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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to present the 2009 Festival Guide produced by the Department of Cultural Affairs. This year's guide is brimming with festivals for you to enjoy all year long.

Los Angeles is home to more festivals than any other U.S. city. In 2009, you will find some of your favorite annual celebrations, as well as some exciting new ones that may take you to a neighborhood you've been meaning to explore. Now is your chance to discover different pockets of Los Angeles and take in the sights, sounds, and tastes that reflect each community's distinct flavor and heritage.

With festivals, parades, and special events happening from January to December, this guide will be your ultimate resource to help you plan fun, memorable outings with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at some of L.A.'s fantastic festivals!

Very truly yours,

Antonio R. Villaraigosa

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January 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

This year's festival guide is full of unique events and celebrations for you and your family and friends to enjoy. I hope you will venture out into our great City and discover all the cultures, traditions, sights, tastes, and sounds that our neighborhoods and cultural sites have to offer.

Many of these events are annual favorites, but some are new festivals that we thought you might enjoy. We again focused our attention on celebrations that honor the intercultural mix that make Los Angeles such a joyous place to live and work. Although this guide focuses on LA festivals, we also included some interesting listings in our region's surrounding cities.

The celebrations in this guide also reflect the passion our festival organizers feel about their cultural traditions, as well as the breadth of festivities presented this year by our neighbors. The good news is – no reservations are required! And many of these offerings are free.

As you experience the many events presented in this guide, I guarantee you will learn something original, meet new people, experience different cultures, feast on excellent cuisine, and participate in the art of over 100 different distinct nationalities and cultural communities. We offer many choices for your indulgence!

Many of our presented festivals will expose you to literature, music, film, theatre, and dance. Explore deeper, and you will also find a fusion of folk art, myth, storytelling, history, and tradition.

It is my pleasure to invite you to join me this year in a non-stop celebration of festivals when we need it most.

Olga Garay

Executive Director

City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

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- 3 10th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square
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- 7 Kotohajime: First Performance of the New Year
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- 264 77th Annual Long Beach Sea Festival
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JANUARY

1 Rose Parade

This historic and traditional California celebration features majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units, and spirited marching bands from across the nation.

WHEN: **January 1, 8:00 a.m.**
SITE: Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The City of Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee
INFO: 626-449-ROSE, 626-449-4100, www.tournamentofroses.com

2 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: **January 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

3 10th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, a preview of Disney on Ice, and more.

WHEN: **Through January 21, Monday through Thursday, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: \$8 per hour
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), www.laparks.org

4 African American Heritage Celebrations

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 the areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include a community gathering hosted by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, dance and music concerts, a Children's Village, and several gallery exhibitions.

WHEN: **Through January, February, and March**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSORS: Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.
INFO: www.AfricanAmericanLA.com

5 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: **January 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

6 Oshogatsu Family Festival

Ring in the New Year with fun arts and crafts, whimsical tales, and exciting performances at the Japanese National Museum.

WHEN: **January 4, 11:00 a.m.**

SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum

INFO: 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

7 Kotohajime: First Performance of the New Year

Both solemn and festive, the closing of an old year and beginning of a new one are viewed as a time of reflection as well as festivity.

Kotohajime is the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's original annual celebration of traditional and contemporary performances in observance of the New Year.

WHEN: **January 4, 1:00 p.m.**

SITE: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo

COST: \$20 General Admission, \$18 JACCC members, Students, and Seniors

SPONSOR: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center

INFO: 213-680-3700, www.jaccc.org

8 4th Festival of the Wise Men in Los Angeles / Festival de los Reyes Magos en Los Angeles

A celebration of the Day of the Wise Men, a Hispanic tradition in which children receive free toys and books from the Wise Men (Melchor, Gaspar, and Baltazar). Considered the last day of Christmas.

WHEN: **January 6, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

SITE: Mac Arthur Park, Whilshire Blvd & 7th St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Cervantes Center of Arts & Letters

INFO: 310-526-1480, www.cervantescenter.org

9 Los Tres Reyes

A celebration of the Epiphany (visit of the Three Kings) with music and a colorful procession on Olvera Street. Complimentary refreshments are also served.

WHEN: **January 6, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument

INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

10 New Year Art Exhibit

This annual exhibit serves as an official kick-off function for the New Year celebration. Renowned artists, using different media, will be commissioned to illustrate the characteristics and spirit of the upcoming zodiac. This year's theme will be "Four Festivals of China" capturing the origins, legends, and customs behind each particular festival.

WHEN: **January 7 through 30, call for times**

SITE: Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Alhambra and San Gabriel Chambers of Commerce

INFO: 626-300-5933, www.lunarnewyearparade.com

11 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: January 8, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

12 Photo LA 2009

The 18th international Los Angeles photographic art exposition features the finest photographic art from the earliest 19th century photographic experiments to the most contemporary photography and photo-based art. More than 80 premiere galleries and private dealers present international and U.S. artists.

WHEN: January 9 through 11, Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica
COST: Day Pass \$20
SPONSOR: ArtLA
INFO: 323-937-5525, www.artfairsinc.com

13 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: January 10 & 31, 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

14 Australia Week 2009 / G'Day USA

Australia Week is the largest foreign country promotion held annually in the United States showcasing all things Australian from food and wine, energy resources, film, arts, fashion, lifestyle, trade, and investment to indigenous culture and tourism. The week-long program of events highlights Australia's vitality as a place to visit and a place to do business in the 21st Century.

WHEN: January 13 - 19, Various times – Check website
SITE: Various locations in West Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Australian Consulate General
INFO: 310-229-4867, www.australia-week.com

15 4th Annual Steppin to King's Dream

This is an annual dance convention held in Los Angeles that is centered around the African American dance known as "Chicago Steppin." The event plays tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and draws over 33 cities to Los Angeles for instructional workshops, seminars, and dance celebrations.

WHEN: January 15 – 19, all day
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Rebuilding the Village Foundation
INFO: 310-327-3274, www.stepping2kingsdream.com

16 26th Annual King Day Celebration

This year's memorial will celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. King. The City of Inglewood will kick-off its King Day celebration with a rousing ecumenical service at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following the special service, over a thousand marchers will take to the streets to reenact, in a tribute to Dr. King, the symbolic marches of the 1960's. The City of Inglewood will continue its celebration with a commemorative festival on the grounds of Hollywood Park.

WHEN: **January 17, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Hollywood Park, 1050 S. Prairie Ave., Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-8700

17 World City: Chen Kuai Le Puppet Theater

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

WHEN: **January 17, 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: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4394, www.musiccenter.org/education

18 Gone with the Film Festival

This is an annual family friendly festival held in a historic location compiling an impressive list of internationally competitive feature length and short films guaranteed to please every one!

WHEN: **January 17 through 25, Check website for times**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: \$15 - \$30
SPONSOR: Iris International Film
INFO: 818-833-4483, www.irisfilmintl.com

19 Miracle Mile 5k Run

This is the start of something special on the Miracle Mile. The Farmers Market and The Grove will host the inaugural Miracle Mile 5k Run/Walk. This scenic course travels throughout the Miracle Mile before a spectacular finish back at The Grove.

WHEN: **January 18, 8:00 a.m.**
SITE: The Grove, 189 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles
COST: \$25
SPONSOR: Olympia & The Grove at the Farmers Market
INFO: 310-821-7898, www.miraclemile5k.com

20 Los Angeles Art Show

The event features selected fine international and U.S. galleries exhibiting thousands of works, including historical, modern, and contemporary art. Come explore a world of exceptional paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, videos, and sculptures.

WHEN: **January 21 through 29, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Tickets purchased in advance
online
SPONSOR: The Fine Art Dealers Association
INFO: 310-822-9145, www.laartshow.com

21 Art LA 2009

The only major contemporary art fair to be held in Los Angeles returns for a fourth year. Works in all media, including painting, sculpture, installation, video, and new media will be exhibited and for sale. ART LA 2009 will feature the best of contemporary art in the avant-garde tradition from around the globe. Lectures and seminars will be announced.

WHEN: **January 23 through 25, Friday and Saturday 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica
COST: Day Pass \$15, Three-day Pass \$25
SPONSOR: ArtLA
INFO: 323-937-4652, www.artfairsinc.com

22 Pillow Theatre – The Art of Puppets and Marionettes

This free performance series is designed specifically for families with children ages 3 through 6. Pillow Theatre features world-class artists in interactive performances, followed by a hands-on arts workshop. This enchanting production of Hansel & Gretel features hand-crafted string puppets on a full proscenium stage.

WHEN: **January 24, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Grand Hall, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center
INFO: 213-972-8000, www.musiccenter.org/education

23 Living History Day

The event includes activities for children, guided tour of the park and the historic adobe home of Pio Pico, as well as adobe and bread making demonstrations.

WHEN: **January 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pio Pico State Historic Park, 6003 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Friends of Pio Pico, Inc.
INFO: 626-695-1217 x102, www.piopico.org

24 Festival of Human Abilities

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative spirit and abilities of people with disabilities. Dance, music, art, storytelling, and other entertainment by talented people with disabilities will also be featured. Sign language interpreters will be present and audio tours will be available for people who are blind.



Aquarium of the Pacific

WHEN: **January 24 & 25, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

25 Dinofaire at Star Eco Station

Discover your inner paleontologist with real artifacts, fossils, and an archeology dig for kids! Live performances by Dinoman and his life size dinosaurs! Reservations required.

WHEN: **January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City
COST: To Be Announced
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station
INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

26 Whale Fiesta

In celebration of marine mammals and the annual several-thousand-mile migration of Pacific Gray whales, enjoy arts and crafts, puppet shows, crawl through an inflatable whale, make a life-sized one out of sand, or participate in creating a living whale using people. There will also be food and gift vendors, music, and more.

WHEN: **January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7562, www.cabrilloaq.org, www.laparks.org

27 1st Annual Hollywood Brazilian Film Festival

The event will include four days of fun, happiness, and film where guests, filmmakers, film lovers, and celebrities from all over the world will be part of this unique Hollywood Brazilian film festival. This is a Hollywood-based film festival dedicated to addressing the cultural-creative and commercial exchange between Hollywood, the international film industry, and the Latin American-Brazilian Film Community.

WHEN: **January 28 - 31, Various times**
SITE: Grauman's Chinese Theatre, 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Various
SPONSOR: Hollywood Brazilian Film Festival
INFO: 323-317-6365, www.hbrfest.com

28 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: **January 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

29 110th Annual Golden Dragon Parade

The Year of the Ox celebration features a parade with beautifully decorated cultural floats, colorful dance troupes, and the magical lion and dragon dancers. Watch the parade go through Chinatown and then visit the Chinese New Year Festival for an all-day family event!

WHEN: **January 31, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396, www.lachinesechamber.org

30 Lunar New Year Festival

Bring your family! Los Angeles Chinatown celebrates the Year of the Ox 4707. Enjoy entertainment, children's rides, food and games booths, freebies, and balloons. The event coincides with the annual Chinese New Year parade. The weekend will be filled with festivities for the whole family to enjoy.

WHEN: **January 31 & February 1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396, www.lachinesechamber.org

31 City of Monterey Park's 2009 Lunar New Year Festival (Floral Street Fair)

For thousands of years, the tradition of the "Floral Street Fair" has ushered in the traditional Chinese festival and heralded the beginning of Spring with elaborate and beautiful flower arrangements, lively entertainment, and of course, great food. The two-day event features vendor booths, a food court, a kid zone, carnival rides, live entertainment, and more.

WHEN: January 31 & February 1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SITE: Downtown Monterey Park

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Monterey Park

INFO: 626-239-6688, www.floralstreetfair.org

FEBRUARY

32 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 and music concerts, and gallery exhibitions.

WHEN: Through February and March

SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles

COST: Varies

SPONSORS: Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

INFO: www.AfricanAmericanLA.com

33 African American History Month Programs

Our Authors Study Club celebrates the African American History Month with an opening ceremony at City Hall, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and awards luncheon, an oratorical contest, and several church and community events.

WHEN: Through February

SITE: Various locations

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Our Authors Study Club, Inc.

INFO: 310-854-6967

34 Redondo Beach Super Bowl 10K / 5K Run

Join the 9,000-race participants at Southern California's greatest Super Bowl Celebration! It's how Redondo Beach celebrates the biggest day in sports. Run, Walk, Skate or Stroll in the Redondo Beach Super Bowl Sunday 10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Fun Walk, Baby Buggy 10K, and 10K In-Line Skate. Great food and beverages await participants and guests at the Race Expo.

WHEN: February 1, 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

SITE: Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon & Downtown Redondo Beach

COST: \$25 before January 21, \$30 after January 11

SPONSOR: Spectrum Sports Management, LLC

INFO: www.spectrumsports.net

35 Little King & Queen Contest

Participants in this pageant include five and six-year-old boys and girls of Chinese heritage. A King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are chosen and will have the opportunity to attend the Chinese New Year festivities.

WHEN: February 1, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SITE: Lunar New Year Festival Site, Los Angeles Chinatown

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce

INFO: 213-617-0396 x13, www.lachinesechamber.org

36 Fiesta de la Candelaria

This final seasonal event commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. Participants may join the procession and bring an elaborately dressed doll to be blessed. Best dressed doll winners will receive a prize. This celebration includes live entertainment and refreshments.

WHEN: **February 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

37 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: **February 5, 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

38 Pan African Film & Arts Festival

America's largest black film festival showcasing over 150 new films from Africa, the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, the South Pacific, South America, and Canada. This event also features 100 black fine artists and craftspeople from the world over, poetry, fashion shows, free forums, and panels.

WHEN: **February 5 through 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight**
SITE: Magic Johnson Theaters at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza 3650 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Varies by event
SPONSOR: Pan African Film & Arts Festival
INFO: 323-295-1706, www.PAFF.org



Danny Glover in Bamako

39 Black History Tour of Los Angeles

The tour follows the progress of the African American community in Los Angeles. It includes Sugar Hill, The Island, Central Avenue, Leimert Park, and other locations throughout the City.

WHEN: **February 7, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Consolidated Realty Board of Los Angeles, 3725 Don Felipe Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Our Authors Study Club, Inc.
INFO: 323-758-4358, www.oasci.org

40 San Gabriel Valley Annual Lunar New Year Parade & Festival

One of the most exciting and largest celebrations of its kind, the Lunar New Year festival attracts over 50,000 attendants on the parade route and festival grounds. The event features colorful floats, marching bands, food booths, arts and crafts, games, rides, entertainment, and cultural exhibits.

WHEN: **February 7, Street Festival 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Parade 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Valley Blvd., between Garfield & Almansor, Alhambra
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Alhambra Chambers of Commerce
INFO: 626-300-5933, www.lunarnewyearparade.com

41 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: **February 7, 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

42 World City: Diane Ferlatte, Linda Tillery, and the Cultural Heritage Choir

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

WHEN: **February 7, 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: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4394, www.musiccenter.org/education

43 Target Free Family Saturday: Be Animated!

Enjoy a day of family fun with anime and comic book activities and workshops.

WHEN: **February 7, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum & Target
INFO: 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

44 African American Art Festival

Celebrate African American Heritage month with Capoeira, hip hop dancers, live music, spoken word, visual art, and jewelry. The event also features food vendors, crafts, and more!

WHEN: **February 7, 11:00 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

45 Be My Valentine

The Grier Musser Museum hosts its annual Valentine Party, featuring antique valentines, teddy bears, kewpie dolls, and other valentine items on display. Guided tours and refreshments are available. Please call for reservations.

WHEN: **February 9, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles
COST: \$12 per adult, \$6 per children including tour and refreshments
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum
INFO: 213-413-1814, www.griermussermuseum.com

46 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: **February 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

47 Los Angeles Times Travel Show

The annual Los Angeles Times Travel Show features more than 500 travel-related companies offering the latest information on destinations, hotels, airlines, cruise lines, and other travel services. The two-day event includes a variety of panels offering money-saving tips and travel advice.

