

Tempe Center for the Arts



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Spring '08

May 3-Aug. 2

## Masters of Illusion

*Unveiling the Mystery of Trompe L'Oeil*

### GALLERY

The tradition of Trompe L'oeil, a French term for "fool the eye," dates back centuries. Local artists in numerous media employ methods and techniques used in trompe l'oeil to create imagery that fools the viewer into believing that it is real or as real as a photograph.



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700 W. RIO SALADO PARKWAY, TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

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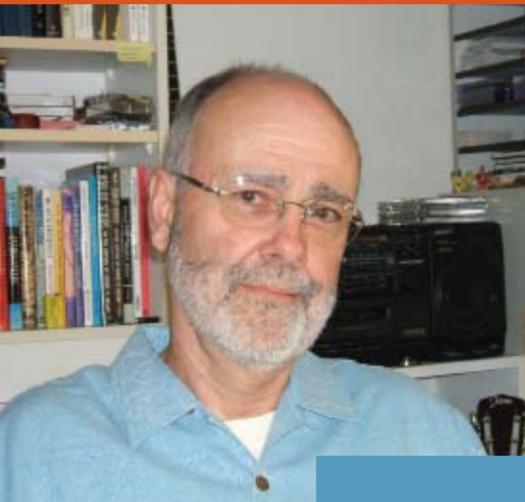
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## Wednesdays in April

### Tempe Poetry in April

7 P.M., 201 LOUNGE

Accomplished poets join moderator Catherine Hammond for readings and discussion in celebration of National Poetry Month. Featured poets: John Olivares Espinoza (April 2), Charles Jensen (April 9), Hershman John (April 16), Patricia Colleen Murphy (April 23) and James Sallis (April 30).



## LOUNGE AT TCA

### HOURS

Lunch: 11-2 p.m., Monday-Friday

Dinner: 5-7 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday

Open during most performances.

Childsplay presents

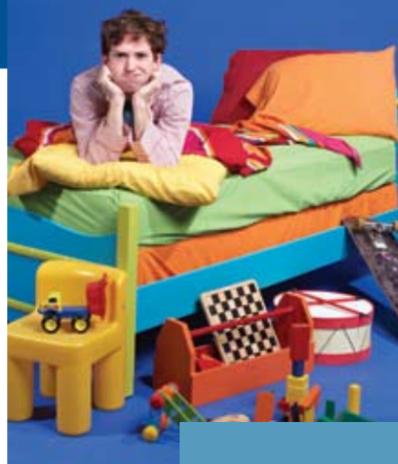
Saturdays & Sundays; April 27-May 25

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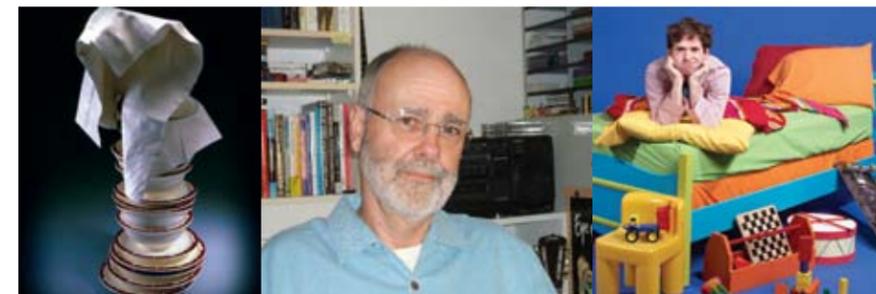
### Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

### THEATER

From the moment Alexander wakes up with gum in his hair, he knows that his day will be a disaster. Author Judith Viorst has adapted her own popular book into a hilarious musical which is destined to cheer children everywhere.



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# Activities & Opportunities



AROUND TEMPE

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## Exhibitions

### POST OFFICE EXHIBITIONS

500 S. Mill Ave.



**My Dog Has Fleas**  
May 9 - Sept. 3  
This exhibition examines the role of "Man's Best Friend" and the entitlements dogs have as a full-fledged members of the family.

Diego in Lillies  
by Robyn Freeley

**Robot Mania**  
Through May 7

This exhibition features scientific and humorous work that examines outer space, aliens and artificial intelligence which have been topics of public fascination for years.

### CITY HALL GALLERY

31 E. Fifth St.

**Rubbish Revival**  
April 8-Sept. 24

See how found objects and recycled materials become beautiful, inspiring and thought-provoking works of art.

**Art With A Cause**  
Through April 4

Royal Chicano Air Force/United Farm Workers posters (on loan from Xico, Inc.) that announced dances, strikes, boycotts and traditional ceremonies in support of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers are on display.



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### LIBRARY GALLERIES

3500 S. Rural Road

**Connections Café**  
**Poetry in Motion**

April 11-Aug. 20

Artists Kathryn Pinto and Adil Rahee, who have made significant transitions in life, examine history and home, particularly the memory of distant home.

**It's a Small World**  
Through April 9

This exhibition features the work of Keith Stanton and Ernie Button, who bring miniature toys and images to life in their expressive photographs.

