

## **60 Chinese New Year Car Show**

The annual Chinatown Car Show features imported super streetcars and accessories. The show not only hosts over 150 of the top cars in California but the event is also surrounded by a rich cultural carnival. Food, games, and rides provide a traditional Asian culture atmosphere.

WHEN: **February 25, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: 213-617-0396, [www.lachinesechamber.org](http://www.lachinesechamber.org)

## **61 Mardi Gras**

A spring celebration of traditional "Fat Tuesday" with Brazilian music, singing, dancing, and a colorful parade at Paseo de la Plaza.

WHEN: **February 27, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**  
SITE: El Pueblo Monument, Placita Olvera, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants  
INFO: 213-485-9769, 213-485-8372, [www.calleolvera.com](http://www.calleolvera.com)

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## **62 African American Heritage Celebrations**

Celebrate African American Heritage Month is a citywide commemoration of African American heritage and history in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Southern California's African American contributions in areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include a reception hosted by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, dance concerts, a Children's Village, and gallery exhibitions.

WHEN: **Through March**  
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles  
COST: Varies  
SPONSOR: Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.  
INFO: [www.AfricanAmericanLA.com](http://www.AfricanAmericanLA.com)

## **63 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk**

On the first Thursday of each month, the artists, entertainers, and business people of San Pedro celebrate the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors, and live entertainment in the downtown San Pedro Arts District. Downtown San Pedro is magically transformed into a village of creativity surrounded by historical architecture, including the magnificent Warner Grand Theatre, quaint restaurants and cafes, plus plenty of places to shop for unusual items and gifts. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening in this seaside village.

WHEN: **March 1, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
INFO: [www.1stthursday.com](http://www.1stthursday.com)

## **64 10th Annual Van Nuys Health Fair & Family Festival**

This family-oriented event features free medical services and information, as well as a fun family festival including rides, food and entertainment. All activities are in Spanish and English.

WHEN: **March 3, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
SITE: 14702 Sylvan St., Van Nuys  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Children's Community School  
INFO: 818-780-6226, [www.ccsteaches.com](http://www.ccsteaches.com)

## 65 Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

Tours take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of cultural and historical interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and trendiest shops.

WHEN: **March 3, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown  
COST: \$20  
SPONSOR: Chinatown Business Improvement District  
INFO: 213-680-0243, [www.chinatownla.com](http://www.chinatownla.com)

## 66 World City: A Gaelic Gathering – Dance and Music from Ireland

World City is a performance series that celebrates the rich diversity of cultural traditions reflected in the Los Angeles community. The six-event series features internationally renowned artists in admission-free Saturday afternoon performances. In addition, the Music Center will offer related pre- and post-performance family activities, including arts workshops and storytelling sessions.

WHEN: **March 3, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**  
SITE: W. M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre,  
Walt Disney Concert Hall,  
111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The Music Center Education Division  
INFO: 213-250-ARTS, [www.musiccenter.org/education](http://www.musiccenter.org/education)

## 67 Downtown Art Walk

The Downtown Art Walk is a monthly, self-guided tour of the art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles, which includes commercial art galleries, public museums, non-profit spaces, and grassroots arts venues.

WHEN: **March 8, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Gallery Row Organization  
INFO: 213-842-8574, [www.downtownartwalk.com](http://www.downtownartwalk.com)

## 68 Sustainable Seafood Day



The Aquarium of the Pacific invites the public to learn how to help our seas one bite at a time at its second annual Sustainable Seafood Day. Learn all about cooking environmentally friendly seafood dishes and how your seafood consumption choices can help save our seas.

WHEN: **March 10, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach,  
100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach  
COST: Free with Aquarium Admission  
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach  
INFO: 562-591-3100, [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

## 69 Music Unwrapped

The Music Unwrapped series is the ideal way for the family to spend a Saturday morning learning about a wide variety of great music. The Grammy Award-winning Southwest Chamber Music presents an entertaining and enjoyable learning experience, including interaction with the audience suitable for all ages. Experience three intriguing programs while traveling to wonderful venues around Southern California. The event will feature the Emigré Quartets of Zeisl and Korngold.