WHEN: **February 14 & 15, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Times
INFO: www.latimes.com/travelshow

48 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: **February 14 & 28, 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

49 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. 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: **February 16, 7:00 a.m.**
SITE: Course starts at Cahuenga Blvd. and Lankershim,
Los Angeles
COST: \$95 until February 27
SPONSOR: Honda
INFO: 310-444-5544, www.lamarathon.com

50 African American Heritage Celebration

This afternoon celebration includes poetry, storytelling, live gospel, jazz, and blues. African artifacts for sale such as kente cloth, mud cloth, soapstone, handmade masks, and tribal earrings add an authentic flavor to the event. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: **February 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 255 S. Hill St., Downtown Los Angeles
(4th floor Auditorium)
COST: Free. Donations accepted
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352 ext. 327

51 65th Annual Festival of Temple City

Local youth groups design, build, and decorate camellia bedecked floats that showcase in the parade on Saturday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m. Marching bands come from as far away as Lancaster and Victorville to participate and compete in this three-day festival. Other highlights include games, rides, arts and crafts, and food booths.

WHEN: **February 20 - 22, Friday 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Temple
INFO: 626-285-2171, www.templecity.us

52 Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts

Celebrating 49 years as a community service event showcasing the arts. Enjoy artist demonstrations, exhibits, children's art workshops, an arts and crafts boutique, enter-

tainment, and food. View and shop for ceramics, sculpture, oil and watercolor paintings, jewelry, handmade clothing, mixed media, blown glass, carved wood, pottery, photography, and weaving. Featured artist Brad Faegre, contemporary impressionist painter.



"Warm Currents", Artist Brad Faegre.

WHEN: February 20 - 22, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SITE: 2000 West Rd., La Habra Heights

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Hillcrest Congregational Church

INFO: 562-947-3755, www.hillcrest-church.org

53 Garba with Attitude

The Indian Sub-Continental Club at the University of California, Irvine will host Garba With Attitude, a national Garba/Raas (Indian folk dance) competition, attracting student formed teams, audience members of various ages, and organizations from across the nation. Garba With Attitude has grown to become America's premier Garba/Raas competition and is the only competition of its kind on the West Coast.

WHEN: February 21, 5:00 p.m.

SITE: Luckman Fine Arts Theatre, 5151 University Dr., Los Angeles

COST: Call for prices

SPONSOR: Indian Sub-Continental Club at University of California, Irvine

INFO: 626-242-5469, www.garbawithattitude.com

54 Queen Mary Brazilian Carnaval 2009

This Brazilian Mardi Gras celebration showcases bands directly from Rio de Janeiro and Bahia, featuring stunning samba dancers, costume contests, booths, food, and a large dance floor.

WHEN: February 21, 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

SITE: Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach

COST: \$65, \$45, \$35

SPONSOR: Brazilian Nites Productions

INFO: 818-566-1111, www.braziannites.com



Alex Niella

55 African Heritage Festival

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its 6th annual African Heritage Festival, celebrating the richness and diversity of African and African American cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment, including interactive drum circles, West African dance, live jazz, storytelling, ethnic food, arts and crafts, and more.

WHEN: February 21 & 22, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members

SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach

INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org



Aquarium of the Pacific

56 Black History Month Celebration

Journey into the heart of Africa at the L.A. Zoo. A new weekend-long celebration for the entire family will feature the traditions, culture, people, and music of Africa. The L.A. Zoo will participate in this citywide celebration of African American Heritage Month with featured children's crafts, festive foods, exciting entertainment, and much more. Animals from Africa will be featured during zoo keeper talks and self-guided tours.

WHEN: **February 21 & 22, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

57 Mardi Gras

Celebration of "Fat Tuesday" Olvera Street style with school workshops, sambala dancers, a festive parade, still walkers, and the crowning of little King and Queen of Olvera Street.

WHEN: **February 24, Call for time**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

58 African Marketplace and Fashion Show

The African Marketplace and Fashion Show features a wide range of vendors offering items such as clothing, food, designer jewelry, body oils, and framed paintings.

WHEN: **February 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
SITE: Bowron Fletcher Square (Triforium), Temple between Main and Los Angeles Sts.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel
INFO: 213-928-9153, www.laabp.com

59 REDCAT International Children's Film Festival

REDCAT invites film lovers of all ages to discover a world of cinematic surprises. The event includes the best animated and live-action films for children.

WHEN: **Late February through Early March, Various Times**
SITE: REDCAT, 631 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: REDCAT
INFO: 213-237-2800, www.redcat.org

60 14th Annual International Family Film Festival (IFFF)

The festival promotes socially responsible films and screenplays, suitable for a general audience, which express a fundamental respect for the positive values of life.

WHEN: **February 26 through March 1, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Raleigh Studios, 5300 Melrose Ave., Hollywood
COST: \$8
SPONSOR: IFFF
INFO: 818-332-7951, www.iffifest.org

61 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: **February 27, 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

62 Pillow Theatre – The Art of Puppets and Marionettes

This free performance series is designed specifically for families with children ages 3 through 6. Pillow Theatre features world-class artists in interactive performances, followed by a hands-on arts workshop. Giant puppets dance and act in this narrated ballet of the classic Beatrix Potter story, Jemima Puddle-duck.

WHEN: **February 28, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Grand Hall, 135 N. Grand Ave.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center
INFO: 213-972-8000, www.musiccenter.org/education

MARCH

63 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 and music concerts, and gallery exhibitions.

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

64 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 5, 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

65 Fusion: The Los Angeles LGBT People of Color Film Festival

This is the only multi-cultural, gender-inclusive people of color film festival.

WHEN: **March 6 through 8, call for times**
SITE: The Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Outfest
INFO: 213-480-7089, www.outfest.org

66 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 7, 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

67 Blessing of the Animals

This centuries-old tradition of blessing the animals, for the many benefits they provide mankind, is celebrated in the plaza. Brightly adorned animals and their human companions assemble in the historic Plaza for a procession led by Cardinal Roger Mahony. All pets are welcome.

WHEN: **March 11, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

68 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 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

69 Whole Foods Market Pasadena Triathlon

Join the 3rd annual Whole Foods Market Pasadena Triathlon, an event that is for everyone: whether you are a beginner, an experienced triathlete or somewhere in between.

WHEN: **March 14, 8:00 a.m.**
SITE: Pasadena
COST: \$75
SPONSOR: Whole Foods Market
INFO: 310-821-7898, www.pasadenatriathlon.com

70 Target Free Family Saturday: Say Cheese!

Come enjoy a picture taking workshop and craft activities for the whole family.

WHEN: **March 14, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum & Target
INFO: 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

71 World City: Czechoslovak American Marionette Theatre

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.

WHEN: **March 14, 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: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4394, www.musiccenter.org/education

72 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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 14 & 28, 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

73 10th Annual Showcase Youth in the Arts

From aspiring musicians to ballet dancers, young entertainers will perform at the tenth Annual Showcase of the Arts. The event celebrates the talents of the community youth as they sing, dance, act, play musical instruments, and display their artwork.

WHEN: **March 15, 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Bahai Faith Los Angeles Center, 5755 Rodeo Rd.,
Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Society, Inc.
INFO: www.thesocietyinc.org

74 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, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles
INFO: <http://www.lafd.org/stpats.htm>

75 Canoga Park 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

76 Ken Burns' National Parks: America's Best Idea

This special event in the Santa Monica Mountains includes an interview with Ken Burns and a special screening of highlights from his upcoming film series on America's National Parks. Additional activities for families will take place before the screening and interview. Reservations required.

WHEN: **March 19, Evening**
SITE: Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: National Park Service & KCET
INFO: 805-370-2301, www.nps.gov/samo

77 Baby Animals Day

Join El Dorado Nature Center staff as they bring in the spring season with fun, family, and little furry things. Spend the day learning about how to care for the creatures of the earth from different animal education and rescue organizations. It's an exciting day of live animals, crafts, and stories for all ages, culminating in the annual Rubber Ducky Race that winds down the "rapids" of the Nature Center stream. You'll be able to meet babies from among the animal kingdom, including rabbits, possums, skunks, reptiles, birds, fish, and insects.



Vic Sagers

WHEN: **March 21, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St., Long Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and
Marine & Partners of Parks
INFO: 562-570-1745, www.LBParks.org

78 Cesar Chavez Day Unity March, Recognition Ceremony, and Celebration

The event will celebrate the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez and include live entertainment, interactive games, arts and crafts, vendor booths, and hands on activities for the children.

WHEN: **March 21, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Darby Park, 3400 W. Arbor Vitae, Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-5391

79 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 27, 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

APRIL

80 Olvera Street 79th Anniversary

This event celebrates Olvera Street, one of the oldest streets in Los Angeles: a Mexican marketplace opened in the 1930s. The event also includes free refreshments.

WHEN: **April To Be Announced**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

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WHEN: **April 2, 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

82 BubbleFest XIII

Discovery Science Center "bubbles" into Spring Break with BubbleFest XIII. The mysteries of bubbles are revealed as guests explore the sciences behind the amazing and colorful world of bubbles. Hands-on bubble activities demonstrate science and math principles while Fan Yang's Mega Bubble Show puts those theories to the ultimate test. The festival includes bubble learning stations where bubble-blowers can explore the secrets and sciences behind making the biggest and best bubbles. Visitors may conduct experiments to determine how to make the biggest bubble, how to have their bubble last the longest, and how to touch the inside of a bubble.

WHEN: **April 3 through 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Discovery Science Center, 2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana
COST: Free with Center's Admission. Adults \$12.95, Children \$9.95, Members and Children 2 and under Free
SPONSOR: Discovery Science Center
INFO: 714-542-2823, www.discoverycube.org

83 City of San Dimas Family Festival

An event for the entire family featuring live entertainment, a spring egg hunt, children's rides, food booths, an arts and crafts fair, and information for families and the public.

WHEN: April 4, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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

84 11th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Day Festival and Walk

This festival is the largest community celebration in honor of the California State holiday of service and learning commemorating Chavez's life of service. The event includes a walk, community education, and entertainment for the whole family to educate, empower, and serve the community.



Jocelyn Sherman

WHEN: April 4, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: UFW Foundation
INFO: 323-264-2700 x203, www.ufwfoundation.org/events/walk.html

85 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: April 4, 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

86 Cherry Blossom Festival of 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 a kimono fashion show featuring a Japanese wedding ceremony and a runway fashion show.



Kevin Lee

WHEN: April 4 & 5, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Streets of Little Tokyo District, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Cherry Blossom Festival Committee
INFO: 626-643-405-8809, www.cherryblossomfestivalsocal.org

87 Thai New Year "Songkran" Festival

The Thai New Year "Songkran" Festival is a day-long celebration in Thai Town. The event will feature a wide variety of Thai traditional activities throughout the day, including Thai Kick Boxing, stage performances, Thai food cooking demonstrations, and a Thai costume parade. This event will also feature exhibitions, vendors, traditional arts and crafts, and ethnic food.

WHEN: **April 5, 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

SITE: Hollywood Blvd. between Western Ave. and Normandie Ave.

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Thai New Songkran Festival Corp.

INFO: 323-640-4033, www.thainewyear.com



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88 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: **April 9, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**

SITE: Downtown Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art

INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

89 Big Bunny's Spring Fling

The Los Angeles Zoo celebrates spring with three days of pettable rabbits, funny bunny ears, crafts, and special entertainment for the whole family.

WHEN: **April 10 - 12, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles

COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo

INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

90 13th Annual Watts Towers Day Celebration "Arts and Cultural Festival"

The festival is a celebration of Simon Rodia, sculptor of the Watts Towers. The event promotes arts and cultural education, activities, and community pride with workshops in drum making, mask making, painting, drawing, quilting and patterns, a chalk-in, drill teams, entertainment, refreshments, prizes and gifts for the students, children, and families of Watts and the surrounding communities.

WHEN: **April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

SITE: Watts Towers Arts Center, 1727 E. 107 St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs & Watts Towers Community Action Council

INFO: 323-296-6113

91 Target Free Family Saturday: What's Cooking?

Celebrate shared traditions and family fun cooking demonstration, activities and workshops within the Asian American community. Keeping checking back for program schedule!

WHEN: **April 11, 11:00 a.m.**

SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Japanese American National Museum & Target

INFO: 213-625-0414, www.janm.org

92 Pomona Art Walk

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WHEN: **April 11 & 25, 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

93 Earth Day Fair

A morning beach cleanup, followed by a day of free fun for all ages, with activities for children, guided walks to the nearby Salinas de San Pedro salt marsh, entertainment, displays, and information from a variety of local and national environmental groups and government agencies. Vendors will offer food and beverages, environmentally-conscious items, books, and more.

WHEN: **April 18, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7562, www.cabrilloaq.org, www.laparks.org

94 1st Annual Earth Day Celebration

This is the first Annual Earth Day celebration and the 20th Annual Arbor Day observance. The event will have live music and entertainment, environmental exhibitors, forestry agencies, kids crafts, volunteer tree plantings, free trees, garden clubs, raffle, educational workshops and demonstrations, food, and fun for the whole family.

WHEN: **April 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Central Park, 27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Santa Clarita
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Santa Clarita
INFO: 661-286-4018, www.santa-clarita.com

95 World City: Le Vent du Nord and Circo Comedia

Celebrating its fifth season, World City is the Music Center's highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures making up the Los Angeles community. In addition to performances, free arts workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon Garden.



WHEN: **April 18, 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: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4394, www.musiccenter.org/education

96 Earth Day Expo

The Zoo's Earth Day Expo will be filled with entertaining and educational activities such as crafts, recycling and conservation information booths, games, and interactive activities. Zoo staff will show kids how to make recycled crafts, and will highlight their recycle program with visits from Rascal the Recycle Raccoon throughout the weekend.

WHEN: **April 18 & 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

97 Warner Park Fine Arts and Crafts Show

One hundred artists will display their original work in the beautiful outdoor setting of Warner Park. Work on display will include acrylics, oils, watercolors, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, turned wood, and many other mediums of fine crafts.

WHEN: **April 18 & 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5900 Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: 818-709-2907, www.westcoartists.com

98 Japanese Cultural Festival

Celebrating the Japanese culture, the event features Japanese food, entertainment, exhibits, children's activities, and games. This is a fundraiser to benefit the student cultural exchange program.

WHEN: **April 18 & 19, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Torrance Sister City Association
INFO: www.tornet.com/TSCA

99 Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival

The Cherry Blossom Festival provides a glimpse into Japanese culture through its program of cultural entertainment, exhibits, traditional Japanese dancing, taiko drumming, martial arts, a kimono fashion show, a tea ceremony, children's crafts, and more.

WHEN: **April 18 & 19, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival
INFO: 626-307-1390, www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

100 The Village at Sherman Oaks 9th Annual Spring Festival

The Village at Sherman Oaks presents the 9th Annual Spring Festival, a fun-filled day for the entire family! Vendors will showcase their many hand-made creations, live entertainment on two stages, an international food pavilion, rides, games, and a petting zoo for the enjoyment of the children.



WHEN: **April 19, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Ventura Blvd., between Van Nuys and Kester, Sherman Oaks
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Village at Sherman Oaks
INFO: 818-771-5667, www.villageatshermanoaks.com

101 City of Lights, City of Angels Film Festival (COLCOA)

COLCOA, a week of French film premieres in Hollywood, is one of the biggest events dedicated to French cinema in the world. The festival is committed to presenting a selection of new French films including documentaries and short films to the public.

WHEN: **April 20 - 26, Various times**
SITE: Directors Guild of America Theatre Complex, 7920 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Students and under 21
SPONSOR: Franco American Cultural Fund (FACF)
INFO: 310-289-5364, www.colcoa.org

102 Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA)

IFFLA showcases films from or about India made by Indian and international filmmakers. The mission of the festival is to promote a greater appreciation of Indian culture and cinema.

