

The top 23 entertainment moments of 2023 in the valley

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There are a lot of moments we'll remember from spending 2023 in the Coachella Valley. From new theater companies debuting in the desert to history-making Coachella headliners, the arts and entertainment scene was full steam ahead.

Here is our list of the top 23 cultural moments of 2023 in the desert.

6. Fran Lebowitz doesn't hold back at Rancho Mirage Writers Festival

Author and social commentator Fran Lebowitz has made her opinions known on a number of topics over the years, and she didn't hold back at the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival in February. She spoke about her disdain of travel, her friendship with director Martin Scorsese, and her New York City life. Lebowitz also noted there's been a noticeable shift in what people read. "People have been taught to care about whether they see themselves in a book, which I think is absolutely the opposite of the point of reading," she said.



Fran Lebowitz speaks during a session at the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival at the Rancho Mirage Public Library, February 3, 2023. *Jay Calderon/The Desert Sun*