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## May 2026 Events for Renaissance Society Members

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Sacramento's premier live entertainment venue is packed with exceptional performances this May — theatre, music, and one-of-a-kind events for every taste. As a valued Renaissance Society member, enjoy **20% off Mainstage Theatre tickets** using promo code **REN20** at checkout.

### MAINSTAGE SERIES

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#### [Franklinland](#)

April 29 – May 24

What does it mean to step out of a legend's shadow? In this wickedly funny new comedy by Pulitzer Prize finalist Lloyd Suh, William Franklin grapples with that very question — his father just happens to be Benjamin Franklin, inventor of the lightning rod, bifocals, and, in his spare time, the United States of America. From kite-flying experiments to the birth of a nation, *Franklinland* traces a hilarious and deeply human father-son story across the decades. Don't miss this Sacramento premiere. **Use code REN20 for your 20% member discount.**

### CONCERTS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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#### [Windborne](#)

May 2 | 7pm

Rooted in global traditions of vocal harmony, *Windborne* transforms ancient songs into vivid present-day experiences. Their bold, unpredictable arrangements create an emotional journey connecting audiences to distant places and forgotten times. A crowd favorite since 2018 — don't miss this intimate evening of world-class vocal artistry.

#### [Seekers of The Strange](#)

May 2 | 8pm

Part supernatural thriller, part live-action RPG, and completely unpredictable — B Street's John Lamb leads a paranormal investigation team into the unknown. Sit back and enjoy the chaos unfold, or create your own character and join the adventure. No two shows are alike, and this one promises to be delightfully, gloriously strange.

#### [It's May, It's Gay, It's Cabaret!](#)

May 9 | 7pm (VIP Meet & Greet at 6pm) | Ages 18+

Tina Burner of RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars brings her dazzling stage presence to The Sofia for a high-energy evening of drag, theatre, and live performance. Joined by Sacramento's Mercury Rising and Jacob Gutiérrez-Montoya, this is a bold, joyful celebration of artistry, individuality, and community. Expect big laughs, bigger personalities, and an unforgettable night of sparkle and heart.

### **Glen Phillips of Toad the Wet Sprocket**

**May 10 | 7pm**

The beloved lead singer and primary songwriter of Toad the Wet Sprocket takes the intimate stage at The Sofia for a rare solo appearance. With nearly 40 years of folk-pop mastery and heartfelt, introspective songwriting, Glen Phillips delivers deeply personal performances that resonate long after the last note. Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Garrison Starr opens the evening.

### **In a Nutshell: Storytelling Series**

**May 15 | 7pm**

This month's theme: "Cults, Crackpots & Swindlers." Four hand-picked storytellers — Glynn Washington, Johnny Taylor Jr., JP Frary, and Holly James — take the stage with true, memorized, masterfully crafted personal stories. Part comedy, part confession, part catharsis. If you love The Moth or great live storytelling, this is your new favorite night out. Buy early — prices go up at the door!

### **The Mick Martin Celestial Birthday Celebration**

**May 17 | 7pm**

The Sacramento Blues Society honors Sacramento blues legend Mick Martin with a powerhouse concert celebrating his legacy and benefiting Blues in the Schools. Led by the Mick Martin Big Blues Band featuring vocalist Marcel Smith — backed by a full horn section and all-star rhythm section — with special guests Dana Moret and Katie Knipp. Opener: The Becketts play the British blues songs Mick loved most.

### **The Host: Sitcom Screening & Live Stand-Up**

**May 19 | Doors open 30 min before showtime**

A completely original experience: catch a screening of the new sitcom *The Host*, followed by a live stand-up set from headliner Shane Mauss. Part comedy show, part TV premiere party — a fun, unexpected night out you won't find anywhere else in Sacramento.

### **Misner & Smith**

**May 30 | 7pm**

The critically acclaimed folk-pop duo Misner & Smith bring their lush harmonies and luminous songwriting to The Sofia's intimate stage. Known for emotionally resonant performances that feel like a conversation between old friends, this is an evening of deeply moving, beautifully crafted live music.

### **Beer & Ballet 2026**

**May 28–31 | Multiple performances**

Sacramento Ballet's beloved annual tradition returns to The Sofia! Experience exciting new works choreographed by the company's own talented artists — and every ticket includes a complimentary glass of beer, wine, or a non-alcoholic beverage, courtesy of Bike Dog Brewing Company. Fresh choreography, great drinks, and world-class dance. That's a night out.

### **Maximum Occupancy**

**May 23 | 8pm | Ages 16+**

B Street's beloved late-night improv trio — Tara Sissom, Stephanie Altholz, and Jason Kuykendall — perform classic Chicago-style long-form improvisation, creating an entirely new play from your

suggestions. Every performance is a one-of-a-kind creation, and if the show sells out, everyone gets pizza. Spontaneous, hilarious, and uniquely Sacramento.

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