



John Toohey, Kathy Sosa, hostess Connie Wood, host Jon Wood and former mayor Phil Hardberger, honorary chair of the Joffrey Experience

SHATNER'S WORLD

Majestic Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
William Shatner is a show-biz legend best known for his portrayal of James T. Kirk in Star Trek. ARTS San Antonio presents his one-man show *Shatner's World: We Just Live In It*, where the actor takes the audience on a journey throughout his career. The New York Times calls it "chatty, digressive and an often amusing tour of his unusual acting career." Visit artssa.org for more information.

THE BIG DANCE

S.A.'s arts scene is positively stellar these days, with some new players, new events and even new organizations defying the lackluster economy.

One of the hottest tickets in town for the spring season is Arts San Antonio's "Joffrey Experience"—an ambitious series of events from January through March, culminating in the Joffrey Ballet's first gig in S.A. in decades. Should be a blockbuster performance, since it includes a centennial year production of Nijinsky's revolutionary ballet to Igor Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps* (*The Rite of Spring*). In 1913, when Nijinsky first danced it onstage in Paris, a riot broke out in the theater and spread through the city. (Talk about a controversial work of art!)

The actual ballet performance is set for March 8 at the Lila Cockrell Theater. But to gin up excitement, the folks at Arts S.A. have put together a whole series of events leading up to the Big Dance, starting with Champagne and Cinema, the S.A. movie premiere of "The Joffrey Ballet: Mavericks of American Dance," at the Santikos Palladium on Jan.

31. Next comes the Joffrey Passion and Fashion bash at Neiman Marcus Feb. 13 (buy something for your Valentine!). Bill Chiego and the folks at the McNay Art Museum get into the act with their Joffrey-themed bash March 7. There are three events March 8—the big production, also featuring the Joffrey's "Age of Innocence" and "In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated," preceded by a sponsor reception for big givers, and a Dance for Your Life Cast Party at the Convention Center Grotto after the show. Whew.

And as if that's not enough, there was a pre-pre-party to introduce the whole shebang. Board member Jon Woods and his wife Connie hosted the artsy get-together, where artist Kathy Sosa introduced a new painting from her cool "Tree of Life" series, which will be auctioned off later to benefit Arts S.A.'s wonderful programs. Former Arts S.A. leader Margaret Stanley and current CEO John Toohey were among the celebrating guests—another nice note of arts harmony.