WHEN: **April 21 through 26, all day**
SITE: ArcLight Hollywood, 6360 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood
COST: \$10 General
SPONSOR: IFFLA
INFO: 310-364-4403, www.indianfilmfestival.org



103 Cowboy Festival

The annual Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival celebrates the culture of cowboy with music, poetry, food, shopping, and fun at Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio.

WHEN: **April 22 - 26, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio, 24715 Oakcreek Ave., Newhall
COST: \$15 Adults, \$10 Child
SPONSOR: City of Santa Clarita
INFO: 661-286-4018, www.cowboyfestival.org

104 Azusa Street Festival

The festival includes a gospel music extravaganza, dancers, and dramas. Come out Thursday through Sunday for a musical festival in Little Tokyo. Enjoy lunch or dinner under the tent on Azusa Street as the musicians play.

WHEN: **April 23 - 26, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: 244 S. San Pedro, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Azusa Street Mission
INFO: 323-692-7268, www.azusastreetmision.org

105 6th Annual Los Angeles Harbor International Film Festival (LAHIFF)

The festival showcases film and video that reflects the harbor and all that it embraces - shipping and commerce, fishing, sailing, water sports, sea life and the area's rich ethnic and cultural influences - to create a cinematic bridge between the people of the region and the people of the world.

WHEN: **April 23 - 26, program times vary**
SITE: Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W. 6th St., San Pedro
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Office of Councilmember Jan Hahn
INFO: www.laharborfilmfest.com

106 10th Annual Polish Film Festival Los Angeles

Presentation of films made by Polish filmmakers with English subtitles. There will also be opportunities to meet with the filmmakers and actors.

WHEN: **April 23 through May 3, Various times**
SITE: Laemmle's Sunset 5, 8000 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood & Warner Grand Theatre, 478 W. 6th St., San Pedro
COST: Adults \$10; Students \$8.50; Children and Seniors \$7
SPONSOR: Polish American Film Society
INFO: 818-982-8827, www.polishfilmla.org



107 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: **April 24, 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

108 20th Annual Los Angeles Master Chorale High School Choir Festival

The Chorale opens the doors of the Walt Disney Concert Hall to the city free-of-charge for its 20th Annual Los Angeles Master Chorale High School Choir Festival. One of the largest high school choir festivals in the nation, it showcases the remarkable vocal talents of more than 1,000 high school students from two dozen Southland schools in a massive choir conducted by Grant Gershon. To commemorate this special milestone, the Chorale has commissioned acclaimed composer Ricky Ian Gordon to write a piece for the combined choir. The community is welcome to enjoy the vitality and power of these young voices raised in song in the splendid setting of Disney Hall.

WHEN: **April 24, Call for times**
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Master Chorale
INFO: 213-972-7282, www.musiccenter.org

109 Pillow Theatre – ZunZun

This free performance series is designed specifically for families with children ages 3 through 6. Pillow Theatre features world-class artists in interactive performances, followed by a hands-on arts workshop. ZunZun uses sounds, stories, songs, and audience participation to share tales and legends of the rainforests.

WHEN: **April 25, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Grand Hall, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center
INFO: 213-972-8000, www.musiccenter.org/education

110 National Celebration 10th Anniversary Día de los Niños

Many nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western hemisphere celebrate Día de los Niños on April 30th to honor and celebrate children—who represent the hope and dreams of every community. The event is a gift from the Latino community to all children.

WHEN: **April 25, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Echo Park Lake/Recreation Center, 1632 Bellevue Ave., Echo Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council & Univision KMEX 34
INFO: www.nlci.org

111 Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

Take your love of books to new depths at the country's largest celebration of the written word. For one weekend in April, people who love books will gather with people who love to write, publish, and sell books.

WHEN: **April 25 & 26, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: UCLA Campus, West Los Angeles
COST: Free, Parking \$8
SPONSOR: The Los Angeles Times
INFO: 213-237-2665, www.latimes.com/events



112 California Poppy Festival

This festival presents musical entertainment on four stages featuring Jazz, Celtic, Country, Rock-n-Roll, and Latino groups. Farmers and flower markets, museum exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, a youth carnival, children's crafts, food vendors, helicopter rides, and colorful artwork all focusing on spring and the California poppy are featured.

WHEN: April 25 & 26, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Lancaster City Park, 3011 N. 10th St. West, Lancaster
COST: Adults \$8, Seniors & Children \$5
SPONSOR: City of Lancaster
INFO: 661-723-6077, www.poppyfestival.com

113 Downtown Burbank Fine Arts Festival

The festival includes the exhibition of 90 artists who will display their original work in Downtown Burbank. All work will be available for purchase. Chalk painting artists and continuous live entertainment will also highlight this event.

WHEN: April 25 & 26, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: 100 San Fernando Blvd. between Magnolia and Olive Ave., Downtown Burbank
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: www.westcoastartists.com, www.downtown-burbank.org

114 East Hollywood Earth Day

This is a Green Stage Zero Waste celebration of diversity and heritage on Mother Earth Day.

WHEN: April 25 & 26, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Santa Monica Blvd., between Vermont and Virgil, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Green Stage Alliance, and Stage of The Arts, Inc.
INFO: 323-635-6595, www.easthollywood.net, www.stageofthearts.info

115 Children's Earth Day

A wild day of earth education and celebration at the Star Eco Station's island-themed outdoor extravaganza! The biggest and best Earth Day for kids and their families in Southern California. This community event features a jungle princess, Hula lessons, rescued exotic animals, including toucans and macaws, food and craft vendors, live music, and more!

WHEN: April 26, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City
COST: To Be Announced
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station
INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

116 AT&T Fiesta Broadway

The largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the country will feature both renowned and local Latino entertainment.

WHEN: April 26, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles, on Broadway from 1st st. to 11th St.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: All Access Entertainment, AT&T
INFO: 310.914.1934, www.atfiestabroadway.com



117 Very Special Arts Festival

The Very Special Arts Festival celebrates the artistic achievements of young people with disabilities along with their mainstream peers. The festival features continuous performances, art workshops, an art exhibit, and a technology display produced by the students.

WHEN: **April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
SITE: Music Center Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Music Center Education
INFO: 213-250-ARTS, www.musiccenter.org/education



118 9th Annual Valley Wide Student Art Show and Family Arts Festival



The public is invited to attend this free family arts festival which will celebrate and highlight the artistic achievements of youth from throughout the San Fernando Valley. The event will feature live entertainment, free art workshops, an art exhibition, vendor booths, and food.

WHEN: **April 29, All day**
SITE: Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park; Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Wy., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Arts in Education Aid Council, Inc.
INFO: 818-705-8758, www.aieac.org

119 Cinco de Mayo 2009 Celebration

The 24th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held at various parks in different days and will be festive celebrations with non-stop Latin music, performances of ballet folklórico, Aztec dancers, and Cumbia bands. Families can take advantage of the special family outing areas and kids will enjoy special children's areas with games, art workshops, and carnival rides. Ethnic food and arts and crafts will be on sale.



Vic Sagers

WHEN: **April 30 through May 5, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Various park sites in Long Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine
INFO: www.lbparcs.org

120 Southeast European Film Festival Los Angeles

The festival showcases the cultural diversity of Southeast Europe and fosters cultural exchange through its annual presentations of films from this region. Throughout the year the program offers individual screenings and promotes films at other festivals, organizes seminars and lectures, and creates opportunities for cultural exchange between Southern California and Southeast Europe.

WHEN: **April 30 through May 5, Thursday through Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Goethe Institute, 5750 Wilshire Blvd., Ground floor, Los Angeles
COST: \$10 General Admission, \$50 Closing Night
SPONSOR: Goethe Institute Los Angeles
INFO: 323-525-3388, www.seefilmLA.org



121 VC FILMFEST 2009: The Visual Communications Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival

Established in 1983, the Visual Communications Film Festival is Southern California's premier showcase for film and video works by Asian Pacific American and Asian Pacific international cinema artists. The festival encompasses screenings, panels, workshops, and artists' awards.

WHEN: **April 30 through May 7, Various times**
SITE: Directors Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Blvd.,
Aratani/Japan American Theatre
COST: \$10 General; \$8 Students and Seniors
SPONSOR: Visual Communications
INFO: 213-680-4462 ext. 59, www.vconline.org

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122 Asian American Heritage Month Celebrations

Asian American Month is a citywide commemoration of Asian American heritage and history in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Southern California's Asian American contributions in the areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include music concerts, performances, and several gallery exhibitions.

WHEN: **Throughout May**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: The City of Los Angeles Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
INFO: www.apahm.org

123 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

WHEN: **May through October, time varies by performance**
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Prices vary, call for information.
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

124 Cuban Music Festival "2009 Presencia Cubana en Los Angeles"

This festival celebrates the cultural heritage of the Cuban community living throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Come and enjoy live performances, arts and crafts, Cuban food, and activities for children.

WHEN: **May To Be Announced, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Echo Park Lake, 1632 Bellevue Ave., Echo Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Duval Productions & CauseConnect
INFO: 310-261-8778, www.caribeculturalfoundation.org

125 Venice Garden and Home Tour

Don't miss touring the eclectic and imaginative gardens and homes of the unique seaside community of Venice, benefiting the non-profit Neighborhood Youth Association.

WHEN: **May 2, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Las Doradas Children's Center, 804 Broadway, Venice
COST: \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door
SPONSOR: Neighborhood Youth Association
INFO: 310-821-1857, www.venicegardentour.org

126 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: **May 2, 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

127 19th Annual Pacific Islander Festival

The Pacific Islander Festival celebrates the heritage, traditional culture, and the arts of the indigenous cultures of Polynesian, Micronesian, and Melanesian communities of Los Angeles with authentic ongoing stage performances. The event will also feature island villages with hands-on demonstrations, traditional arts presentations, and ethnic food to enjoy.

WHEN: **May 2 & 3, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Harbor Regional Park, 2580 Vermont Ave., Wilmington – Harbor City
COST: Free admission and parking
SPONSOR: Pacific Islander Community Council, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs & Council District 15
INFO: 714-968-1785, 310-293-2136, www.hiccsc/picc



Aquarium of the Pacific

128 Cinco de Mayo

A celebration of Mexico's victory over the French forces in Puebla, Mexico in 1862, with popular and traditional music, cultural presentations, dance, and food booths for everyone to enjoy.

WHEN: **May 2 & 3, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP



129 Israel Independence Day Festival

An annual celebration of Israel's Independence Day. The Israel Independence Day Festival presents a full day of entertainment on four stages with Judaic and Israeli vendor booths, an artists' pavilion, carnival

rides, non-stop folk dancing, dozens of ethnic food booths, free arts and crafts for children, a sky diving show, a fashion show, special programs for kids and teenagers, and an official ceremony.

WHEN: **May 3, 10 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Woodley Park, Van Nuys
COST: \$5
SPONSOR: Israel Independence Day Festival
INFO: 818-757-0123, www.israelfestival.com

130 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: **May 7, 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

131 Santa Monica Festival – Revel with a Cause

The Santa Monica Festival highlights the dynamic connection between the City's communities, culture, business, environment, and art. In its eighteenth year, the festival aims to inspire participants to live a more sustainable



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lifestyle while enjoying an energetic mix of music and dance, fresh foods from an assortment of local eateries, and shopping at the international marketplace.

WHEN: **May 9, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: 2600 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division
INFO: 310-458-8350, www.arts.santa-monica.org

132 Raising Readers: A Literacy Festival



David Taylor

This festival focuses on children's language and literacy development. Storytellers, theatre groups, and musicians emphasize the joy of reading. Lots of snacks and fun for children and their families.

WHEN: **May 9, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Connection for Children, Santa Monica College, and Association for the Education of Young Children/North Bay Chapter North Bay
INFO: 310-452-3325, www.connectionsforchildren.org

133 Coming Home to Pio Pico

Celebrate the birthday of Pio Pico, last Governor of Alta California under Mexican rule. Enjoy dancing, music, food, 1800's children's activities, and a historic demonstration at Pio Pico State Historic Park.

WHEN: **May 9, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pio Pico State Historic Park, 6003 Pioneer Blvd., Whittier
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Friends of Pio Pico, Inc.
INFO: 626-695-1217 x102, www.piopico.org

134 Mexican Mother's Day

Celebrate the closing weekend of the exhibition *Bold Caballeros y Noble Bandidas* with a traditional Mexican Mother's Day, featuring tamales and fresh-cut flowers on sale all day, or make Mom some *papel picado* flowers at our crafts table. Free with museum admission.

WHEN: **May 9, 12:00 noon. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Autry National Center, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles.
COST: \$9 Adults, \$5 Students & Seniors, \$3 Children (3-12), Free for children under 5
SPONSOR: Autry National Center
INFO: 323-667-2000, www.autrynationalcenter.org

135 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: **May 9 & 30, 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

136 New Works Festival

Enjoy the face of new and often experimental theater as College of the Canyons continues its critically-acclaimed New Works Festival. Open to the Santa Clarita Valley community and beyond, the New Works Festival takes works in progress from unheralded playwrights and puts them on the stage. Do you have a script that needs to be seen? Submit it, and watch your dream become reality!

WHEN: **May 13 through 17, Wednesday through Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.**
SITE: Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center, 26455 Rockwell Cyn. Rd., Santa Clarita
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center
INFO: 661-362-5304, www.canyonspac.com

137 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: **May 14, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

138 JACCC's 26th Children's Day

Come to Little Tokyo, where culture comes alive, for a day filled with activities for children of all ages including the Chibi-K: Kids Fun Run and the San Tai San: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The Asian Pacific Arts and Crafts Faire features



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cultural entertainment, demonstrations, crafts, and games. Mark the date in your calendar and don't miss out on the fun!

WHEN: **May 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
INFO: 213-628-2725, www.jaccc.org

139 Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration

This festive celebration focuses on Asian Pacific heritage and cultural traditions with traditional music, children's dance groups, and colorful ethnic crafts. Zookeeper lectures highlight the Zoo's Asian Pacific animals.

WHEN: **May 16 & 17, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

140 Venice Art Walk & Auctions

This is the annual fundraising event to benefit the Venice Family Clinic, featuring a 400-piece art auction, self-guided tours of 60 artists' private studios and homes, live entertainment, delicious cuisine, children's art activities, and more.

WHEN: **May 16 & 17, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice
COST: \$50 Adults
SPONSOR: Venice Family Clinic
INFO: 310-392-9255, www.venicefamilyclinic.org

141 Long Beach Pride Celebration

Over the past several years, the festival is the largest event in the city of Long Beach, attracting over 90,000 participants over the two-day celebration. More than 200 marching groups and floats comprise the parade entries, representing various religious, governmental, and social organizations.

WHEN: **May 16 & 17, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Along Shoreline Drive, Long Beach
COST: \$20
SPONSOR: Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc.
INFO: 562-987-9191, www.longbeachpride.com

142 49th Annual Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival

This musical festival presents on four stages over 100 instrumental and singing contestants and professional bands, western style and jamming musicians playing on outdoor Western movie sets. Lots of folk arts booths, National Parks booths, good eats, and children's activities. Since 1961, this event has been Southern California's premier old-time and bluegrass music festival!



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WHEN: **May 17, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Paramount Movie Ranch, Agoura Hills, in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
COST: \$12 Adults; \$7 Teens, Seniors over 65; Children under 10 Free
SPONSOR: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest and Folk Festival, Inc.
INFO: 818-382-4819, www.topangabanjofiddle.org

143 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: **May 17, 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

144 Museums of the Arroyo Day

Six museums in Pasadena and Highland Park open their doors free of charge to celebrate with special exhibits, music, and activities for children. Free shuttles take guests between museums.

