

201 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 31 & August 1, 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

AUGUST

202 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, various times
SITE: 350 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Grand Performances
INFO: 213-687-2198, www.grandperformances.org

203 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, various times
SITE: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com

204 2010 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: August through September, 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: www.levittla.org

205 Ford Amphitheatre 2010 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

206 Theatricum Botanicum 2010 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, call for schedule

SITE: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga

COST: Adults \$10 – \$30, Children 5 and under free

SPONSOR: Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum

INFO: 310-455-3723, www.theatricum.com



207 Long Beach Municipal Concert Series

The Long Beach Municipal Band is in its 101st 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.lbparks.org



208 78th 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: 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



209 15th Annual Music by the Sea Outdoor Concert Series

A 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.

WHEN: **August 1, 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

210 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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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

211 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 2, 9, 16, 23, 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

212 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 5, 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

213 The 22nd 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.

WHEN: **August 6 through 8, 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: www.tasteinsanpedro.com

214 Historic Filipinotown Festival

The event celebrates the 8th 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 7, 7:30 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

215 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 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

216 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: **August 7 & 21, 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

217 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 7, 14, 21, 28, 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

218 The World Stage Jazz Festival

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

WHEN: **August 8, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Vision Theater Parking Lot, 43rd St. and Degnan Blvd., Leimert Park Village
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The World Stage
INFO: 323-293-2451, www.theworldstage.org

219 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 12, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gallery Row Organization
INFO: 213-842-8574, www.downtownartwalk.com

220 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 13 through 15, 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

221 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 will also take place.

WHEN: **August 13 through 15, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 noon – 10:30 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 10:30 p.m.**
SITE: Sunland Recreation Center, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland
COST: \$1
SPONSOR: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
INFO: 818-352-5282, www.laparks.org

222 26th 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 14 & 15, 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 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

223 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: **August 14, 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

224 70th 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 14 through 22, 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

225 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.

WHEN: **August 15, 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



226 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. Gifted performers throughout greater Los Angeles will compete for \$1,500 in prizes.

WHEN: **August 20, 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

227 30th Annual Sunset Junction Street Fair

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 21 & 22, 11:00 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

228 African Marketplace and Cultural Faire

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the African Marketplace Corporation, the event will feature music, dance, fine art, spoken word, food, and more than 15 African Diaspora concerts and festivals. This year there will be workshops and forums on building a global economy between African Americans, Africa, and the African diaspora.

WHEN: **August 21, 22, 28, 29 & September 4, 5, 6, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Rancho Cienega Recreation Center, 5001 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles
COST: \$8
SPONSOR: African Marketplace, Inc.
INFO: 323-293-1612, www.africanmarketplace.net

229 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 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

230 Malibu Fine Arts Festival

The festival includes an exhibition of artists who will display their original work in Malibu. All work will be available for purchase. Continuous live entertainment will also highlight this event.

WHEN: **August 28 & 29, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: How's Market (Parking Lot), 30745 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu
COST: Free
SPONSOR: West Coast Artists
INFO: www.westcoartists.com

231 Rangoli Foundation Presents 25th Anniversary

Rangoli Foundation rejoices in 25 years of creativity, tradition, and collaboration featuring a world premiere dance concert by Malathi Iyengar and Rangoli Dance Company. The event also includes a series of workshops and performance by local and guest artists.

WHEN: **August 28 & 29, call for times**
SITE: Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, 4718 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Call for cost
SPONSOR: Rangoli Foundation
INFO: 818-384-1954, www.rangoli.org



Michael Weaver

SEPTEMBER

232 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
SPONSOR: The City of Los Angeles, Office of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
INFO: www.culturela.org

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