WHEN: **March 10, 10:00 a.m.**  
SITE: Luckman Fine Arts Complex, CSULA,  
5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Southwest Chamber Music  
INFO: 1-800-726-7147, [www.swmusic.org](http://www.swmusic.org)

## 70 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second Saturday of the month that brings big crowds to stroll the streets. Over a dozen galleries host receptions and open houses to showcase their latest exhibits and artists. Music, food, wine, and art from 6:00 p.m. on into the evening.

WHEN: **March 10, 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**  
SITE: Garey Park, 2nd & 3rd, Downtown Pomona  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Pomona Arts Colony  
INFO: [www.metropomona.com](http://www.metropomona.com)

## 71 Annual Wilmington Wisteria Festival

A horticultural celebration that includes a walking lecture while visitors traverse the century-old Chinese and Japanese vines in the museum's garden. Guests will also be able to enjoy floral and gardening displays from local designers. Lunch will be available for purchase on the park grounds of this Victorian-era home of General Phineas Banning and entertainment will be provided.

WHEN: **March 11, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Banning Residence Museum, 401 East 'M' St., Wilmington  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
INFO: 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

## 72 37th Annual Dorothy B. Chandler Children's Festival

The annual Dorothy B. Chandler Children's Festival invites fifth grade students from the greater Los Angeles area to attend a performance at the Music Center. The event features *The Arpino Apprentices* of the *Joffrey Ballet*. Following the professional performance, students will congregate on the Music Center Plaza to perform their own dance piece reflecting the production.

WHEN: **March 13 through 15, call for times**  
SITE: Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: The Music Center Education Division, The Blue Ribbon  
INFO: 213-250-ARTS, [www.musiccenter.org/education](http://www.musiccenter.org/education)

## 73 The Urban Garden Talks

This is a series of informative lectures led by hand-selected experts designed to provide everyone from garden aficionados to curious beginners with tips on creating and maintaining healthy and vibrant home gardens. The lecture *Attracting Birds and Butterflies* will be followed by a tour of the garden.

WHEN: **March 14, 12:00 noon**  
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall Garden, 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Music Center  
INFO: 213-972-4311, [www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org)



Tim Street Porter

## **74** 13th Annual Recent Spanish Cinema

The Cinematheque brings back its popular Recent Spanish Cinema Series, the most requested event on its calendar, with a week of the wildest and most uncompromising new Spanish films. This spectacular line-up features fresh, new, and provocative titles from emerging directors and established filmmakers.

WHEN: **March 15 through 25, Various times**  
SITE: Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood  
COST: General \$10, Seniors and Students \$8, Cinematheque Members \$7  
SPONSOR: American Cinematheque  
INFO: 23-466-FILM, [www.egyptiantheatre.com](http://www.egyptiantheatre.com)

## **75** The Other Venice Film Festival

The Other Venice Film Festival (OVFF) is a community event dedicated to screening full-length, short, and animated films that embody the spirit, energy, and diversity of Venice.

WHEN: **March 16 through 18, 8:00 p.m.**  
SITE: To Be Announced, Venice Beach  
COST: Mostly free  
SPONSOR: The Other Venice Film Festival  
INFO: [www.veniceofilmfest.com](http://www.veniceofilmfest.com), [www.venicecentennial.com](http://www.venicecentennial.com)

## **76** St. Patrick's Day in Los Angeles

Downtown Los Angeles celebrates St. Patrick's Day with the annual parade, starting on 5th and Olive streets, across from Pershing Square. The parade will feature lively Irish entertainment, marching bands, local celebrities, and more.

WHEN: **March 17, 11:30 a.m.**  
SITE: 5th and Olive Sts., Downtown Los Angeles  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles  
INFO: [www.lafd.org/stpats.htm](http://www.lafd.org/stpats.htm)

## **77** Canoga Park 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Community March and Celebration

The event features a march through the New West Valley Arts District with bagpipers, marching bands, storytellers, and even St. Patrick. At the end of the march there will be music, prizes, and many surprises.

WHEN: **March 17, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
SITE: March starts in front of Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Way, Canoga Park  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Canoga Park Improvement Association  
INFO: 818-346-7480, [www.canogaparkcal.com](http://www.canogaparkcal.com)

## **78** Yiddishkayt Family Festival

This is an intergenerational celebration of the vibrant Yiddish cultures of Buenos Aires and Mexico City featuring music, dance, film, food, and fun.

