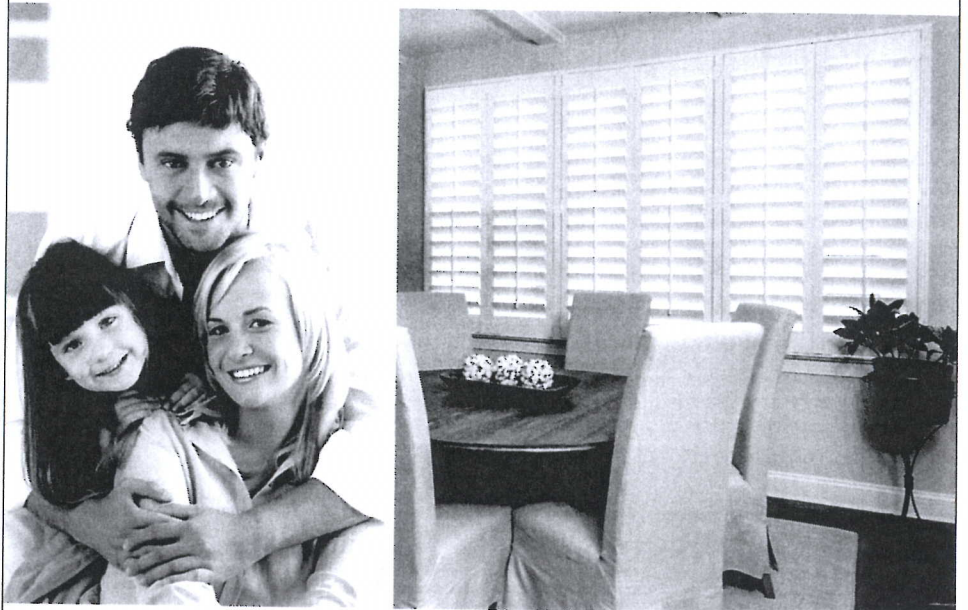
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# The Hot Seat

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Courtesy UNLV Barrick Museum

Breaking Clouds and Bird by Andrew Schoultz

May 29, 2018

Visual Art

**Andrew Schoultz, In Process: Every Movement Counts**  
UNLV's Barrick Museum

If you happen to be busting a move at the Winchester Cultural Center's newly arted-up skate park, you've gotten a taste of Schoultz's complex work. For those unable to shred, this gallery show is a perfectly suitable alternate way to experience his energetic mixes of high and low, with references to both illuminated manuscripts and life on the streets, punctuated with fantastical touches — beasts, eyes. June 2-September 15 (reception at 5p, June 2), [unlv.edu/barrickmuseum](http://unlv.edu/barrickmuseum)

## Culture

### Juneteenth

#### West Las Vegas Library

At once an annual recognition of the end of slavery and a celebration of African-American culture and potential, this two-day event will feature speakers, music, ideas, and inspiration. 1-4p, June 15; noon-5p June 16, free, [lvccld.org](http://lvccld.org)

**T.S.O.L. in concert:** The original gothcore punk outfit, T.S.O.L. has gone through lineup changes, musical identity crises, and legal hassles. Now it's back, including some original members, and geezing out the hard way. 6:30p, June 8, Brooklyn Bowl, \$22-\$25, [brooklynbowl.com](http://brooklynbowl.com)

## Literature

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