WHEN: **May 17, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Gamble House, Heritage Square, Lummis Home and Garden, Pasadena Museum of History, Los Angeles Police Historical Society, & Southwest Museum of the American Indian.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Museums of the Arroyo
INFO: 213-740-8687, www.museumsofthearroyo.com

145 Country Garden Fair

View display gardens created and maintained by members of the public, see a bonsai show, purchase a variety of plants, seeds, and fertilizer, obtain gardening information at the start of the summer growing season, have access to local garden clubs and plant societies, and more. There will also be entertainment and children's activities.

WHEN: **May 17 & 18, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-784-5180, www.laparks.org

146 Asian & Pacific Islander Older Adults Festival

Travel to Asia and Pacific Islands without ever leaving Angelus Plaza. The festival brings the pageantry of the Philippines, Guam, Samoa, Korea, China, and Japan. Enjoy traditional folk dancers and choral groups. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: **May 22, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 255 S. Hill St., Downtown L.A. (Hill Street Courtyard)
COST: Free. Donations accepted
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352 ext. 327

147 Celebrate Puppetry

To celebrate the multidisciplinary art of puppetry, Optimists International offers free and low cost art and theater activities for Sunland/Tujunga families and the greater Los Angeles community.

WHEN: **Pre-Festival Workshops May 24 & 31, 1:00 p.m.**
Celebrate Puppetry Festival June 6, 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: McGroarty Art Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Optimist International & City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: 818-352-5285, www.balibeyond.com/cp.html

148 Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade

This is the 21st annual Canoga Park Memorial Day parade, honoring the military personnel at home and overseas.

WHEN: **May 25, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
SITE: 7248 Owensmouth Ave., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Canoga Park West Hills Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 818-884-4222, www.cpwchamber.org



149 61st Annual Memorial Day Celebration

The City of Inglewood's commemorative ceremonies will celebrate the lives of war heroes and also pay tribute to the courageous men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces. Over 30 local and community-based organizations will take part in the ceremonies. All are invited to join the City in paying tribute to the nation's and Inglewood's heroic servicemen and women.

WHEN: May 25, 11:00 a.m.
SITE: Inglewood City Hall, South Mall, 1 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-8700

150 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: May 29, 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

151 26th Annual Salute to Recreation Family Festival

This is the largest annual Department of Recreation and Parks event in the San Fernando Valley and features plenty of activities for the whole family, including a children's area, a petting zoo, carnival rides, games, food booths, an International Village, a Hawaiian Village, an arts and crafts boutique, Teen Night, and entertainment on four stages. Catch the fireworks extravaganza on Saturday night.

WHEN: May 29 through 31, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Northridge Park, 10058 Reseda Blvd., Northridge
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-349-7341, www.laparks.org

152 Armenian Independence Day Festival

This street festival promotes the Armenian culture and its first independence. The free event includes food booths, vendors and live Armenian singers and bands.

WHEN: May 30, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Hollywood Blvd. between Vermont & Alexandria, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Armenian Cultural Foundation & Office of Councilman Eric Garcetti
INFO: 818-243-9264

153 Spring Festival: A Victorian Affair

Step back to the late 19th century at Rancho Los Cerritos to experience the dynamic Victorian era, complete with live music, dancing, unusual entertainment, and even a May pole dance! Participate in period activities such as ice cream making, butter churning, Victorian-era games, and crafts designed especially for children.



Vic Segers

WHEN: May 31, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
SITE: Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, 4600 N. Virginia Rd., Long Beach
COST: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 3 – 12
SPONSOR: Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine & Friends of Rancho Los Cerritos
INFO: 562-570-1755, www.rancholoscerritos.org

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154 National Gay Pride Month

National Gay Pride Month is a citywide celebration of Gay Pride in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Southern California's gay and lesbian contributions in the areas of education, politics, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include educational programs, gallery exhibitions, theater, and dance performances.

WHEN: **Through June**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSORS: Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and the City of West Hollywood
INFO: www.laglc.org/home.htm, www.visitwesthollywood.com

155 Annual Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

Enjoy this series of free concerts at Pershing Square, an outdoor area in the heart of downtown, featuring a variety of musical genres and performers. Come relax on the grass areas or sit at one of the tables with umbrellas and enjoy a weekday lunchtime show, or a monthly Sunday afternoon performance.

WHEN: **June through September, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St. Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888-527-2757, www.laparks.org

156 Hollywood Bowl

The Hollywood Bowl is the summer venue for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Nearly 80 concerts are presented during the twelve-week summer festival each year, including orchestral, jazz, popular, and world music.

WHEN: **June through September, varies times**
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com

157 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

WHEN: **June through October, time varies by performance**
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Prices vary, call for information.
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

158 Theatricum Botanicum 2009 Summer Repertory Season

Join the annual summer season of Shakespeare and the classics set in a rustic, outdoor amphitheatre located in a natural canyon ravine. Picnickers are welcome.

WHEN: **June through October, Various times, please call for schedule**
SITE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga
COST: Adults \$8 - \$28, Children 5 and under free
SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com

159 Dance Camera West Dance Film Festival

Dance Camera West Los Angeles Dance Film Festival is a month-long festival of screenings and events featuring experimental shorts, documentaries, and features at locations around Los Angeles, with a special outdoor event.

WHEN: **Throughout June, check website for dates and times**

SITE: Locations throughout Los Angeles

COST: Some events are free, while other events vary in price

SPONSOR: Dance Camera West

INFO: 213-480-8633, www.dancecamerawest.org



Pierre Coulbeur

160 12th Annual Shakespeare by the Sea Outdoor Performances

A pair of Shakespeare plays – one drama and one comedy – will be performed at an outdoor theater overlooking the ocean (the plays will be announced in the spring). Guests can bring a picnic, blanket, and lawn chairs and are encouraged to dress warmly. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There's a limited amount of first-come, first-served bench seating.

WHEN: **Mid-June to mid-July, Thursdays – Saturdays 8:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. pre-show**

SITE: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

INFO: 310-548-7705, www.shakespearebythesea.org

161 Long Beach Municipal Concert Series

The Long Beach Municipal Band is in its 100th season, making it the longest surviving, municipally-supported band in the country. The annual summer concert series provides a chance for neighbors and families to gather outdoors for a relaxing evening of entertainment and music. You are welcome to bring your picnic basket, blankets, and lawn chairs.

WHEN: **Late June through August, 6:30 p.m.**

SITE: Various parks located throughout the city

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine

INFO: 562-570-3524, www.lbparcs.org

162 77th Annual Long Beach Sea Festival

Dozens of activities are scheduled at beach areas, pools, and parks throughout Long Beach, including the Chinese Dragon Boat Race and the Great Sand Sculpture event. There are aquatic events for the entire family!

WHEN: **End of June through mid-September, Various times**

SITE: Beaches, pools, and parks in the Long Beach area

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

INFO: 562-426-7670, www.lbparcs.org

163 Fiesta de las Flores

The entire Monument including the colorful Olvera Street Mexican Marketplace will be decorated to create scenes from Los Angeles historic past. Various areas provide opportunities for both amateur and professional photographer alike.

WHEN: **June To Be Announced**

SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument

INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

164 Kermés

Kermés is a celebration of the Temple-Beaudry neighborhood. Enjoy tasty food, live music, colorful decorations, dance, traditional games, prizes, information booths, and much more.

WHEN: **June To Be Announced, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Spiraling Orchard Park, 1246 W. Court St., Temple-Beaudry Neighborhood, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: ACLA
INFO: 213-481-8013, www.artscorpsla.org

165 Monday Morning Concerts

Monday Morning Concerts at the Madrid Theatre provide an intimate educational setting for children, ages five through eleven, consisting of a performance, a brief history lesson on the musical and cultural style being presented, followed by a question-and-answer session with the performers. Reservations are required.

WHEN: **June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
SITE: Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Wy., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-347-9419, www.madridtheatre.org

166 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: **June 4, 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

167 8th Annual Plascencia Community Arts Festival

The festival celebrates the creative expression of our diverse community with musical, dance, theatre performances, arts workshops, raffles, a food court, and arts and crafts vendors.

WHEN: **June 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Betty Plascencia Elementary School, 1321 Cortez St., enter on Edgeware
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Office of Councilman Ed Reyes, LAUSD Arts Education Branch & Parents of Plascencia, LACMA
INFO: 213-250-7450

168 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: **June 6, 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

169 Celebrate Puppetry Festival

To celebrate the multidisciplinary art of puppetry, Optimists International offers a fun festival of workshops, performances, booths, food, and more. Be sure to enjoy the evening under the stars watching the art of shadow play.

WHEN: June 6, 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: McGroarty Art Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Optimist International, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs & McGroarty Arts Center
INFO: 818-352-5285, www.balibeyond.com/cp.html

170 Pacific Islander Festival

Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands through traditional craft demonstrations, ethnic cuisine, educational programs, storytelling, and an ocean of live entertainment, including music and dance performances. The festival will feature various cultures, including Hawaiian, Chamorro, Tahitian, and Moari.

WHEN: June 6 & 7, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

171 World Ocean Day

Star Education sponsors a fun filled day of marine education. Over 1,200 students participate in marine education through activities that teach ocean awareness, conservation, and environmental education.

WHEN: June 7, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
SITE: Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City
COST: To Be Announced
SPONSOR: Star Eco Station
INFO: 310-842-8060, www.ecostation.org

172 SoRo Festival

This street festival features booths, games, ethnic food, activities for kids, and entertainment. The goal is to bring together neighbors, businesses, and public and private agencies to celebrate the cultural diversity of the South Robertson community.

WHEN: June 7, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Robertson Blvd. and Beverlywood St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Inc.
INFO: 310-837-1710

173 Lummis Day

Northeast Los Angeles declares its own holiday in honor of Charles Lummis, founder of the Southwest Museum, first editor of the L.A. Times, and L.A.'s first advocate for multi-culturalism. For this annual event, poetry will be read in a morning event at the Lummis Home; music, dance, art, food, and historical exhibits follow at Sycamore Grove Park for the remainder of the day.

WHEN: June 7, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Lummis Home, 200 E. Ave 43, Los Angeles & Sycamore Grove Park, 4700 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Occidental College, the Autry Center for the American West, Neighborhood Councils of Northeast L.A. & Councilmembers Ed P. Reyes and Jose Huizar.
INFO: 818-535-9178, www.lummisday.org

174 Concerts in the Park

Since 1975, the Valley Cultural Center has presented a series of free "Concerts in the Park" during the summer. Organized to enrich the lives of Valley residents, these concerts feature top pop, jazz, classical, folk, and world music performances every Sunday afternoon at Warner Park.

WHEN: **June 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

175 Hollywood Black Film Festival

The Hollywood Black Film Festival (HBFF) is an annual 6-day celebration of black cinema drawing together established filmmakers, popular film and TV stars, writers, directors, industry executives, emerging artists, and diverse audiences from Hollywood and around the world. The festival also features more than twenty panels and workshops.



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WHEN: **June 9 through 14, All day**
SITE: Check website for locations
COST: Various
SPONSOR: Hollywood Black Film Festival Committee
INFO: 310-407-3596, www.hlbff.org

176 L.A. Community Adult School's 7th Annual Community Resource Fair

Celebrate the biggest community resource fair in Los Angeles. Over sixty community agencies and local government departments will provide free and low-cost services in the areas of health, housing, education, employment, immigration, legal family, and social services. Many agencies will have Korean and Spanish speaking representatives. There will be live music and food for purchase.



Brian Boyle

WHEN: **June 10, 6:00 p.m. – 8:300 p.m.**
SITE: 4650 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: EL Civics Program, Los Angeles Community Adult School, and LAUSD
INFO: 323-900-3500

177 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: **June 11, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

178 Senior Commercial Actors Festival 2009

Mature adults ages 60+ perform original and classic commercials that they have written and directed. These actors are students of the Los Angeles Unified School Districts Commercial Actors' Program, and have received awards through KLCS-TV.

WHEN: **June 12, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Claude Pepper Senior Center, 1762 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Community Adult School
INFO: 323-903-5000

179 Mixed Roots Film and Literary Festival

The Festival celebrates story-telling of the Mixed racial and cultural experience including that of transracial/cultural adoption and interracial/cultural relationships. The Festival brings together film and book lovers, innovative artists, and families interested in the Mixed racial and cultural experience and includes workshops, readings, film screenings, live performances, and comedy.



WHEN: June 12 & 13, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Mixed Chicks Chat
INFO: 310-712-1632, www.mixedrootsfilmandliteraryfestival.org

180 Vision and Vibes

The event will feature music, fashion, film, and visual art representing pieces of community unity. This free cultural event brings together the people who reside in underserved communities in Los Angeles. The genesis of the Vision and Vibes festival commenced in 1994 when local community leaders organized a concert to encourage positive interaction between local residents following the 1992 Los Angeles riots. In the time since, the festival has attracted thousands of visitors and residents for a day of unity and positive community involvement

WHEN: June 13, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Center, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)
INFO: 323-563-5639, www.wlcac.org

181 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: June 13 & 27, 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

182 Cultural Rhythms Summer Concert Series

Come celebrate summer at El Dorado Nature Center every third Wednesday with music from our rich and diverse community. The event is a celebration of Black culture featuring Ya Ya Quareles African Drumming and Dance Troop. Bring low chairs or blankets and an earth-friendly picnic dinner. No styrofoam please.

WHEN: June 17, Gates open at 6:30 p.m., Concert 7:00 p.m.
SITE: El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 East Spring St., Long Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
INFO: 562-570-1745, www.LBParks.org

183 Mariachi USA Festival

The world's premier Mariachi USA Festival brings together more than 200 performers, the best of world-class mariachi musicians, and ballet folklorico. This five-hour, fast paced extravaganza culminates with a spectacular fireworks finale.

WHEN: **June 20, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: \$5 - \$127
SPONSOR: Rodri Entertainment Group
INFO: 1-800-MARIACHI, www.rodri.com

184 Free Shakespeare in Barnsdall Art Park

The internationally recognized Independent Shakespeare Co. brings *The Tempest* and *Henry V* to Barnsdall Art Park for a summer season of free outdoor performances. Bring a picnic, a blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy a perfect evening at the theater. Reservation recommended.

WHEN: **June 25 through August 23, Thursdays through Sundays 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Independent Shakespeare Co.
INFO: 323-836-0288, www.independentshakespeare.com

185 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: **June 26, 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

186 Cal Phil Festival on the Green

The California Philharmonic hosts its annual Festival on the Green concert series at the Arboretum. Music, food, and a great location combine into a magical blend unparalleled in Southern California. An engaging maestro, a world-class orchestra, and top soloists ensure enjoyment for all. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., with live jazz and dining from 5:30 p.m.

WHEN: **June 27, 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
COST: \$20 - \$98
SPONSOR: California Philharmonic
INFO: 626-300-8200, www.calphil.org

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187 Grand Performances

Grand Performances presents more than forty free noon and evening performing arts events in downtown Los Angeles' California Plaza. The award-winning programming reflects the best of global culture and has created a place for all to share in the diverse arts of Los Angeles.



WHEN: **July through September 30, Various times**
SITE: 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grand Performances
INFO: 213-687-2198, www.grandperformances.org

188 Long Beach Municipal Band Summer Concert Series

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for a relaxing evening of entertainment and music. You are welcome to bring your picnic basket, blankets, and lawn chairs.

WHEN: July through August, 6:30 p.m.
SITE: Various parks located throughout the city
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine
INFO: 562-570-3524, www.lbparks.org

189 Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

From July to September, enjoy this series of free concerts at Pershing Square, an outdoor area in the heart of downtown, featuring a variety of musical genres and performers. Come relax on the grass areas or sit at one of the tables with umbrellas and enjoy a weekday lunchtime show, an evening swing, or a monthly Sunday afternoon performance.

