

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

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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: **April 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**
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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