

MARCH

60 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

61 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 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

62 The City of Los Angeles Marathon

This event is the largest marathon held in California, the fourth largest in the country, and the seventh largest in the world. Ten major entertainment centers located throughout the course reflect the ethnic neighborhoods, in which they are situated, as well as the cultural diversity of Los Angeles and the marathon runners themselves.

WHEN: March 2, 6:00 a.m.
SITE: Course starts at 6th and Figueroa Sts.
COST: \$95 until February 27
SPONSOR: Honda
INFO: 310-444-5544, www.lamarathon.com

63 1st Thursday San Pedro ART Walk

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WHEN: March 6, 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

64 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: March 8, 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

65 The Los Angeles County Irish Fair and Music Festival

Celebrating its sixth year, The Irish and Music Festival has become the largest festival of its kind in Southern California. With eight stages featuring true Irish music, the event features Irish dog demonstrations, storytelling, dance instruction and demonstrations, and sheepherding demonstrations.

WHEN: **March 8 & 9, Call for times**
SITE: Fairplex at the Pomona Fairgrounds, 1101 W. Mc Kinley Ave., Pomona
COST: \$16 General Admission, \$12 Seniors and Students
SPONSOR: The Irish and Music Festival Committee
INFO: 310-537-4240, www.la-irishfair.com

66 Garden Talks: California Native Plants

This is a series of informative lectures led by hand-selected experts designed to provide everyone from garden aficionados to curious beginners with tips on creating and maintaining healthy and vibrant home gardens. The lecture *California Native Plants* will be followed by a tour of the garden.

WHEN: **March 12, 12:00 noon**
SITE: Walt Disney Concert Hall Garden, 111 S. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Music Center & ValleyCrest
INFO: 213-972-4311, www.musiccenter.org

67 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 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

68 San Dimas Family Festival and Spring Egg Hunt

An event for the entire family featuring live entertainment, children's rides, food booths, an arts and crafts fair, a childcare fair, and a safety fair. New this year is a children's Easter Egg Hunt.

WHEN: **March 15, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: San Dimas Civic Center Plaza, 245 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department
INFO: 909-394-6230, www.cityofsandimas.com

69 Cottontail Day

This is a children's spring event featuring a free egg hunt, arts and craft vendors, food, live entertainment, and activities for children. The event also includes photos with the bunny and a surprise guest.

WHEN: **March 15, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
SITE: Plaza Park, Downtown Ventura Cultural District
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Ventura
INFO: 805-654-7830, www.venturastreetfairs.com

70 World City: Salaam Ensemble and Hahbi' Ru

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. *Salaam*, an Arabic word meaning peace, brings together five renowned musicians of the Persian, Armenian, Turkish, and Arab American music world in this outstanding performance of vocal and instrumental music from the Middle and Near East.

WHEN: March 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: Music Center of Los Angeles County
INFO: 213-972-4396, www.musiccenter.org/education

71 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: www.pageantryproductions.com/parlist5.html

72 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

73 Big Bunny's Spring Fling

The Los Angeles Zoo celebrates spring with three days of pettable rabbits, funny bunny ears, crafts, and special entertainment for the whole family.

WHEN: March 21 through 23 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
COST: Free with paid admission, \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (2-12)
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Zoo
INFO: 323-644-4200, www.lazoo.org

74 Easter Egg Hunt

Start a new family tradition! Join in the fun at the annual Easter egg hunt in Diamond Bar. This event, for toddlers to sixth graders, features thousands of eggs in age-appropriate hunting areas.

WHEN: March 22, 10:00 a.m.
SITE: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Dr., Diamond Bar
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of Diamond Bar
INFO: www.cityofdiamondbar.com

75 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: **March 22, 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

76 What's the Story? Festival of New Solo Performance Works

The festival of new works-in-progress offers an opportunity for workshop participants to perform full-length works in a context where the focus is still the honing of the text.



Irene Fertick

WHEN: **March 27 – April 6, Call for schedule**
SITE: The Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 2nd St., Santa Monica
COST: \$15 - \$10
SPONSOR: The Powerhouse Theatre Company
INFO: 310-450-1312, www.whatsthestoryla.com

77 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 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

78 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: **March 30, 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

79 Annual Valley Wide Student Art Show

Over 600 students from throughout the San Fernando Valley are featured in a three-part art exhibit to commemorate Youth Art Month



Janet Fishman

and Music Education Month. The elementary school exhibit and teen exhibit will be held on separate days at the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, including free food and entertainment, and the performing arts showcase will be on March 30 at the Madrid Theatre, featuring school bands, orchestras, individual groups, dancers, and choirs all day.

WHEN: **March 30, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park; Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Wy., Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Arts in Education Aid Council, Inc.
INFO: 818-705-8758, www.aieac.org

80 8th Annual Valley Wide Student Art Show

This event showcases artworks and performances by 600 children from throughout the San Fernando Valley in honor of Youth Art Month and Music Education Month.

WHEN: **March 30, call for time**
SITE: Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, 7222 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park & Madrid Theatre, 21622 Sherman Way, Canoga Park
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Arts in Education Aid Council, Inc
INFO: 828-705-8758, www.aieac.org

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81 Brewery Artwalk / Open Studio Day

A bi annual open studio weekend at the world's largest art colony.

WHEN: **April To Be Announced, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
SITE: Brewery Art Colony, 2100 N. Main St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Brewery Artwalk Association
INFO: 323-342-0717, www.breweryartwalk.com

82 Aline Barnsdall's Birthday Barnsdall Park

This is a celebration of Aline Barnsdall's gift of Barnsdall Park to the City of Los Angeles, and her wish that it be dedicated to the arts.

WHEN: **April 1, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.**
SITE: Barnsdall Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Barnsdall Arts Center Student Advisory Committee
INFO: 323-644-6295, www.barnsdallartcenter.org

83 38th Annual Dorothy B. Chandler Children's Festival

The annual Dorothy B. Chandler Children's Festival invites fifth grade students from the greater Los Angeles area to attend a dance performance featuring *BodyVox*, a play that combines diverse forms of dance, media, and stage design to create theater experiences that are thought provoking and thoroughly entertaining. Following the professional presentation, students will congregate on the Music Center Plaza to perform their own dance piece reflecting the production.

WHEN: **April 1 - 4, call for times**
SITE: Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Music Center Education Division, The Blue Ribbon
INFO: 213-250-ARTS, www.musiccenter.org/education

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WHEN: **April 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