WHEN: July through September, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays nights
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St. Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888 LA-PARKS (527-2757), www.laparks.org

190 Hollywood Bowl

The Hollywood Bowl is the summer venue for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Nearly 80 concerts are presented during the twelve-week summer festival each year, including orchestral, jazz, popular, and world music.

WHEN: July through September, varies times
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com

191 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

WHEN: July through October, time varies by performance
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Prices vary, call for information.
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

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- WHEN: **July through October, Various times, please call for schedule**
- SITE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga
- COST: Adults \$8 - \$28, Children 5 and under free
- SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
- INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com



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- WHEN: **July through August 23, Thursdays through Sundays 7:30 p.m.**
- SITE: Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
- COST: Free
- SPONSOR: Independent Shakespeare Co.
- INFO: 323-836-0288, www.independentshakespeare.com

194 2009 Summer Concert Season at Levitt Pavilion - Macarthur Park

Located in Macarthur Park, the Levitt Pavilion offers fifty concerts this summer, featuring internationally recognized musicians and critically acclaimed performers. Enjoy music from around the world and across America with family and friends!

- WHEN: **July through August, Wednesdays through Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 6:30 p.m.**
- SITE: Levitt Pavilion, West 6th st., and South Park View St., Los Angeles
- COST: Free
- SPONSOR: The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion – Macarthur Park
- INFO: 213-384-5701, www.levittla.org

195 77th Annual Long Beach Sea Festival

Dozens of activities are scheduled at beach areas, pools, and parks throughout Long Beach, including the Chinese Dragon Boat Race and the Great Sand Sculpture event. There are aquatic events for the entire family!

- WHEN: **July through mid-September, Various times**
- SITE: Beaches, pools, and parks in the Long Beach area
- COST: Free
- SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
- INFO: 562-426-7670, www.lbparks.org

196 New Original Works Festival

New Original Works Festival encourages creative risk to bring new theater, dance, and music works to the stage. The festival focuses on Los Angeles-based artists.

- WHEN: **Late July through early August, Various times**
- SITE: REDCAT, 631 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles
- COST: Check website for prices
- SPONSOR: REDCAT
- INFO: 213-237-2800, www.redcat.org

197 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: **July 2, 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

198 4th of July Street Fair

This popular annual event attracts up to 50,000 people to Downtown Ventura and features 300 artisans, food booths, nonprofit organization displays, and five stages of continuous live entertainment.

WHEN: **July 4, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Ventura Cultural District
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division
INFO: 805-654-7830, www.venturastreetfair.com

199 Undiscovered Chinatown Tour

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WHEN: **July 4, 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

200 July 4th Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular

The City of Inglewood July 4th Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular will begin at noon and include cultural exhibitions, arts and crafts, face painting, activities for children, and much more. Live bands will perform in the outdoor amphitheater from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. The celebration will culminate at dusk with an elaborate fireworks display.

WHEN: **July 4, 11:00 a.m. – dusk**
SITE: Edward Vincent Jr. Park, 700 Warren Lance, Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-5370

201 59th Annual Fourth of July Community Celebration

The event includes performances by San Pedro area bands and other artists, U.S. military exhibits, tours of a Navy frigate, armed forces, and U.S. Coast Guard demonstrations. The celebration will also have displays by the Los Angeles City Fire Department's firefighting boat, and the Washington Artillery Reenactment group firing cannons along the coastline. Music will be provided by the Golden State Pops Orchestra playing a variety of Americana music, followed fireworks.

WHEN: **July 4, 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Cabrillo Beach, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks & Cabrillo Beach Boosters
INFO: 310-548-7401, www.laparks.org

202 16th Annual Independence Day Celebration

A holiday celebration in the San Fernando Valley featuring music and other live entertainment, food, and fireworks. Booths offer information about safety, health, community resources, and more. Come take a swim in the 1.5-acre swim lake available for use during the day. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic.

WHEN: **July 4, 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Hansen Dam Recreation Area, 11770 Foothill Blvd.,
Lake View Terrace
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-899-8087, www.laparks.org

203 7th Annual Vision Outside 4th of July Jazz and Blues Festival

Come celebrate the 4th of July at the Vision Theatre in Leimert Park with the rich cultural heritage of the diverse sounds of jazz and blues. There will also be children's arts and crafts, face painting, delicious food available, and free watermelon.

WHEN: **July 4, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Vision Theatre back lot, 3341 W. 43rd Pl., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs & Council District 8
INFO: 213-202-5500, www.culturela.org

204 11th Annual 4th of July Community Fireworks Festival

Held on the CBS Studios back lot, this is a fun-filled family festival featuring exhibits, music, food, fireworks, a children's fun zone, and a business exposition.

WHEN: **July 4, 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
SITE: CBS Studio Center, 4024 Radford Ave., Studio City
COST: Call for cost
SPONSOR: Studio City Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 818-655-5916, www.studiocitychamber.com

205 City of Diamond Bar's Annual 4th of July Blast

Spend the summer afternoon at the park with family, friends, and neighbors. Bring a picnic or enjoy a variety of concessions available. Kids' crafts, face painting, and patriotic musical performances lead up to a spectacular fireworks display. A great way to celebrate Independence Day!

WHEN: **July 4, 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
SITE: Diamond Bar High School, 21400 Pathfinder Rd.,
Diamond Bar
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Diamond Bar
INFO: www.cityofdiamondbar.com

206 Dennis P. Zine July 4th Extravaganza

Fourth of July fireworks have returned to the West Valley! With the largest attendance of any 4th of July celebration in the San Fernando Valley, this Extravaganza provides an audience of 40,000 people with a free concert and fireworks show. Come and get up close and personal with the biggest event in the valley.

WHEN: **July 4, 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

207 Movies in the Park

Enjoy movies under the stars at Warner Park. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. with all movies beginning at dusk, continuing through September. In addition enjoy affordable food and drinks provided by local organizations.

WHEN: **July 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

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WHEN: **July 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

209 Monday Morning Concerts

Monday Morning Concerts at the Madrid Theatre provide an intimate educational setting for children, ages five through eleven, consisting of a performance, a brief history lesson on the musical and cultural style being presented, followed by a question-and-answer session with the performers. Reservations are required.

WHEN: **July 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:00 a.m.**
SITE: Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Wy., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-347-9419, www.madridtheatre.org

210 Shakespeare Festival/LA - Romeo & Juliet

Enjoy an electrifying evening of live theater in the heart of Downtown! Join the twenty four-year cultural tradition of professionally produced, critically acclaimed, free outdoor shows. By Angelenos for Angelenos, our productions root Shakespeare's classic plays in the local landscape and reflect the diversity of our city and its people, neighborhoods, and history. All L.A.'s our stage; come play a part!

WHEN: **July 8 - 12, 15 - 19, 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Shakespeare Festival/LA
INFO: 213-975-9891, www.shakespearefestivalla.org



Craig Schwartz

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WHEN: **July 9, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

212 **OUTFEST 2009: The 26th Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival**

OUTFEST is the largest film festival in Southern California and the region's largest gay and lesbian arts event, featuring more than 200 films, nine venues, and an attendance of over 40,000 people. Since its founding in 1982, OUTFEST has screened more than 4,000 highly diverse films and videos for an audience of more than half a million people.

WHEN: July 9 - 20, call for times
SITE: The Directors Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood
Special events and various locations
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Outfest
INFO: 213-480-7088, www.outfest.org

213 **32nd Lotus Festival (Featured Nation – Indonesia)**

The Lotus Festival celebrates the people and cultures of the Asian and Pacific Islands. In commemoration of the 32nd Celebration of the Lotus Festival, a Friday Night Jazz Series will kick off the festival on Friday. This event will feature the culture of Indonesia and will include a variety of entertainment, exotic food, boutiques, a community health fair, dragon boat races, displays of artworks featuring the Lotus flower, a children's courtyard, and a carnival. Don't miss the Saturday night fireworks display over the water.



WHEN: July 10 through 12, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 8:30 p.m.
SITE: Echo Park Lake, 1632 Bellevue Ave., Echo Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 213-485-1320, www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm

214 **Shakespeare International Renaissance Festival Los Angeles**

The festival will present Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Henry V*.

WHEN: July 10 through September 6, Fridays 8:00 p.m., Saturdays 6:00 p.m., Sundays 4:00 p.m.
SITE: West Los Angeles Civic Center Band Shell, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Area Veteran's Artists Alliance and Veterans Center for the Performing Arts
INFO: 310-559-2116, www.laavaa.org

215 **One Love 4 Each Other Concert and Youth Marketplace**

This is a youth festival and marketplace where young people have the opportunity to experience selling products they have made while understanding business, working together, commerce, and much more. These young people will gain knowledge in event planning and entrepreneurial skills for a future in a real world job market.

WHEN: July 11, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: El Cariso Park, 13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Heroes of Life
INFO: 818-890-5082, www.heroesoflife.org

216 23rd Annual Old Fort MacArthur Days and Artillery Show

The history of war and other conflicts will be brought to life through battle re-enactments, cooking demonstrations, exhibits of memorabilia, and more, with encampments portraying every occurrence of American military involvement from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam. See how soldiers survived the elements, the kinds of weapons and other equipment they employed, what they ate, and how they passed the time going as far back as the Roman Empire era.

WHEN: July 11 & 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Fort MacArthur Military Museum, Angels Gate Park, 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro
COST: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-2631, www.laparks.org

217 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: July 11 & 25, 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

218 Cal Phil Festival on the Green

The California Philharmonic hosts its annual Festival on the Green concert series at the Arboretum. Music, food, and a great location combine into a magical blend unparalleled in Southern California. An engaging maestro, a world-class orchestra, and top soloists ensure enjoyment for all. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., with live jazz and dining from 5:30 p.m.

WHEN: July 11 & 25, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
COST: \$20 - \$98
SPONSOR: California Philharmonic
INFO: 626-300-8200, www.calphil.org

219 2009 Summer Festival at the Huntington

Enjoy chamber music under the stars from two-time Grammy winning Southwest Chamber Music in the beautiful surroundings of The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino.



WHEN: July 11, 12, 25, 26, 7:30 p.m.
SITE: The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino
COST: \$45, \$28, \$10 Students with ID
INFO: 1-800-726-7147, www.swmusic.org

220 14th Annual Music by the Sea Outdoor Concert Series

These free outdoor concert series with a variety of musical genres are set in a park overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Bring a picnic, a blanket, family, and friends. Spend the afternoon shopping, listening, and dancing to music. Entertainment varies each week. Local artisans will offer their wares.

WHEN: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7705, www.laparks.org

221 Cultural Rhythms Summer Concert Series

Come celebrate summer at El Dorado Nature Center every third Wednesday with music from our rich and diverse community. July 15 will reflect the music of the Celts with Sligo Rags. Bring low chairs or blankets and an earth-friendly picnic dinner. No styrofoam please.

WHEN: **July 15, Gates open at 6:30 p.m., Concert 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 East Spring St., Long Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
INFO: 562-570-1745, www.LBParks.org

222 Fiesta Corazón del Puerto

This festival features live music, carnival rides, food, and entertainment for the whole family.

WHEN: **July 18 & 19, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Banning's Landing, Call for exact location
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Port of Los Angeles
INFO: 1-800-831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

223 Freshi Film Festival

The Freshi Film Festival is a unique experience of films made by young filmmakers all over the world. It is a full day of family fun that showcases the talents of the best young filmmakers with both completed films and a screenplay competition. Aside from screening dozens of short films, there are many events for the entire family to enjoy, including autograph signings, stunt workshops, movie-make up demonstrations, acting workshops, and more!

WHEN: **July 19, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Raleigh Studios, 5300 Melrose Ave., Hollywood
COST: \$15
SPONSOR: IFFF
INFO: 661-257-3131, www.freshifilmfest.com

224 An Afternoon of Jazz

During the past few years, Angelus Plaza has presented some of the best names in the business including Harold Land, Billy Higgins, George Bohanon, and Herman Riley, among others. Call for artist information. The bandstand will sizzle, so be sure to bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: **July 24, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 4th floor Auditorium, 255 S. Hill St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free. Donations accepted
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352, ext. 327

225 Central Avenue Jazz Festival

Two days of jazz performances pay tribute to "The Avenue," as Central Avenue was known during its renaissance years from the 1920s through the 1950s. Ethnic cuisine and arts and crafts are available for sale, and educational booths provide community information.

WHEN: **July 25 & 26, Saturday 11 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Central Ave. between 42nd and 43rd Sts., around the historic Dunbar Hotel, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Ninth Council District
INFO: 213-202-5500, www.culturela.org

226 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: **July 31, 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

AUGUST

227 Grand Performances

Grand Performances presents more than forty free noon and evening performing arts events in downtown Los Angeles' California Plaza. The award-winning programming reflects the best of global culture and has created a place for all to share in the diverse arts of Los Angeles.

WHEN: **August through September 30, Various times**
SITE: 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grand Performances
INFO: 213-687-2198, www.grandperformances.org

228 Long Beach Municipal Band Summer Concert Series

The Long Beach Municipal Band is in its 100th season, making it the longest surviving, municipally-supported band in the country. The annual summer concert series provides a chance for neighbors and families to gather outdoors for a relaxing evening of entertainment and music. You are welcome to bring your picnic basket, blankets, and lawn chairs.

WHEN: **Through August, 6:30 p.m.**
SITE: Various parks located throughout the city
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine
INFO: 562-570-3524, www.lbparcs.org

229 Free Shakespeare in Barnsdall Art Park

The internationally recognized Independent Shakespeare Co. brings *The Tempest* and *Henry V* to Barnsdall Art Park for a summer season of free outdoor performances. Bring a picnic, a blanket, your family and friends, and enjoy a perfect evening at the theater. Reservation recommended.



Alex Pitt

WHEN: **Through August 23, Thursdays through Sundays 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Independent Shakespeare Co.
INFO: 323-836-0288, www.independentshakespeare.com

230 2009 Summer Concert Season at Levitt Pavilion - Macarthur Park

Located in Macarthur Park, the Levitt Pavilion offers fifty concerts this summer, featuring internationally recognized musicians and critically acclaimed performers. Enjoy music from around the world and across America with family and friends!

WHEN: **Through August, Wednesdays through Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 6:30 p.m.**
SITE: Levitt Pavilion, West 6th st., and South Park View St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Friends of the Levitt Pavilion – Macarthur Park
INFO: 213-384-5701, www.levittla.org

231 77th Annual Long Beach Sea Festival



Vic Sagers

Dozens of activities are scheduled at beach areas, pools and parks throughout Long Beach, including the Chinese Dragon Boat Race and the Great Sand Sculpture event. There are aquatic events for the entire family!

- WHEN:** August through mid-September, Various times
SITE: Beaches, pools, and parks in the Long Beach area
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
INFO: 562-426-7670, www.lbparks.org

232 Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

From July to September, enjoy this series of free concerts at Pershing Square, an outdoor area in the heart of downtown, featuring a variety of musical genres and performers. Come relax on the grass areas or sit at one of the tables with umbrellas and enjoy a weekday lunchtime show, an evening swing, or a monthly Sunday afternoon performance.

- WHEN:** August through September, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays nights
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St. Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888 LA-PARKS (527-2757), www.laparks.org

233 Hollywood Bowl

The Hollywood Bowl is the summer venue for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Nearly 80 concerts are presented during the twelve-week summer festival each year, including orchestral, jazz, popular, and world music.

- WHEN:** August through September, varies times
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com

234 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

- WHEN:** August through October, time varies by performance
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Prices vary, call for information.
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

235 Theatricum Botanicum 2009 Summer Repertory Season

Join the annual summer season of Shakespeare and the classics set in a rustic, outdoor amphitheatre located in a natural canyon ravine. Picnickers are welcome.

- WHEN: **August through October, Various times, please call for schedule**
SITE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga
COST: Adults \$8 - \$28, Children 5 and under free
SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com

236 LA Shorts Festival

This is the largest short film festival in the world. The festival screens over 400 short films with informational panel discussions, workshops, and a development market.

