

WE ARE STILL KICKIN'! The first good news is that, as far as we know, all of our New Mexico Special Orchestra members, their families and providers, and our volunteers have survived the pandemic; for this we are thankful everyday. Soon after our Spring 2020 performance in Santa Fe, (video on FB and YouTube) we were compelled to postpone most in-person services. Throughout the summer and fall of 2020, we were able to post, online, **Sing/Play along videos**, with puppets and movies of some of our best performances of the past twenty years; these also went into the creation of a home **DVD**, available to all at no charge. In 2021, we have hosted weekly **ZOOM** music sessions that have been well attended by our musicians. This has all been OK, but we **CAN'T WAIT** to really be together making music again! Our fondest hope is that we will have our annual **Bar-BQ / Performance** at the *La Joya Music and Nature Retreat*, and we are **already booked** at the **2021 NM State Fair!** Stay tuned at SpecialOrchestra.org and FB for developments. Thanks always, to our **ANGELS** who make it all possible - **we'll see you soon!**

2021 Fall Events Calendar

- > **Date: T.B.A.: Bar-BQ / Performance at the La Joya Music and Nature Retreat** <
- > **Thurs. Sept. 9th, 11:00 AM: Performance at Expo New Mexico; State Fair Pavilion Stage**
(Musicians, please arrive by 10:00 or A.S.A.P.) <
- > **Tues. OCT. 26TH, 6:30 PM – 22nd Annual MASQUERADE BALL, Valencia Sheriff's Posse Hall, Belen; I-25 to N. Belen exit, just across from Wal-Mart. FREE ADMISSION!! PRIZES!! Taco Tuesday !!<**

2021-22 REGULAR MUSIC SESSIONS

September through May. (No sessions during June, July or August.)

Bring an instrument or play one of ours. No fee. T-Shirts available. Join in or just listen.

- > **Valencia County Chapter: 2nd Friday monthly, 3:00-4:30 PM, Belen Public Library, 333 Becker, Belen.**
- > **Albuquerque Chapter: Third Friday monthly, 4:00-5:15 PM, Rosario B.M.S., 5200 Copper NE.**

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