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102 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

103 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 To Be Announced, 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

104 Cinco de Mayo 2010 Celebration

The 25th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held at various parks on 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 areas and kids will enjoy children's games, art workshops, and carnival rides. Ethnic food and arts and crafts will be on sale.



WHEN: **May To Be Announced, 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: 310-570-3150, www.lbparks.org

105 50th 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!

WHEN: **May To Be Announced, 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

106 Pillow Theatre – Opera Tales

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. Opera Tales is an entertaining introduction to wonderful stories and melodies of some of the most beloved German operas.

WHEN: May 1, 10:00 a.m. & 11:15 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

107 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 1, 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

108 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 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

109 Día del Niño

Celebrating the amazing talents of children of all cultures, this festival will feature international music and dance performances by kids. An international choir, Mexican folklorico dance, Hawaiian hula, Cambodia folk dance, Native American song and dance, and West African drum and dance are among the children's performances. Festival attendees can also partake in arts and crafts, storytelling, interactive music performances, face-painting, and more.



WHEN: May 1 & 2, 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; \$23.95 Adults, \$20.95 Seniors, \$11.95 Children (3 -11), Free children under 3 and Aquarium members
SPONSOR: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach
INFO: 562-591-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org

110 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 1 & 2, 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

111 28th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration

This annual celebration features a wide variety of entertainers, including folklorico dancers, mariachis, and other traditional Mexican music.

WHEN: **May 2, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barnes Park Amphitheater, 350 S. McPherrin Ave,
Monterey Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Monterey Park
INFO: www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

112 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 6, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown San Pedro between 4th & 8th Sts., San Pedro
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
INFO: www.1stthursday.com

113 Pomona Art Walk

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

WHEN: **May 8, 6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.**
SITE: Garey Park, 2nd St. & Garey Ave., Downtown Pomona
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Pomona Arts Colony
INFO: www.metropomona.com

114 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 13, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gallery Row Organization
INFO: 213-842-8574, www.downtownartwalk.com

115 JACCC's 27th Annual 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 Fair features cultural entertainment, demonstrations, crafts, and games. Mark the date in your calendar and don't miss out on the fun!

WHEN: **May 15, 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

116 So Cal Italian Festival

This one-day event is designed to promote a taste of Italy in Southern California. The Festival will be held on the grounds at the Seaport Marina Hotel in Long Beach and includes live music, Italian food, arts and crafts, and more.

WHEN: **May 15, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
SITE: Seaport Marina Hotel, Long Beach
COST: Check website
SPONSOR: So Cal Italian Festival
INFO: www.socalitalianfestival.com

117 World City: Kuniko and On Ensemble

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. This month will feature Japanese storytelling by Kuniko and Japanese music by On Ensemble.

WHEN: **May 15, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**
SITE: W. M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre,
Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave.,
Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center
INFO: 213-972-4396, www.musiccenter.org/education

118 Country Garden Fair

Home gardeners can get a head start on the summer growing season with information about a variety of plants (and purchase seeds), view display gardens, get gardening tips, and meet representatives of local community garden clubs and plant societies, with children's activities and live country, blues, and bluegrass music.

WHEN: **May 15 & 16, 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

119 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 15 & 16, 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

120 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 16, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water St.,
Wilmington
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

121 Venice Family Clinic's Art Walk & Auctions

This is the 31st 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, 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

122 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 16, 23 & 30, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 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

123 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 21, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: To Be Announced
COST: Free (donations accepted)
SPONSOR: Angelus Plaza
INFO: 213-623-4352

124 2010 Presencia Cubana en Los Angeles – Cuban Music Festival

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 23, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Echo Park Lake, 1632 Bellevue Ave., Echo Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Duval Productions
INFO: 310-261-8778, www.caribeculturalfoundation.org

125 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 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

126 Antique Row Street Collectors Fair

Treasure hunters from near and far pack the stores and explore three blocks of sidewalk vendors. Part flea market, festival and open house, this event is free and fun for the entire family.

WHEN: **May 29, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Pomona's Antique Row, on East 2nd St., Pomona
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Downtown Pomona Owners Association
INFO: 909-629-7430, www.metropomona.com

127 Santa Monica Fine Arts Festival

Artists will display their original work at the Third Street Promenade. Work on display will include acrylics, oils, watercolors, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, turned wood, and many other mediums of fine crafts.

WHEN: **May 29 & 30, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: 3rd St. Promenade, Santa Monica
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: 818-709-2907, www.westcoartists.com

128 Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade

This annual Canoga Park Memorial Day parade honors the military personnel at home and overseas.

WHEN: **May 31, 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.cpwchchamber.org

129 Spring Festival at the Rancho

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.

WHEN: **Late May, Date To Be Announced, 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, and Friends of Rancho Los Cerritos
INFO: 562-570-1755, www.rancholoscerritos.org