- WHEN: **August to Be Announced, Screenings throughout the day**
SITE: Hollywood
COST: \$10
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Short Film Festival
INFO: 323-461-4400, www.lashortsfest.com



237 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: **August 1, 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

238 Historic Filipinotown Festival

The event celebrates the 7th year of the designation of Historic Filipinotown in Los Angeles by a unanimous vote of the L.A. City Council. The festival will include a variety of multicultural performances, music, and folkloric performances from Americas and Pacific islands. A key event is the 5K Run/Walk on Sunday.

- WHEN: **August 1, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Temple St. and Westlake, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council, Inc.
INFO: 213-413-3323, www.historicfilipinotown.com

239 XIII Feria Agostina de Los Angeles

This cultural event celebrates the heritage of the Central American community in Southern California. The festival provides important information about health, legal, financial and community services to the working families of the First District of the city and also features live performances from musical groups of diverse communities.

- WHEN: **August 1 & 2, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Mac Arthur Park, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: El Rescate
INFO: 213-387-3284, www.feriaagostina.org



El Rescate

240 The 21st Annual Taste in San Pedro

Feel the ocean breezes while sampling food from local restaurants, listen to nonstop stage entertainment, and enjoy an array of classic cars and artisans. Kids may frolic in the children's area and enjoy face painting, the Ferris Wheel, and a rock climbing wall.



Louis Dominguez

WHEN: August 1 & 2,
Saturday 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Point Fermin Park, 807 W. Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro
COST: \$10 Adults, \$5 Seniors and Children (4 -17), Children under 3 free
SPONSOR: San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 310-832-7272, www.tasteinsanpedro.com

241 Movies in the Park

Enjoy movies under the stars at Warner Park. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. with all movies beginning at dusk, continuing through September. In addition enjoy affordable food and drinks provided by local organizations.

WHEN: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

242 14th Annual Music by the Sea Outdoor Concert Series

These free outdoor concert series with a variety of musical genres are set in a park overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Bring a picnic, a blanket, family, and friends. Spend the afternoon shopping, listening, and dancing to music. Entertainment varies each week. Local artisans will offer their wares.

WHEN: August 2, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Point Fermin Park, 807 Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7705, www.laparks.org

243 Concerts in the Park

Since 1975, the Valley Cultural Center has presented a series of free "Concerts in the Park" during the summer. Organized to enrich the lives of Valley residents, these concerts feature top pop, jazz, classical, folk, and world music performances every Sunday afternoon at Warner Park.

WHEN: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

244 Monday Morning Concerts

Monday Morning Concerts at the Madrid Theatre provide an intimate educational setting for children, ages five through eleven, consisting of a performance, a brief history lesson on the musical and cultural style being presented, followed by a question-and-answer session with the performers. Reservations are required.

WHEN: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 a.m.
SITE: Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Wy., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-347-9419, www.madridtheatre.org

245 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: August 6, 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

246 43rd Annual Watts Summer Festival

The oldest African American cultural festival in California, celebrates the history of Watts and the culture of African American people through the sharing and exhibition of arts, crafts, music, culinary arts, and fashion.

WHEN: August 7 through 9, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: 103rd St. and Compton Ave., Watts
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Watts Summer Festival, Inc., Congresswoman Maxine Waters & Councilwoman Janice Hahn
INFO: 323-789-7304, www.wattsfestival.org

247 47th Annual Watermelon Festival

Activities and attractions will include live entertainment, carnival rides and games, food booths, a festival marketplace, a petting zoo, hat decorating contests for kids and adults, a display of decoratively-carved watermelons, a community courtyard with information about local groups and organizations, separate contests for watermelon eating and seed spitting, and more.

WHEN: August 7 through 9, Friday 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 P.M., Saturday 12:00 noon – 11:30 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m.
SITE: Sunland Recreation Center, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-352-5282, www.laparks.org

248 Hispanic Future Expo

The Expo is a weekend full of fun, entertainment, and opportunity for the entire family. The event includes music, food, and interactive arts activities in a fun environment for the entire family. Enjoy music and dance performances, Latino art, literature, fashion, body art, custom automotive, magazines, radio stations, giveaways... y mucho más!

WHEN: August 8 & 9, All day
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hispanic Future Expo Committee
INFO: www.hispanicfuture.com

249 Annual Block Party and Arts Festival

This has been a San Pedro tradition for more than twenty years, celebrating music, food, and interactive arts activities in a fun environment for the entire family.

WHEN: August 8 & 9, Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight, Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: The Beacon House Association of San Pedro, 1003 S. Beacon St., San Pedro
COST: \$5 Donation
SPONSOR: The Beacon House Association of San Pedro
INFO: 310-514-4940, www.beaconhouseassociation.com

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WHEN: **August 8 & 22, 7:30 p.m.**
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COST: \$20 - \$98
SPONSOR: California Philharmonic
INFO: 626-300-8200, www.calphil.org

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COST: Free
SPONSOR: Pomona Arts Colony
INFO: www.metropomona.com

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WHEN: **August 8, 9, 22, 23, 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical
Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino
COST: \$45, \$28, \$10 Students with ID
INFO: 1-800-726-7147, www.swmusic.org

253 The World Stage Jazz Festival

Straight-ahead jazz performed by the best musicians Los Angeles has to offer.

WHEN: **August 9, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Special Event Lot at 43rd St. and Degnan Blvd., Leimert Park
Village
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The World Stage
INFO: 323-293-2451, www.theworldstage.org

254 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: **August 13, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

255 69th Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival

Los Angeles' oldest ethnic festival celebrates community cultural diversity. Some of the major events include the Queen Coronation, Grand Parade, Taiko Drum Gathering, Tofu Festival, and a car show.

WHEN: **August 15 through 23, weeklong festival**
SITE: Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Majority of events are free
SPONSOR: Nisei Week Foundation
INFO: 213-687-7193, www.niseiweek.org

256 Mud Mania: A Celebration of Adobe

This is the muddiest and wackiest event in Southern California! Visit Rancho Los Cerritos and learn about local “adobe” soil and its many uses throughout history. Guests will make real adobe bricks, plaster a wall with mud, construct a mini-adobe home, compete in mud relay races, and much more.



Vic Sagers

- WHEN: **August 16, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**
SITE: Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, 4600 N. Virginia Rd., Long Beach
COST: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children ages 3 – 12
SPONSOR: Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine & Friends of Rancho Los Cerritos
INFO: 562-570-1755, www.rancholoscerritos.org

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Vic Sagers

- WHEN: **August 19, Gates open at 6:30 p.m., Concert 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 East Spring St., Long Beach
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
INFO: 562-570-1745, www.LBParks.org

258 9th Annual Senior Talent Show

Since 1999, this annual event has risen in popularity to become one of the brightest jewels of our calendar. Categories include dance, vocal, instrumental, comedy, drama, magic, and much more. Light refreshments will be served.

- WHEN: **August 21, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 255 S. Hill St., 4th Floor Auditorium, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free. Donation accepted
SPONSOR: Good Samaritan Hospital & Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352, ext. #327

259 Latino Book and Family Festival

This family-oriented event promotes literacy in the Latino community. The festival features authors, book signings, readings, exhibitors, kids booths, entertainment, and ethnic food.

- WHEN: **August 22 & 23, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Nokia Plaza, 777 Chick Hearn Court, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Latino Literacy Now
INFO: 760-434-4484, www.lbff.us

260 29th Annual Sunset Junction Street Faire

This annual street fair is one of the largest and most diverse in Los Angeles. Unique crafts booths, ethnic food, and plenty of entertainment is available to celebrate the spirit of L.A.

WHEN: **August 22 & 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
SITE: Sunset Blvd. between Hyperion & Fountain, Santa Monica Blvd. between Sanborn & Hoover
COST: \$12 & \$15
SPONSOR: Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance
INFO: 323-661-7771, www.sunsetjunction.org

261 African Marketplace and Cultural Faire

The African Marketplace, founded in 1985, is designed to connect Africa and African Diaspora communities. The event includes a Village Gourd Festival, a Brazilian Trade and Music Festival, the Celebrity Village Games, an African Business Expo, entertainment, and arts and crafts.

WHEN: **August 22, 23, 29, 30, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Rancho Cienega Park, 5001 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles
COST: Adults \$8, Seniors and Children \$5
SPONSOR: African Marketplace, Inc.
INFO: 323-293-1612, www.africanmarketplace.org

262 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: **August 28, 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

SEPTEMBER

263 Latino American Heritage Month Celebrations

Latino Heritage Month is a citywide commemoration of Latino history, heritage, and tradition in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Latino contributions in the areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include: community gatherings, educational programs, gallery exhibits, and several music, theater, and dance performances.

WHEN: **September through October**
SITE: Various sites through Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSORS: The City of Los Angeles, Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
INFO: www.culturela.org

264 77th Annual Long Beach Sea Festival

Dozens of activities are scheduled at beach areas, pools and parks throughout Long Beach, including the Chinese Dragon Boat Race and the Great Sand Sculpture event. There are aquatic events for the entire family!

WHEN: **Through mid-September, Various times**
SITE: Beaches, pools, and parks in the Long Beach area
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
INFO: 562-426-7670, www.lbparks.org

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WHEN: **Through September 30, Various times**
SITE: 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grand Performances
INFO: 213-687-2198, www.grandperformances.org

266 Annual Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

Enjoy this series of free concerts at Pershing Square, an outdoor area in the heart of downtown, featuring a variety of musical genres and performers. Come relax on the grass areas or sit at one of the tables with umbrellas and enjoy a weekday lunchtime show, or a monthly Sunday afternoon performance.

WHEN: **Through September, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., the third Sunday of each month from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St. Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 1-888-527-2757, www.laparks.org

267 Hollywood Bowl

The Hollywood Bowl is the summer venue for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Nearly 80 concerts are presented during the twelve-week summer festival each year, including orchestral, jazz, popular, and world music.

WHEN: **Through September, varies times**
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com

268 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

WHEN: **September through October, time varies by performance**
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Prices vary, call for information
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

269 Theatricum Botanicum 2009 Summer Repertory Season

Join the annual summer season of Shakespeare and the classics set in a rustic, outdoor amphitheatre located in a natural canyon ravine. Picnickers are welcome.

WHEN: **September through October, Various times, please call for schedule**
SITE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga
COST: Adults \$8 - \$28, Children 5 and under free
SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com

270 Los Angeles City's Birthday Celebration

This is the 227th anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles. Historical re-enactments, artisan demonstrations, exhibits, food, and entertainment will be available at the El Pueblo Historical Monument.

WHEN: **September 1, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

271 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: **September 3, 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

272 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: **September 5, 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

273 Cal Phil Festival on the Green

The California Philharmonic hosts its annual Festival on the Green concert series at the Arboretum. Music, food, and a great location combine into a magical blend unparalleled in Southern California. An engaging maestro, a world-class orchestra, and top soloists ensure enjoyment for all. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., with live jazz and dining from 5:30 p.m.

WHEN: **September 5, 7:30 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
COST: \$20 - \$98
SPONSOR: California Philharmonic
INFO: 626-300-8200, www.calphil.org

274 African Marketplace and Cultural Faire

The African Marketplace, founded in 1985, is designed to connect Africa and African Diaspora communities. The event includes a Village Gourd Festival, a Brazilian Trade and Music Festival, the Celebrity Village Games, an African Business Expo, entertainment, and arts and crafts.

WHEN: **September 5 - 7, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Rancho Cienega Park, 5001 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles
COST: Adults \$8, Seniors and Children \$5
SPONSOR: African Marketplace, Inc.
INFO: 323-293-1612, www.africanmarketplace.org



Brazilian Artist: Unknown

275 Movies in the Park

Enjoy movies under the stars at Warner Park. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. with all movies beginning at dusk, continuing through September. In addition enjoy affordable food and drinks provided by local organizations.

WHEN: **September 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Valley Cultural Center
INFO: 818-704-1358, www.valleycultural.org

276 Annual Los Angeles County Fair

At the granddaddy of all Southland county fairs, Los Angeles County will celebrate its 85th fair with carnival rides and games that will flank the midway. Traditional exhibits that delve into fair mainstays such as education, art, horticulture, agriculture, and livestock will be displayed as well.

WHEN: **September 5 through October 4, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight, Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, Pomona
COST: Various
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Fair
INFO: 909-623-3111, www.lacountyfair.com

277 East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival

This is the oldest and longest running Mexican Independence Day Parade in the U.S.

WHEN: **September 6, Parade 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Festival 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Cesar Chavez Blvd., East Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico
INFO: 310-914-1934, www.AllAccess.LA

278 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: **September 10, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

279 L.A. Greek Fest

The yearly L.A. Greek Fest is held on the Grand Plaza of the St. Sophia Cathedral located in the Byzantine Latino Quarter of Los Angeles. This event is L.A.'s premier Greek festival featuring the best of Greek foods, pastries, music, and folk dancing along with exotic gifts and arts and craft booths, making this festival a trip to Greece without the traveling expenses.

WHEN: **September 11- 13, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.**

SITE: 1324 S. Normandie Ave. and Pico Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Friday Free, \$5 Adults, Kids under 12 Free
SPONSOR: St. Sophia Cathedral
INFO: 323-737-2424, www.LAGreekFest.com



George Themelis

280 Baja Splash Cultural Festival



Aquarium of the Pacific

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival featuring ethnic entrees, music, live entertainment, crafts, educational programs, and much more. Also highlighted are the animals of Baja California and how we can protect them.

WHEN: September 12 & 13, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

281 Latino Heritage Celebration

Latino Heritage Celebration is two fun-filled days where guests can enjoy lively traditional music, children's dance groups, and make colorful ethnic crafts. Zookeeper lectures highlight the Zoo's Latin American animals.

WHEN: September 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

282 18th Annual Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture

Make your plans to celebrate a dozen years of genuine Southern California tradition at the nation's largest showcase of Filipino American artistry. The event is the largest and longest-running Filipino festival in the region, showcasing live music, children's workshops, Filipino and Asian cuisine, martial arts, and art exhibits.

WHEN: September 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Point Fermin Park, 807 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro
COST: \$5
SPONSOR: FilAmArts
INFO: 323-913-4663, www.filamarts.org

283 Fiestas Patrias California

This is a colorful celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain with popular and traditional entertainment, cultural activities, historic displays, food, artisan exhibits, and much more.

WHEN: September 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The City of Los Angeles
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

284 Fiestas Patrias Santa Ana

This festival celebrates the Independence Days of several Latin and South American countries that coincide with Mexican Independence Day. Come enjoy free entertainment, arts and crafts booths, food, and a carnival in Santa Ana, the city with the highest Latino density in Southern California. This is the largest Fiestas Patrias event in California.

WHEN: **September 12 & 13, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: 4th St. from French to Broadway, Downtown Santa Ana
COST: Free
SPONSOR: All Access Entertainment
INFO: 310-914-1934, www.AllAccess.LA

285 TriArt Festival

The TriArt Festival was created to increase the awareness and appreciation of San Pedro as a vibrant, sophisticated venue for all aspects of the arts including sculpture, folk art, dance, music, and theater. The event showcases the changing face of San Pedro as an artistic center for leisure time enjoyment. The festival will include live entertainment, dance groups, classic cars and classic movies.

WHEN: **September 12 & 13, 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: TriArt Festival
INFO: 310-831-0168, www.triartfestival.com

286 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: **September 12 & 26, 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

287 National Preparedness Month, Emergency Preparedness Fair

This will be the 18th annual Emergency Preparedness fair, which is part of National Emergency Preparedness Month. The Emergency Preparedness Department and the Emergency Operations Organization hold free events throughout the City. Multiple City Departments participate in these events and provide free emergency preparedness material to the public. First responder vehicles are on display. A free raffle will be held at each of these events.

