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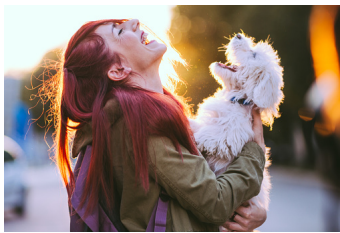
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Real talk: who needs a cocktail after this week? I know I do, I mean did this week have 10 days in it or was it just me? So, let me make this easy for you. Here is a list of ten cocktail related things to do in Phoenix this weekend, or events at least situated in the vicinity of those yummy adult beverages.

Friday:



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It's happy hour time at the Biltmore Fashion Park and you know what that means right? Discounted drinks and the chance to bring your furry friends with you for a night on the town. At Biltmore, you can enjoy the awesome discounts from various restaurants such as Zinburger, Blanco's, Seasons 52 or Capital Grille. This week's movie is A Dog's Purpose, and the event begins at 7 p.m. So bring your pup a blanket and a get ready to relax and watch a cute movie.



[Melissa Villaseñor at the Tempe Improv](#)

Need a night of laughs? Come out and watch a cast member on the 42nd season of "Saturday Night Live" perform her comedic spirit at Tempe Improv. Melissa Villaseñor began doing impressions when she was 12 years old and she made her TV debut on "America's Got Talent" in 2011; she is also a voice-over actor on shows like "Adventure Time" and "Family Guy." This event has a two drink minimum, so get your drink on while having some major LOL moments with Melissa. The show begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



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[Tempe Festival of the Arts](#)

Head to Tempe this weekend to see the fabulous workings of 350-plus artists from around the country. This event features live music on multiple stages, a kid's area and...wait for it...a special *wine* tasting event. The festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday to Sunday, March 23 to 25, on Mill Avenue between Third Street and University Drive. Admission is free, so come out and support the art community of Tempe and the country.



[Innings Festival at Tempe's Beach and Arts Park](#)

The Innings Festival is a three-day event that will feature rock, pop and country performances from 36 artists (including Chris Stapleton, Young the Giant, Queens of the Stone Age, The Avett Brothers, etc.) on three stages. This event will also feature culinary demos, as well as curated food vendors, fun family activities and appearances by professional baseball players. And since it is an event inspired by baseball, be ready to enjoy an array of craft beers and cocktails.



[5th Annual Italian Festival at the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall](#)

Celebrate all things Italian this Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at the Scottsdale Civic Center! This event will feature an array of live music, from musicians flying in from Italy, dance performances, authentic Italian crafts, the ever-glorious *Italian* wine and delicious Italian food. This event is hosted by the Italian Association of Arizona, and a portion of the proceeds from the event will go toward St. Vincent de Paul, an organization that helps feed, clothe, house and heal those in need in Arizona. So grab your favorite tourist outfit and prepare yourselves for an afternoon in Italy. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door and children under 12 are free. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).



[Burger Battle at the Scottsdale Waterfront](#)

There's a battle in the desert this Friday, and word on the street is it's going to be a yummy one. The sixth annual Burger Battle features chefs from restaurants across the Valley, including Cold Beers and Cheeseburgers, Hopdoddy Burger Bar and Asadero Cocina + Cantina. The event takes place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Scottsdale waterfront at Southbridge and tickets include unlimited samples of burgers, fries and milkshakes and the VIP option includes early entrance, an exclusive lounge and gift. Burger Battle is one of the events leading up to the Scottsdale Culinary Festival on April 8-9. Drinks will be available for purchase, so this is the place to be on a Friday night!

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[Secrets to Spring Style at Dillard's in Scottsdale Fashion Square](#)

Calling all style lovers! On Saturday, March 24 AZ Foothills is teaming up with Dillard's, InStyle Magazine and Vionic to put on a Style Lounge where you will be given the option to learn about the best-kept fashion and beauty secrets of the season! Light bites and refreshments will be available, along with a chance to get your hair braided and make-up styled to perfection by some of Arizona's best and renowned beauty gurus. The event is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., just in time to hit all your favorite Old Town spots for the night. To RSVP click [here](#), and get ready to #DiscoverTheSecret.



[Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Kansas City Royals](#)

Grab your favorite ball cap and head out to watch the Diamondbacks take on the Kansas City Royals this Saturday at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. First pitch will be thrown out at 1:05 p.m., and if you are doing it right, the first of your favorite beer will shortly be following. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

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[Tequila Throwdown at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess](#)

Attention all Tequila lovers: this weekend marks the Tequila Showdown with three of the Valley's most prestigious bartenders. So come join Tequila Goddess Katie Schnurr at the La Hacienda in the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess as she faces off against bartenders from Barrio Queen and Modern Margarita in a throwdown sure to be a knock-out. Guests can also enjoy live music, appetizers, and tequila tastings. Limited seating and reservations are required. To save your spot, click [here](#).

Sunday:



The King and I (Touring) at ASU Gammage

Known as one of Rodgers + Hammerstein's finest works, The King and I is a musical that features fan favorites and beloved classics like "Getting To Know You," "Hello Young Lovers," "Shall We Dance," "I Have Dreamed," and "Something Wonderful." The King and I is set in 1860's Bangkok and tells the story of a precarious relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher. Enjoy a show and a glass of wine while listening to the marvelous tunes from this renowned musical. Tickets range from \$45 to \$175. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).