WHEN: **March 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: To Be Announced  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Yiddishkayt Los Angeles  
INFO: 323-692-8151, [www.yiddishkaytla.org](http://www.yiddishkaytla.org)

## 79 The City of Los Angeles Marathon

This event is the largest marathon held in California, the fourth largest in the country, and the seventh largest in the world. It is expected to draw more than 25,000 runners from 50 states and 100 countries in 2007. Ten major entertainment centers located throughout the course reflect the ethnic neighborhoods in which they are situated, as well as the cultural diversity of Los Angeles and the marathon runners themselves.

WHEN: **March 19, 6:00 a.m.**  
SITE: Course starts at 6th and Figueroa Sts. and finishes on Flores and 5th Sts.  
COST: \$85 until February 15  
SPONSOR: Honda  
INFO: 310-444-5544, [www.lamarathon.com](http://www.lamarathon.com)

## 80 Technology Day

Technology has allowed countless findings to be made about the animals that inhabit the planet with us. Technology Day at the Aquarium of the Pacific is an educational family event featuring



special presentations, interactive exhibits, and demonstrations highlighting current technology used to monitor, study, and protect the ocean.

WHEN: **March 24, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach  
COST: Free with Aquarium Admission  
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach  
INFO: 562-591-3100, [www.aquariumofpacific.org](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org)

## 81 Children's Art Fest

Enjoy the work of young artists. Create and participate in art activities. Individual and group projects will be on display.

WHEN: **March 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City  
COST: Art exhibit and performances are free  
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station  
INFO: 310-842-8060, [www.ecostation.org](http://www.ecostation.org)

## 82 Bones and Blues

Bones and Blues is a monthly concert series featuring live blues and jazz music, domino tournaments, and a hearty barbecue dinner.

WHEN: **March 30, 8:00 p.m.**  
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles  
COST: \$15 presale, \$25 at the door  
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)  
INFO: 323-563-5639, [www.wlcac.org](http://www.wlcac.org)

## 83 Cottontail Day

This is a children's spring event featuring a free egg hunt, arts and craft vendors, food, live entertainment, and activities for children. The event also includes photos with the bunny and a surprise guest.

WHEN: **March 31, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
SITE: Plaza Park, Downtown Ventura Cultural District  
COST: Free  
SPONSOR: Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Ventura  
INFO: 805-654-7830, [www.venturastreetfairs.com](http://www.venturastreetfairs.com)



## **84 World City: Gangbé Brass Band – Music from Africa**

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111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** The Music Center Education Division  
**INFO:** 213-250-ARTS, [www.musiccenter.org/education](http://www.musiccenter.org/education)

## **85 Cesar Estrada Chavez Day**

Cesar Estrada Chavez Day celebrates the life of Chavez with historic displays, workshops for the children, dissemination of educational materials, and personal presentations.

**WHEN:** March 31, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Sycamore Grove Park,  
5301 N. Figueroa St., Sycamore Grove  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council & Recreation, Culture & Arts  
**INFO:** 626-831-7970

## **86 San Dimas Family Festival**

An event for the entire family featuring live entertainment, children's rides, food booths, an arts and crafts fair, a childcare fair, and a safety fair. New this year is a children's Easter Egg Hunt. There are activities and educational information for all.

**WHEN:** March 31, Raindate April 7,  
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** San Dimas Civic Center Plaza, 245 E.  
Bonita Ave., San Dimas  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** City of San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department  
**INFO:** 909-394-6230, [www.cityofsandimas.com](http://www.cityofsandimas.com)



Leon Raza

## **87 6th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Southern California**



The event celebrates spring with the cherry blossoms and the diverse Japanese American culture through entertainment, vendors, food, a large children's craft area, and a fun zone with inflatable games. The festival also includes cultural storytelling with SAG Foundation, a martial arts arena, a Hawaiian village with crafters and entertainment, a Japanese American Pavilion, and a runway fashion show. This year the Cherry Blossom Festival is moving from Pasadena to Little Tokyo.

**WHEN:** March 31 & April 1, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
**SITE:** Japanese American Cultural & Community Center,  
San Pedro Blvd. between 2nd & 3rd Sts., Little Tokyo  
**COST:** Free  
**SPONSOR:** WOW! Event Productions  
**INFO:** 626-683-8243, [www.cherryblossomfestivalsocal.org](http://www.cherryblossomfestivalsocal.org)