WHEN: **September 12, 19, 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
SITE: Various venues
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department
INFO: 213-978-2222, www.lacity.org/emd

288 The City of Los Angeles “El Grito” Celebration

Celebrate the re-enactment of Mexico’s “El Grito” on the steps of City Hall with the Mayor, City Council, and the Consul of Mexico in Los Angeles.

WHEN: **September 15, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The City of Los Angeles
INFO: 310-914-0015, www.AllAccess.LA

289 Latin American Heritage Celebration

This colorful spectacle features a wide array of musical genres that include Salsa, Afro-Cuban, Folklorico, Mariachis, Peruvian, and Brazilian Bossa Nova. Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: **September 18, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Angelus Plaza, 255 S. Hill St., Hill St. Courtyard, Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free. Donations accepted
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352, ext. 327

290 Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival

Enjoy a weekend of fun and fine food on the waterfront in historic San Pedro. The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival features world-famous discount lobster meals, rides, games, annual lobster pet parade, and non-stop entertainment. Come for the feast and stay for the fun.

WHEN: **September 18 - 20, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro
COST: \$8 General, Discount coupon on Website
SPONSOR: The Port of Los Angeles
INFO: 1-800-831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

291 DEAFestival-Los Angeles 2009



The sixth annual DEAFestival-Los Angeles is a family outdoor event intended to raise awareness and recognize the achievements, artistic talents, culture, and unique

needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community. The festival also provides a community court yard with information about local service providers and organizations.

WHEN: **September 19, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Friends of the Family
INFO: 818-778-4998, www.deafestivala.org

292 16th Annual Thai Cultural Day

This one-day festival is comprised of Thai classical music, folk dances, fruit and vegetable carving, a costume contest, children's workshops, and Thai drama performances, which will take place throughout the day.

WHEN: **September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Thai Community Arts and Cultural Center
INFO: 310-827-2910, www.thaiculturalcenter.org



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293 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: **September 25, 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

294 St. Bridget of Sweden Fall Festival

This is a family-oriented event, featuring carnival rides, games, music, and Filipino and Mexican food.

WHEN: **September 25 - 27, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.,
Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. –
10:00 p.m.**
SITE: 7120 Whitakel Ave., Van Nuys
COST: Free
SPONSOR: St. Bridget of Sweden School
INFO: 818-785-4422

295 28th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival

A daylong celebration featuring international percussion: Latin, Japanese, African, Jazz, Native American, and other drummers. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available.

WHEN: **September 26, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Watts Towers Art Center Amphitheater, 1727 E. 107th St.,
Watts
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and
Watts Towers Arts Center
INFO: 213-847-4646, www.wattstowers.net

296 Native American Festival

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific's for its annual Moompetam festival celebrating the local Native American cultures. This event will feature traditional music, storytelling, dance, craft demonstrations, and educational programming. The indigenous California Indian maritime cultures, including Ajachemen, Chumash, Costanoan, Luiseno, and Tongva will be featured with crafts, storytelling, live demonstrations, music, and dance.

WHEN: **September 26 & 27, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95
Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children
under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

297 33rd Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

The City's first Jazz festival features performances from both established and emerging musicians from the area. The festival pays tribute to the roots of Jazz in Gospel and Blues, and takes it to the Avant Garde and the Latin Jazz scene. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available.

WHEN: **September 27, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Watts Towers Art Center Amphitheater, 1727 E. 107th St.,
Watts
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and
Watts Towers Arts Center
INFO: 213-847-4646, www.wattstowers.net

OCTOBER

298 Latino American Heritage Month Celebrations

Latino Heritage Month is a citywide commemoration of Latino history, heritage, and tradition in Los Angeles. The celebration will acknowledge Latino contributions in the areas of education, religion, the arts, culture, and the humanities. Events include: community gatherings, educational programs, gallery exhibits, and several music, theater, and dance performances.

WHEN: **Through October**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSORS: The City of Los Angeles, Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
INFO: www.culturela.org

299 Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Summer Season

This season the historic Ford Amphitheatre presents more than one hundred jazz, world music, dance, theater, film, choral events, and family shows in a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheatre. Food and beverages are available for purchase on site.

WHEN: **Through October, time varies by performance**
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COST: Prices vary, call for information.
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission
INFO: 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org

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COST: Adults \$8 - \$28, Children 5 and under free
SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com

301 Italian Heritage Month Los Angeles

October is Italian Heritage Month and there are many fun events planned to educate the public on the many contributions Italians and Italian Americans have made to our world of the arts, sciences, culture, and entertainment.

WHEN: **Throughout October, check website for schedule**
SITE: Various sites throughout Los Angeles
COST: Various
SPONSOR: My Italian LA
INFO: www.italianheritagela.com

302 The Accesible City Expo: Community Resources and Employment Fair

Join us for the annual community resources and employment fair, in celebration of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is the only conference of its kind in Southern California that brings together potential employers, employment services and agencies, information/resource organizations, government agencies, and assistive technology for the disability community and underemployed.

WHEN: **October To Be Announced, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department on Disability
INFO: 213-485-6334, www.lacity.org/dod

303 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

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SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts.
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
INFO: www.1stthursday.com

304 The 5th Annual Artist Film Festival & Artist Awards

This festival screens and honors films that are activist in nature. The event also serves as a forum for filmmakers, artists, and musicians who use their work to create a global social consciousness, specifically in the arenas of environmental awareness, animal rights, human rights, and children's advocacy.

WHEN: October 1 through 4, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight
SITE: The Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: \$12 - \$15
SPONSOR: The Artist Collective
INFO: 310-717-1225, www.artivists.org

305 Catalina Island JazzTrax Festival 2009

West Coast's premier smooth jazz event features the newest and best in smooth jazz. Jazz fans from around the country flock to Avalon for this event year after year. Over 30 top recording artists are scheduled to perform at the festival, which always takes place the first three weekends in October.

WHEN: October 2 - 4, 9 - 11, 16 - 18, Fridays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 noon
SITE: Wrigley Casino Ballroom, Avalon, Catalina Island
COST: Starting at \$27
SPONSOR: JazzTrax
INFO: www.jazztrax.com

306 Southeast Asia Day

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its fourth annual Southeast Asia Day. The day's program will include components from Cambodian, Thai, and Vietnamese cultures. Guests will enjoy live performances, including music, dance, and cultural craft demonstrations.

WHEN: October 3, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org



Aquarium of the Pacific

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WHEN: **October 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

308 Inglewood Celebrates the Arts Market Street Festival

The City of Inglewood will celebrate its diversity through the presentation of music, dance, arts, crafts, and foods of various cultures. Live performing artists will be featured throughout the day on three stages and booths featuring multicultural artists, interactive games, storytellers, illustrators, and arts and crafts for children will line the streets. If you're a classic car buff, you won't want to miss the 35th Annual Classic Car Show featuring pre-1970 vintage cars and specialty vehicles. This festival promises fun and entertainment for individuals, families, and children of all ages.

WHEN: **October 3, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Historic Market Street, 101 N. Market St., Inglewood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Inglewood
INFO: 310-412-8700

309 7th Los Angeles Hispanic Heritage Festival

A celebration of the rich cultural diversity of Latin America and Spain with the presentation of folkloric groups, performers, artisans, painters, and raffles.

WHEN: **October 4, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: MacArthur Park, Wilshire Blvd & 7th St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Cervantes Center of Arts & Letters
INFO: www.cervantescenter.org

310 Oktoberfest

This celebration is an authentic German Oktoberfest with rides, games, and oompah bands. The event also features authentic German food and beer, and contests for children and adults in Bavarian costume and best-dressed dogs.

WHEN: **October 4, 12:00 noon – 11:00 p.m.**
SITE: 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Ave., Montrose
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 818-249-7171, www.montrosechamber.org

311 NOHO Theater and Arts Festival

Get a taste of the NOHO Arts District with a free day of theatre, music, dance, and arts.

WHEN: **October 4, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Lankershim Blvd. and Magnolia, North Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: NOHO Arts District
INFO: 818-980-NOHO, www.nohoartsdistrict.com

312 West Hills Fall Fest

Enjoy live entertainment, taste a variety of international dishes, and meet local businesses as they showcase their services. The festival also includes games, information booths, and more.

WHEN: **October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: West Hills Center, 23233 Saticoy Ave., West Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 818-884-4222, www.cpwchamber.org

313 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: **October 8, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

314 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: **October 10 & 31, 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

315 22nd Annual Taste of Encino Festival

This is one of the highlights of early fall in the heart of the San Fernando Valley. Entertainment will include four stages of live folk, bluegrass, and other music styles to listen or dance to, along with creative storytelling. There will also be a variety of ethnic and American foods, a rock-climbing wall, a moon bounce, arts and crafts fair, health and wellness pavilion, and more.

WHEN: **October 11, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Encino Park, 16953 Ventura Blvd., Encino
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks & Encino Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 818-349-7341, www.laparks.org

316 Los Angeles/Valley Pride: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Awareness Festival

This is an all-community celebration on the back lot of CBS Studio Center, with the festival venues situated between the soundstages and outdoor sets. The emphasis of the event is awareness and civic pride.



WHEN: **October 11, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: CBS Studio Center, 4024 Radford Ave., Studio City
COST: \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors and Teenagers, Kinds 12 and under Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Valley Pride
INFO: www.lavalleypride.org

317 Junta Hispana Celebration

This is a family-oriented Hispanic Heritage Month celebration of the cultures, traditions, heritage, food, dance, music, art, customs, and people of 20 Spanish-speaking countries, primarily Central and South America. The uniqueness and beauty of each nation is highlighted through a variety of activities that focus on honor, family, and pride.

WHEN: **October 11, 11:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Lincoln Park, 3501 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 212-255-4025, www.laparks.org

318 12th Annual Dog Faire and Pet Adoption

Pooches of all shapes and sizes, colors, hair lengths, and breeds will come together for a day of fun in the sun with their human friends. Activities and services available include an agility test, a microchip identification clinic, vaccinations, product demonstrations, doggie psychics, and much more. Donations will be accepted, with the proceeds to benefit the park.

WHEN: October 17, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Sepulveda Basin Dog Park, 17550 Victory Blvd., Encino
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-756-8060, www.laparks.org

319 Autumn Sea Fair

Celebrate the bounty of the sea with games, beach olympics, live music, marine-related exhibits, a fireboat display, arts and crafts, and more. There will also be sand sculptures, a chance to hunt for buried treasure, pirates, and a Queen of the Sea contest. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic.

WHEN: October 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7562, www.cabrilloaq.org, www.laparks.org

320 Los Angeles Carnaval and Internacional Parade

This is the largest Caribbean event in the Greater Los Angeles area. Crowds come to witness and participate in the traditional pageantry and to enjoy the colorful costumes of shimmering fabrics and furling feathers. The event features live bands, and large decorated trucks and floats.



WHEN: October 18, Parade 11:00 a.m., Concert until 7:00 p.m.
SITE: From Emerson and 88th st. through Manchester and Lincoln
COST: \$20 Participation
SPONSOR: International Eje, Los Angeles & CARICABELA
INFO: 310-410-0174, www.losangelescarnival.com

321 Sea Scare

Step into the world of thrills, chills, and gills for its annual night-time Halloween event. Come in costume and scare up some goodies as you trick or treat throughout the Aquarium. The event includes apparitional activities, creepy crafts, dreadful demonstrations, and eerie entertainment wait as you explore this family-friendly night-time event.

WHEN: April 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7562, www.cabrilloaq.org, www.laparks.org

322 Día de los Muertos Family Festival

A free community art festival celebrating the Mexican tradition of Day of the Dead. The event features musical entertainment, puppet show, altars, art workshops, and refreshments.

WHEN: October 24, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: 818-346-7099, www.culturela.org

323 Boo at the Zoo

Treetops Terrace and other areas are transformed into a trick-or-treater's dream with fun and silly performers, lots of treats, and other surprises. Special crafts and the creepy creature encounter make for a fun-filled, but not-so-scary weekend for kids of all ages.

WHEN: **October 24 & 25, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

324 Halloween Haunted House Tour

The Grier Musser Museum will celebrate Halloween with children's readings, ghosts, goblins, and witches. The entire museum will be decorated for this Halloween party. The special day includes guided tours and refreshments.

WHEN: **October 25, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 S. Bonnie Brae St., Los Angeles
COST: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum
INFO: 213-413-1814, www.griermussermuseum.com

325 Haunted Harvest Storytelling Festival

The event features performances by We Tell Stories, LA's iconic children's storytelling theatre company. Each performance is a 15-minute story-play that integrates audience participation. We Tell Stories performances alternate with guest artists to provide complementary forms of storytelling. The festival also includes additional activities including a costume contest and a haunted house.

WHEN: **October 27, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Old LA Farmer's Market, Ave. 57 & Marmion Wy., Highland Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: We Tell Stories
INFO: 323-256-2336, www.wetellstories.org,



326 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: **October 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

327 City of Diamond Bar's Fall Fun Festival

A fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating featuring games, prizes, and candy! Recommended ages are 2 to 8 years old. Be sure to wear your costume!

WHEN: **October 31, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
SITE: Heritage Park, 2900 S. Brea Cyn. Rd., Diamond Bar
COST: \$5
SPONSOR: City of Diamond Bar
INFO: 909-839-7070, www.cityofdiamondbar.com

328 West Hollywood Halloween Carnival

The much-anticipated West Hollywood Costume Carnival takes place annually along Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood. From divas to drag queens to Dracula, more than 400,000 people participate in one of the world's largest colorful Mardi Gras-style street celebrations. It's truly the place to see and be seen as Halloween revelers show-off their creative flair by strolling the beautiful boulevard in original and outrageous costumes.

WHEN: **October 31, 6:00 p.m. until the ghouls go away**
SITE: Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Doheny Dr., West Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood
INFO: 323-848-6400, www.visitwesthollywood.com

329 Warner Park Fine Arts and Crafts Show

One hundred artists will display their original work in the beautiful outdoor setting of Warner Park. Work on display will include acrylics, oils, watercolors, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, turned wood, and many other mediums of fine crafts.

WHEN: **October 31 & November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Warner Park, 5900 Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: 818-709-2907, www.westcoartists.com

NOVEMBER

330 Los Angeles Storytelling Festival

This is an all-day event celebrating the art of storytelling with concerts and workshops.

WHEN: **November To Be Announced, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Check website
COST: \$40
SPONSOR: LA Storytelling Festival
INFO: www.storytellingfestival.com

331 9th Annual Día de los Muertos Festival



The annual street festival is a traditional cultural event that celebrates the ancient Mexican and Central American traditions of paying homage to loved ones who have passed. Festivities are continuous all day in historic Downtown Canoga Park, recipient of the All-American City Award, and showcase live musical entertainment, vendors, international foods, calaveras, artists' exhibits, altar displays, a children's art pavilion, and a large classic car show.

WHEN: **November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Sherman Way between Canoga and Jordan Ave., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Main Street Canoga Park, Councilman Dennis P. Zine, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
INFO: 818-346-4892, www.mainstreetcanogapark.org

332 Día de los Muertos en Hollywood

Spectacular altars, theater presentations on six different stages, authentic Mexican cuisine, 20-foot walking skeletons, torch-lit paths, Aztec music, and ceremonial dancers enchant this festival.

WHEN: **November 1, 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
SITE: Hollywood Forever Cemetery, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hollywood Forever Cemetery
INFO: 323-447-0999, www.ladayofthedead.com

333 Día de los Muertos

Colorful, ancient Mexican ceremony in remembrance of departed loved ones, with beautifully decorated altars, entertainment, and a procession. Pre-Colombian Novenario procession and blessings each night beginning October 25 through November 2.

WHEN: **November 1 & 2, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

334 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: **November 5, 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

335 Annual FITLA International Latino Theatre Festival of Los Angeles

This festival is a showcase for Latino Theater in the United States and abroad, giving the opportunity for playwrights, directors, and actors who represent the vast spectrum of Latino cultures to exhibit and compare their works. Ongoing series of forums and workshops are available.

