

Arts Events & Information

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Featured Events . . .

Naked Boys Singing. They're back in West Hollywood! A huge hit when it premiered in West Hollywood many years back, ***Naked Boys Singing*** has had over 50 productions worldwide and is still playing in New York where it is the fourth longest running show in Off-Broadway history. Conceived and directed by former WeHo resident Robert Schrock, ***Naked Boys Singing*** opens Friday, September 25 at the MACHA Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Road. Runs **Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 7 pm. Limited run ends October 25.** Tickets and more information: www.plays411.com.

Terry Wolverton and Cheryl Klein at Mazer Archive. Authors Terry Wolverton and Cheryl Klein will read from and discuss their newly released novels *The Labrys Reunion* and *Lilac Mines* at the June Mazer Lesbian Archive, 626 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069 on **Sunday, September 27 at 3 pm.** *The Labrys Reunion* is sparked by the rape and murder of Emma Firestein, a young art student, and examines the varied and contentious responses of her mother's generation-women who were feminist activists in the 1970s-and those of Emma's contemporaries. In *Lilac Mines* the gay-bashing of Felix Ketay, a 25-year-old L.A. dyke, on the streets of West Hollywood leads her to explore the somewhat hidden life of her lesbian aunt in a small town in California's Sierra Nevada foothills. For more information, contact (310) 659-2478.

Design Loves Art. The Pacific Design Center will launch Design Loves Art, an arts program featuring a series of rotating contemporary art exhibitions and talks in which different invited artists, galleries, independent curators and emerging architects participate in ongoing project rooms, exhibitions, multi-media events, and film/video screenings. The first series opens **Thursday, Sept. 24 and runs through October.** **Design Loves Art**, sponsored by the Cohen Design Centers, aims to merge the art and design worlds and is led by independent curator Helen Varola. For more information, visit www.pacificdesigncenter.com.

This Week's Events



The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Advocate & Gochis Galleries Present ***A Life in Art: 1960-2009. A Retrospective of Ivy Bottini.*** Ivy Bottini is one of the undisputed heroes of the long struggle for equality and justice for women and the LGBT community. Ms. Bottini is also an acclaimed artist who began her creative work more than 55 years ago. The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center is honored to present a retrospective of Ms. Bottini's painting, drawings, and sketches, *A Life in Art: 1960-2009*, covering the entire sweep of her career from her days in the closet through her years of activism. Gallery hours: **Monday-Friday, 6-10 pm, Saturdays, 9 am - 5 pm, and by appointment through October 23.** For more information, please call (323) 860-7337.



Feathered Edge: a new installation by Ball-Nogues studio at MOCA at the PDC **through November 15, 2009.** Sponsored, in part, by a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant, this is an ambitious site-specific project by the innovative Los Angeles-based design and fabrication firm led by Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues. For museum hours and more information: www.moca.org



LESBO-A-GO-GO. Celebration Theatre presents a girls night out that you won't soon forget – a showcase of talent by some of the best butch, neo-butch, femme, lipstick, and lesbian-adjacent artists around! **Sunday, Sept. 27 at 7 pm** at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. To reserve your seat, call (323) 957-1884.

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F*cking Men. Direct from its West End run, Celebration Theatre presents the US Premiere of a play by Joe DiPietro. Based on Schnitzler's classic play *La Ronde*, *F*cking Men* portrays 10 urban gay men and their pursuit of sex and love in a modern world. The play contains adult situations and nudity. Celebration Theatre 7051 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood (just east of La Brea). Runs **Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm through October 25**. Tickets available online at <http://www.celebrationtheatre.com> or by phone (323) 957-1884. Special Priced Senior Matinee: **October 4 at 3pm - \$12.50** (+\$3.25 facility fee). Includes after show meet & greet with cast. Use special code "senior" when placing your order.



Village Variety Pack. Think of the great variety shows—Ed Sullivan, Sonny & Cher, Carol Burnett. Now give the concept a queer, anything-goes spin and a dose of insanity, and you've got the brand new **Village Variety Pack**, the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's twice-monthly series of variety shows at the Davidson/Valentini Theatre in the Village at Ed Gould Plaza. **Village Variety Pack** will present evenings that encompass comedy, song, videos, talk-show interviews and much more, featuring casts of some of the city's most talented performers. Tickets are only \$15, and there's no telling what might happen. At the Village at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Hollywood, **Mondays at 8 pm: September 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, December 7 & 21**. Tickets available at www.lagaycenter.org/boxoffice or call (323) 860-7300.

Coming Attractions



3rd Annual Algonquin West Hollywood Literary Award Soiree. A benefit for PEN in the Classroom, the Soiree honors Aimee Liu, features "From Harlem to Broadway," a staged reading created by Michael Kearns, and a post dessert reception. **Saturday, October 3 at 7 pm** at the Pacific Design Center Silver Screen Theatre, 8687 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling (323) 848-6820.

The **8th Annual West Hollywood Book Fair** will take place on **Sunday, October 4** at West Hollywood Park. The multiple award-winning West Hollywood Book Fair is one of Southern California's most eclectic literary events attracting over 20,000 readers and writers of all ages and interests. The West Hollywood Book fair featured over 300 participating authors, 12 stages with author panels and special guests, live storytelling, theater, poetry and performances and writing workshops, and over 100 exhibitors hosting activities, including local independent booksellers and literary non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit www.westhollywoodbookfair.org

West Hollywood Autumn 2009 Art Walk presented by LACMA Muse and the Avenues of Art and Design. On **Saturday, October 3 from 6 pm to 8 pm** there will be a self-guided open studio tour of West Hollywood's premier galleries featuring painting, sculpture, assemblage, lithographs and exhibitions of featured artists. Local restaurants will also offer special pre fixe dinner specials. On Melrose and Robertson Avenues in the City's Avenues of Art & Design District. Information: www.avenuesartdesign.com.

Arts and cultural affairs information and programming is brought to you by the City of West Hollywood through its Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. For more information on the arts in West Hollywood, visit www.weho.org/arts or call (323) 848-6883.
