



**Office of the Mayor
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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

Mayor

City of Los Angeles