WHEN: **November 6 through 22, Check website for times**
SITE: Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 Cahuenga Blvd, Hollywood; Los Angeles & The Getty Villa
COST: \$20 - \$15
SPONSOR: FITLA
INFO: 323-960-5132, www.fitla.org



336 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: **November 7, 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

337 Autumn Festival

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's seventh annual Autumn Festival. The event will focus on the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment to celebrate the richness and diversity of Asian and Asian American cultures. Autumn festival is a joint project of the Aquarium of the Pacific and RYOMA.



Aquarium of the Pacific

- WHEN: **November 7 & 8, 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. Admission Cost: \$20.95 Adults, \$17.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

338 Downtown Burbank Fine Arts Festival

The festival includes the exhibition of 90 artists who will display their original work in Downtown Burbank. All work will be available for purchase. Chalk painting artists and continuous live entertainment will also highlight this event.

- WHEN: **November 7 & 8, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: 100 San Fernando Blvd. between Magnolia and Olive Ave., Downtown Burbank
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: www.westcoartists.com, www.downtown-burbank.org

339 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: **November 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

340 27th Annual Garifuna Settlement Day

This festival marks the arrival of Garifuna ancestors from St. Vincent to Belize, a dangerous exodus taken to ensure that their rich culture remained intact.

- WHEN: **November 14, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: St. Raphael Church Yard, 946 W. 71st St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Garifuna Settlement Day Group
INFO: 323-234-8202

341 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: **November 14 & 28, 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

342 12th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, the Winter Holiday Festival, a preview of an upcoming Disney on Ice production, and more.

WHEN: November 19 through January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: \$8 per hour
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Kings & City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

343 12th Annual Mariachi Festival

This is a celebration of the Mariachi tradition with performances, education, and children's art activities to preserve global diversity in Mariachi music.

WHEN: November 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
SITE: 1st st. And Boyle, Boyle Heights
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce & Mothers of East L.A.
INFO: 818-509-0088

334 14th Annual Holiday Light Festival

One of the largest holiday-themed events in Southern California, this attraction features a mile-long stretch of lighted displays depicting various seasonal messages. The event can be enjoyed from within a vehicle, a free shuttle on weekends and nightly from December 18 to 30 from the Zoo parking lot, or during a casual walk. Special days have been set aside for bicyclists on November 23 and pedestrians on November 24 through December 6 only. It will be open for vehicles from December 12 to 30, during which time equestrians can go through from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with Park Rangers to keep riders and walkers safe.

WHEN: November 23 through December 30, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 323-913-4688, www.laparks.org

345 Reindeer Romp

Santa's Reindeer fly into the L.A. Zoo for Thanksgiving and stay until after the New Year. Kids of all ages can get up close to these beautiful creatures, talk to zookeepers, and make their own antlers and holiday crafts. Santa and friends will be available for souvenir photos and guests can ride the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo train.

WHEN: November 26 through January 3, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$12 Adults, \$7 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

346 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: November 27, 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

347 Train Ride to Santa's House

Ring in the season with a trip to the North Pole on the Travel Town Railroad, which will take passengers on a magical ride aboard a miniature train. At the end of the line will be Santa's house, brilliantly decorated with festive light displays and scenes of winter to put visitors of all ages in a jolly holiday mood. The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum presents this annual holiday celebration.

WHEN: **November 28 - 29, December 4 - 6, 11 - 13, 16 - 23, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

SITE: Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, Los Angeles

COST: \$6 per round trip

SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

INFO: 323-661-8030, www.laparks.org

DECEMBER

348 11th Annual Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Situated amid the downtown skyscrapers, the rink will be open for ice skating daily, including holidays. There will also be a variety of free activities, including concerts covering an array of genres, youth hockey clinics, the Winter Holiday Festival, a preview of Disney on Ice, and more.

WHEN: **December through January 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., Downtown Los Angeles

COST: \$8 per hour

SPONSOR: Los Angeles Kings & City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

349 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The City of Inglewood invites everyone to join Inglewood's Mayor and Council Members for the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will include entertainment, arts and crafts, refreshments for all, and a special holiday visit by Santa.

WHEN: **December 3, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

SITE: Downtown Historic Market Street, 101 N. Market St., Inglewood

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of Inglewood

INFO: 310-412-8700

350 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: **December 3, 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

351 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

This is the official start of the holiday season on historic Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles. See the illumination of the entire plaza and the Christmas tree. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and family entertainment.

WHEN: **December 4, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

352 6th Annual Winter Holiday Festival at Downtown on Ice

This seasonal celebration during Downtown on Ice includes a snow zone with real snow, outdoor ice skating, holiday-themed make-and-take arts and crafts, tree decorating contests, live entertainment, music, and puppet shows. The event also features an artisan area, a food court, with a Teen Night on Friday, and family days on the weekend.

WHEN: **December 4 through 6, Friday 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St. Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 213-847-4970, www.laparks.org

353 Train Ride to Santa's House

Ring in the season with a trip to the North Pole on the Travel Town Railroad, which will take passengers on a magical ride aboard a miniature train. At the end of the line will be Santa's house, brilliantly decorated with festive light displays and scenes of winter to put visitors of all ages in a jolly holiday mood. The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum presents this annual holiday celebration.

WHEN: **December 4 - 6, 11 - 13, 16 - 23, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, Los Angeles
COST: \$6 per round trip
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 323-661-8030, www.laparks.org

354 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: **December 5, 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

355 Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade

This annual parade of lighted and decorated boats is a festive start to the holiday season. View dozens of boats parade down the Main Channel of the Port of Los Angeles.

WHEN: **December 5, 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Port of Los Angeles Main Channel, San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Port of Los Angeles
INFO: 1-800-831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

356 Civil War Christmas Celebration

Experience an authentic replica of a Civil War-era holiday celebration, complete with rustic handmade toys, ornaments, and other decorations, and entertainment including seasonal tunes played on a restored 1864 Steinway box grand piano. Re-enactors of the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company D, will set up camp depicting the Civil War soldiers' holiday. A horse-drawn trolley will take visitors to the nearby Banning Residence Museum to experience its Victorian Christmas program.

WHEN: December 5 & 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, 1052 Banning Blvd.,
Wilmington
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7509, www.laparks.org, www.drumbarracks.org

357 8th Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration

This family event will feature authentic, Victorian-style seasonal decorations, including Christmas trees with handmade ornaments. There will be holiday-themed entertainment and strolling carolers, readings of Victorian Christmas stories, ornament making sessions, and a horse-drawn trolley to take visitors to the nearby Drum Barracks Museum for a Civil War Christmas.

WHEN: December 5 & 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Banning Residence Museum, 401 East 'M' St., Wilmington
COST: \$5 Donation (Adults)
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 310-548-7777, www.laparks.org, www.banningmuseum.org

358 Holiday Street Festival

This community event features five stages with live entertainment, food booths, and handmade arts and crafts.

WHEN: December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Downtown Ventura
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division
INFO: 805-654-7830, www.venturastreetfair.com

359 Hanukkah Family Festival

The Skirball Cultural Center presents its annual Hanukkah Family Festival that welcomes people of all backgrounds to celebrate the holiday of light, freedom, and dedication. Families can enjoy the festival through a variety of activities including performances, storytelling, art workshops, gallery tours, and more.

WHEN: December 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors, Students, and Children over 12, \$5 Children; Free to members and children under 2
SPONSOR: Skirball Cultural Center
INFO: 310-440-4500, www.skirball.org



Peter Turman/Courtesy Skirball Cultural Center

360 Victorian Christmas House Tour

The Grier Musser Museum will host its annual Christmas party in a festive Victorian, turn-of-the-century restored setting. There will be guided tours and refreshments.

WHEN: December 6, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Grier Musser Museum, 403 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles
COST: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children
SPONSOR: Grier Musser Museum
INFO: 213-413-1814, www.griermussermuseum.com

361 Los Angeles Music Week

This is a weeklong celebration of the music scene in Los Angeles featuring various styles of music in concert venues citywide. Special events for children.

WHEN: **December 6 through 13, call for times**
SITE: Various sites, check website
COST: Various prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Music Week
INFO: 310-670-6898, www.los-angeles-music-week.com

362 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: **December 10, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Bert Green Fine Art
INFO: 213-624-6212, www.downtownartwalk.com

363 Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration

Celebrating the Virgen de Guadalupe's appearance to native Mexican St. Juan Diego in 1531. The event includes food, shopping, and family entertainment.

WHEN: **December 11 & 12, All Day**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument
INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

364 2009 Echo Park Community Parade

This is a community event and parade full of holiday spirit. The festival features entertainment, ethnic, food, and much more.

WHEN: **December 12, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Begins at Elysian Park Avenue and travels along Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Echo Park Holiday Parade Committee
INFO: 323-664-2412, www.echoparkcommunityparade.com

365 Santa's Workshop

The City of Inglewood will host a hands-on holiday craft workshop. Everyone will have the opportunity to make holiday crafts. Workshops will include creative Christmas cards, holiday picture frames, stamped holiday gift wrap, ornament making, personalized stockings, and more. Other activities include face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa. Take home your creations and get a jump start on the holiday season.

WHEN: **December 12, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Darby Park, 3400 W. Arbor Vitae, Inglewood
COST: \$3
SPONSOR: The City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department
INFO: 310-412-5391

366 Navidad en la Calle Ocho, LA

The Christmas Navidad en la Calle Ocho festival is considered the biggest toy giveaway and one of the most important festivals in the community. This two-day event will include entertainment on four stages, free

toys and products, clowns, and small rides. Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas spirit and the happiness of children.



Marlene Guerrero

WHEN: December 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

SITE: 8th St. at Normandie Ave., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Edgar N. Palacios Children's Foundation

INFO: 213-388-8291, www.calleochola.com

367 Pomona Art Walk

The Downtown Pomona Arts Colony has an art walk every second and last 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: December 12 & 26, 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

368 Las Posadas

This presentation of the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem is depicted with singing, a candlelight procession, and the breaking of a piñata each night.

WHEN: December 16 through 24, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants and El Pueblo Historical Monument

INFO: 213-485-8372, www.cityofla.org/ELP

369 L.A. County Holiday Celebration

Choirs, instrumental groups, and dance companies representing the many cultures of Los Angeles celebrate the season with seasonally-themed music and dance from across the cultural spectrum. Around 1,500 performers from 35 groups, chosen by competitive application, participate in this event.

WHEN: December 24, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Door opens at 2:30 p.m.

SITE: Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles

COST: Free. Parking under the Music Center is free for this event

SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Arts Commission

INFO: 213-972-3099, www.lacountyarts.org

370 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: December 25, 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



"This experience has brought me a renewed sense of community and social commitment as a professional musician and educator. If I could, I would thank the Mayor myself, and let him know his Music LA Program is a welcomed addition to the L.A. community. Thank you!"
Music LA Teaching Artist, PAWS Music



"Yes! I would like to participate in Music LA again because I loved it! I want to keep learning. My school does not have any music programs." – Music LA Student, Age 13



In 2005, DCA launched **Music LA**, a citywide music education initiative for young people. Music LA coordinates resources to provide high quality music

education programming for children and teens in underserved areas of Los Angeles who might not otherwise have the opportunity to study music. Music LA's summer program offers six to eight weeks of intensive music classes structured for beginning, intermediate, and advanced music students.

In 2006, in partnership with Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and The Walt Disney Company, DCA expanded the Music LA summer program into the school year by launching the annual Heritage Month Music LA program. Since Los Angeles is home to one of the largest and most diverse ethnic populations in the world, Music LA embraces and promotes Western and non-Western music genres. The City of Los Angeles Heritage Month Celebrations offer young Angelenos a unique opportunity to honor their rich cultural heritage by learning about music from around the world right in their own backyard. Throughout the school year, Music LA offers programming with focused curricula that highlight Latino, American Indian, African American, and Asian and Pacific Islander American cultural music traditions.



DCA's unique Music LA model is to partner with nonprofit arts organizations and professional teaching artists to ensure students' access to master musicians and quality education. At the same time, Music LA provides the foundation to support Los Angeles' vital community of musicians, music education organizations, teaching artists, and young musicians of

tomorrow. Music LA provides young people with sequential, quality music training in a challenging and creative environment where discipline, focus, and learning are cultivated. Students of all levels of musical ability receive hands-on instruction in instrumental and/or vocal technique and participate in culminating recitals for the opportunity to perform for their local community. The Music LA experience also assists advanced music students in the process of preparing to audition for academic and professional opportunities in music, musical theater productions, youth orchestras, band, and other local ensembles.

DCA works with each of our supporting music education providers and our Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers to shape unique programming based on specific community needs. Please visit DCA's website at culturela.org/musicla for program details, or contact Angelica Loa Perez at 213.202.5561 or via email at angelica.loa.perez@lacity.org for more information.



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Most festivals and special events in this guide are located in Los Angeles, but some are located in surrounding cities and areas. Please call ahead for more information and directions. Although we have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information provided in this Festival Guide, we strongly encourage you to call the information numbers or check the websites listed for each festival prior to attending any venue.

To inquire about being included in next year's Festival Guide, or if we have missed a festival in our guide you would like to see listed next year, please call 213.202.5500, visit our website at www.culturela.org, or fax your information to 213.202.5511.

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Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) generates and supports high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles residents and visitors. DCA advances the social and economic impact of the arts and assures access to arts and cultural experiences through grant making, marketing, public and community arts programming, arts education, and creating partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in every community in the City of Los Angeles.

DCA grants \$3.4 million annually to over 300 artists and nonprofit arts organizations and awards the Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.) and City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships. The Department provides arts and cultural programming in its numerous Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers, Theaters, and historic sites, and manages several arts and education programs for young people. It directs public art projects and manages the City's Arts Development Fee and Percent for Arts Programs, its Art Collection, and its Murals Program. DCA markets the City's cultural events through development and collaboration with strategic partners, design and production of creative promotional materials, and management of the culturela.org website.

Art in the Park

5568 Via Marisol
Los Angeles, CA 90042
323.259.0861

Banning's Landing Community Center

100 East Water Street
Wilmington, CA 90748
310.522.2015

Barnsdall Park

4800 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Barnsdall Arts Center
323.644.6295

Gallery Theatre
323.644.6272

Hollyhock House
323.644.6269

Junior Arts Center
323.644.6275

Los Angeles Municipal
Art Gallery
323.644.6269

California Traditional Music Society

16953 Ventura Boulevard
Encino, CA 91316
818.817.7756

Canoga Park Youth Arts Center

7222 Remmet Avenue
Canoga Park, CA 91303
818.346.7099

Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock

2225 Colorado Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90041
323.226.1617

Craft and Folk Art Museum

5814 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036
323.937.4230

Croatian Cultural Center of Greater Los Angeles

510 West 7th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310.548.7630

Lankershim Arts Center

5108 Lankershim Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91602
818.752.7568

Madrid Theatre

21622 Sherman Way
Canoga Park, CA 91303
818.347.9419

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Terrace
Tujunga, CA 91042
818.352.5285

Nate Holden Performing Arts Center

4718 West Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90016
323.964.9768

Performing Arts Firehouse

438 North Mesa Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310.548.2496

Sun Valley Youth Arts Center

8642 Sunland Boulevard
Sun Valley, CA 91352
213.202.5528

Vision Theatre

(Closed for Renovations)
3341 West 43rd Place
Los Angeles, CA 90008
323.290.4843

Warner Grand Theatre

478 West 6th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310.548.2493

Watts Towers Arts Center

1727 East 107th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90002
213.847.4646

William Grant Still Arts Center

2520 South West View Street
Los Angeles, CA 90016
213.847.1540

William Reagh Los Angeles

Photography Center
2332 West Fourth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057
213.382.8133

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