**Lower Level Gallery**  
**Valley Stories**

May 7-June 24

Artists Craig Cheply, Cyndy Carstens and Marilyn J. Murphy provide visual stories about people who live in the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area.

**Young Artists Studio**

June 26-Aug. 26

Tempe's best and brightest young artists share their lives and perspectives through a broad array of artwork in this annual exhibition.

**Hans Christian Andersen**

Through May 1

The world of Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen, famous for his fairy tales, is shared in this exhibition.

**Second Floor Gallery**

**Renovation and Retrospection**

April 1 - Oct. 17

Learn about the current Tempe Historical Museum renovation plans and look at the best of the changing exhibits featured at the Museum for the last 17 years.

Exhibitions and events are free.  
Schedules are subject to change.

### GALLERY AT TCA

700 W. Rio Salado Parkway

**Paper Cup Exchange**

April 10 Masters of Illusion

Join artists from the latest gallery show for an informal discussion and idea exchange. Coffee and light refreshments are provided.

## Events

**Art Connections Café**

April 17 - Artists Kathryn Pinto and Adil Rahee join moderator Rebecca Akins for a lively discussion about the exhibition "Poetry in Motion" and more from noon to 1 p.m. at the Connections Café in the Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.



**Peanut Butter & Jam**

April 21 - Children ages 3 to 5 years will celebrate Earth Day and learn about how peanut butter positively impacts the environment from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Tempe Community

Center Complex Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Road, just east of the library. Children will be able to participate in make-and-take art projects and listen to songs and stories by music therapist, Persephone.

**Young Actors Theatre**

June 26 - Summer art education students present their annual performance at 6:30 p.m. at Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road. A public reception follows. The play showcases students' talents in set building, acting and other aspects of theatre.



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[www.tempe.gov/arts/friends.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/arts/friends.htm)

### FIRE & GRACE 2

Strung High & Loose

April 4-6, Theater

Producer, choreographer and international Scottish Highland Dance Champion, Laura Carruthers brings Scottish fiddler, Alasdair Fraser - cellist, Natalie Haas - guitarist, Mike Hoffmann of Bad Haggis, and other artists together for three performances.

<http://www.celticdance.com/>

### TEMPE SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

Musical Portraits

April 15

Theater

The ensemble will present an evening of outstanding wind/band literature written by composers from around the world. Dr. Joseph Wytcoe, world-renown saxophone soloist, will perform.

[www.tswe.org](http://www.tswe.org)

### Other performances

**MOVEMENT SOURCE DANCE COMPANY**  
"Spring Fling," April 11, Theater  
[www.movementsourcedancecompany.org](http://www.movementsourcedancecompany.org)

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATER**  
J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit: A Musical"  
April 25-27, Studio  
[www.cytphoenix.org](http://www.cytphoenix.org)

### READING THE BEST

Arizona celebrates books, writers

April 12, Lakeside

Join the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and the Arizona Humanities Council at an evening with some of Arizona's award-winning writers and literary contributors. Reserve complimentary tickets by calling 602/257-0335.

### YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

Concert

April 16, Theater

The Youth Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Douglas Akey, is comprised of seventh and eighth grade honors music students from local schools. Students were selected to participate in a special concert from nominations by local music directors.

### DESERT DANCE THEATRE

Genesis Dance Series

May 28-30, Studio

Desert Dance Theatre plays host to this new dance artist showcase featuring different emerging dance artists and groups, as well as professional companies from around the state. This network of Arizona dance artists will share an exciting weekend of dance.

[www.desertdancetheatre.org](http://www.desertdancetheatre.org)

### TEMPE LITTLE THEATRE

5 Women Wearing the Same Dress

May 9-11 & 15-18, Studio

A deliciously dark comedy that visits the world of five very different women, all bridesmaids at the reception of a wedding. They have more in common than can be imagined. They are women, striving to be one thing: themselves.

[www.tempe-littletheatre.org](http://www.tempe-littletheatre.org)

### CHILDSPLAY

In My Grandmother's Purse

June 7, 8 & 14

Studio

A delightful memory game is played between Sonny Boy and his mother, shedding light on a life well-lived. As the game progresses, two very different views of Grandmother emerge and the play explores the way life colors memory and vice versa.

A Little Bit of Water

June 15-21 and 22

Studio

Dream of meandering streams flowing through desert valleys, creating beautiful worlds of mesquite and wild flowers. This wonderful new play, celebrating the restoration of the Rio Salado riverbed, explores the beauty and fragility of life in the Sonoran desert.

[childsplayaz.org](http://childsplayaz.org)

### TCA Tickets & Showtimes

Online: <http://www.tempe.gov/tca>  
Box Office: 480-350-2TCA (2822)  
700 W. Rio Salado Parkway  
Tempe, AZ 85281

Box Office Hours  
10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday - Friday  
Noon - 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday  
Performance days - Open: earliest of noon or two hours prior to curtain. Close: the later of 5 p.m. or after intermission of the last show.

Dates and shows are subject to change.

Accessibility - The Tempe Center for the Arts provides a variety of accessible services and accommodations. Call 480-350-2883 to make arrangements in advance.