

Where to Ring in the New Year in Phoenix

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Bid farewell to 2011 in style with these spectacular events and parties throughout Phoenix.



Michael Jackson's THE IMMORTAL World Tour by Cirque du Soleil

The King of Pop lives on in THE IMMORTAL World Tour by Cirque du Soleil at the US Airways Center. Experience the riveting fusion of visuals, dance and music that immerses the audience in the creative world of Michael Jackson. The show captures the soul of King of Pop and literally turns his signature moves upside down that will leave any lover of Jackson's music and creativity, or any fan of Cirque du Soleil's productions in awe from beginning to end. Ticket \$62.25-\$190.25. www.ticketmaster.com.



New Year's Eve Celebration at Phoenix Symphony Hall

The Phoenix Symphony is chiming in with performances of classics from New York to Vienna at the Phoenix Symphony Hall. Enjoy waltzes, Broadway tunes and more from legends like Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, and Rodgers & Hammerstein. Joseph Young will conduct this special event. Show starts at 7 p.m. www.phoenixsymphony.org.



Zoo Year's Eve

Leave the kids at home for this party because it's your turn to bring out the wild side at the Zoo Year's Eve celebration at the Phoenix Zoo. Beginning at 9:00 p.m., this adults-only festivity is surrounded by the lights of Zoolights. Visit the tent bar and cruise around the different animal exhibits before the clock strikes. \$40 member, \$45 non-member. \$75 per member couple; \$85 non-member couple. www.phoenixzoo.org.



Cirque Nouveau New Year's Eve Celebration at the W Scottsdale

Be a part of the vibrant celebration featuring live music, sideshow attractions, and top the night off with an electrifying firework display—all part of the Cirque Nouveau New Years Eve Celebration at the W Scottsdale. Gentlemen admission, \$100. Ladies admission, \$75. www.wscottsdaletickets.com.

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Smashboxx & DollHouse Cocktail Lounge

Sister nightclubs, DollHouse and Smashboxx, bid farewell to 2011 with top DJ's, Champagne toasts, special VIP packages and custom gifts. Spend the last second of 2011 at the DollHouse in Scottsdale, taking part in the "Champagne Supernova" with DJ Circle before heading over to Smashboxx for amazing after-party rounding out the evening until 3:30 a.m. with DJ Michael James kicking out the best beats of the year! www.thedollhouseaz.com.



Shake & Twist Like '56

Hotel Valley Ho knows how to kick it old school with the New Years dinner and dancing event. Indulge in a four-course dinner either at 6:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m, with Henriot Champagnes and Grey Goose vodka drink pairings. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$95 per person for 6:30 p.m. seating and \$125 for 9:30 p.m. seating. After dinner, rock around the clock dancing in the ZuZu Lounge, with DJ P-Body playing today's tunes and some from the '50s. Then, toast the evening with champagne on the rooftop at midnight (those who dine at either seating will receive a ticket permitting rooftop admittance). www.hotelvalleyho.com.



New Year's Eve Dinner at deseo, The Westin Kierland

Ring in the New Year with an incredible four or five-course dinner in deseo at The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa. Bring the whole family and take advantage of Kids Club packages for children ages 4-14! 6:00 pm seating: four-course prix fixe dinner, \$95 per guest. 8:30 pm: five-course prix fixe dinner and champagne toast, \$125 per guest. www.kierland.com.