

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 African American Heritage Celebrations

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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

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 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 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

5 Concrete Frequency

Concrete Frequency is a multi-disciplinary festival that explores music and the urban experience. The festival will include events that examine the elements that define cities and how those qualities are affected by and reflected in music.

WHEN: **January 4 – 13, Varies times – Check Website**
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Varies
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
INFO: 323-850-2000, www.laphil.com

6 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 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

7 World City: Git-Hoan Dancers

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 5, 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: 213-972-4396, www.musiccenter.org/education

8 3rd 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, Wilshire Blvd 7 7th St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Cervantes Center of Arts & Letters
INFO: 310-695-6357, www.cervantescenter.org

9 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 6, 1:00 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.jacc.org

10 Los Tres Reyes

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

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

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 10, 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gallery Row Organization
INFO: 213-842-8574, www.downtownartwalk.com

12 Photo LA 2008

The 17th 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 10 through 13, 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 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 10 through 31, 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

14 Pillow Theatre – Geri Keams

This series of Saturday morning performances is designed for families with children ages 3 through 6. Imaginative artists in music, theatre, and dance engage children in lively shows that encourage creative thinking. An interactive arts workshop will follow each performance. Acclaimed author and Navajo storyteller Geri Keams shares her Native American culture and folklore through Sun Catcher and Trickster Tales.

WHEN: **January 12, 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

15 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: **January 12, 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

16 Australia Week 2008 / 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 17 - 26, 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

17 Kingdom Day Parade

Up to a million Angelenos will take to the streets in honor of the late civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. The centerpiece of the celebration in L.A. is the spectacular Kingdom Day Parade, which has been held for the past 20 years. Comprised of dozens of floats, drill teams, marching bands, and more than a few celebrities, the parade aptly commences on Martin Luther King Boulevard, near Crenshaw, and continues for about two miles before finishing at Western.

WHEN: **January 21, 11:00 a.m.**
SITE: Martin Luther King Blvd. and Crenshaw, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Martin Luther King Parade Committee
INFO: www.pageantryproductions.com/parlist5.html

18 13th Annual 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 23 through 27, 12:00 noon- 7:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barker Hangar, Santa Monica
COST: \$20 General Admission, \$14 Tickets purchased in advance online
SPONSOR: The Fine Art Dealers Association
INFO: 310-822-9145, www.laartshow.com

19 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 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

20 Art Los Angeles 2008

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 2008 will feature the best of contemporary art in the avant-garde tradition from around the globe. Lectures and seminars will be announced.

WHEN: **January 25 through 27, Friday and Saturday 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., Santa Monica
COST: Day Pass \$15, Three-day Pass \$25
SPONSOR: ArtLA
INFO: 323-937-4652, www.artfairsinc.com

21 Little King & Queen

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: **January 26, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
SITE: Castelar Elementary School, 840 Yale St., Los Angeles Chinatown
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce
INFO: 213-617-0396 x13, www.lachinesechamber.org

22 Leo Polity 2008 Centennial Events Kick-Off



This exhibition marks the beginning of the centennial celebration of Leo Polity, artist, muralist, and illustrator. The show features his never before seen paintings, carvings, and illustrations inspired by Olvera Street. The festive opening event also includes live music, ballet folklorico, puppets theatre, and more.

WHEN: **January 26, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
SITE: El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Olvera Street Merchants Association Foundation and El Pueblo Park Association
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23 4th Annual 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 be features. Sign language interpreters will be present and audio tours will be available for people who are blind.



Aquarium of the Pacific

WHEN: **January 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: 562-590-3109, www.aquariumofpacific.org

24 Cause for Paws

Help raise awareness about the proper treatment of cats and dogs. The event features Brandon Mcmillan, from K-9 Mind Motion and Dr. Jennifer Conrad, PAW Project founder and animal advocate.

WHEN: **January 26 & 27, 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

25 37th Annual 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. More than 20 organizations that work to protect marine mammals will have exhibits and information about their efforts. There will also be food and gift vendors, music, and more.

WHEN: **January 27, 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
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INFO: www.AfricanAmericanLA.com

27 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

28 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 2, 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