

Arts Events & Information

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Art News

Formosa Park Ribbon-Cutting: The City has a beautiful new pocket park on the City's eastside that will be officially opened with a ribbon-cutting this **Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 10 a.m.** The park, designed by landscape architect Katharine Spitz, while a work of art in itself, also has a public art component - "Tree Form" an open weave bronze sculpture created by artist Karl Saliter. Formosa Park is located just north of Santa Monica Boulevard - on Formosa, of course. Look for the stunning new red-colored condominiums on the east side of the street.

New NEA Chair Confirmed: Last Friday, the U.S. Senate confirmed Broadway producer Rocco Landesman to serve as the next chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. Upon his nomination, Mr. Landesman commented: "Art is essential to the civic, economic, and cultural vitality of our nation. It reflects who we are and what we stand for—freedom of expression, imagination, and vision. I am eager to work with our many partners to bring quality arts programs to neighborhoods and communities across the country."

Speaking of the NEA, the City of West Hollywood will be the beneficiary of NEA funding through the West Hollywood Library which received a grant from the NEA through its **The Big Read** program. Next March the library and City will collaborate to encourage the reading of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* throughout the City, with special programming and book discussions. More details will follow in the coming months.

Reminder to nonprofit arts organizations: **Applications for the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program are now available at www.weho.org/arts (click on "Arts Opportunities")** Please note: *applicants must be nonprofit arts organizations.*

This Week's Events

The City of West Hollywood with Classical Theatre Lab presents William Shakespeare's classic comedy *Twelfth Night or What You Will*, a beloved comedy about mistaken identity, ambition and the nature of love. Considered by many scholars to be the Bard's greatest comedy. It features Viola, the cross-dressing heroine; Orsino, the love-sick Duke of Illyria; Olivia, the beautiful but bereaved object of his passion; plus some of Shakespeare's most unforgettable comic creations: Malvolio, Sir Andrew Aguecheek and Sir Toby Belch. Fun for the entire family! **Saturdays and Sundays at 5 p.m. through August 23 at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall Courtyard.** While all performances are **FREE**, reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations and for more information, please call 323/960-5691 or visit www.classicaltheatrelab.org



Summer Sounds Concerts: The City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds concert series takes place on select Sundays throughout the summer. Join us this **Sunday, August 16th at 3 p.m. in Plummer Park** for a concert with String Project | Los Angeles. This is a great group featuring young electronic string players playing jazz and contemporary music. Chairs will be set up under the shade, and you can also bring a blanket and sit on the lawn. **FREE.** For more information, please call 323/848-6883.



Carved in Stone: Jeffrey Hartgraves' hilarious after-life literary comedy featuring Truman Capote, Oscar Wilde, Tennessee Williams & Quentin Crisp. Young writer Gryphon Tott dies, and is sent to spend eternity in the company of this sparkling group. Tott has become a gay icon himself, with the posthumous publication of his one-and-only novel. There's just one problem: Gryphon says he is straight! Watch these legendary wits solve Gryphon's "identity crisis" in the show the SF Examiner calls "brilliantly funny" and SF Weekly declares "hilarious"! Advance tickets available at 310/473-LIVE or to RSVP e-mail RSVP@carvedinstonetheplay.com. Now extended performances **August 14-September 5th** at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Theater Asylum, 6320 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Tickets are \$15 (discounted tickets available at online outlets).

This Week's Events cont.



Celebration Theatre presents . . .

Altar Boyz, the longest running new musical comedy to open in New York in years! And the critics loved it! This highly acclaimed Off-Broadway smash hit follows five small town boys—Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham—as they save the world one screaming fan at a time. **Through August 23**, Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. General admission is \$30.

Five Finger Discount, Scenes We've Stolen from Ourselves. See the fifth show from the acclaimed team that brought you four other shows. Directed by Rob Mello and Todd Milliner. This Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

To purchase tickets or for more information on the shows: www.celebrationtheatre.com

Coming Attractions



Summer Sounds Concerts: The City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds concert series takes place on select Sundays throughout the summer. Join us for our remaining concerts (schedule below). Chairs will be set up under the shade, and you can also bring a blanket and sit on the lawn. **FREE**. For more information, please call 323/848-6883.

August 16th at 3 p.m. at Plummer Park—String Project | Los Angeles *Alternative Strings*

August 23rd at 4 p.m. at Kings Road Park—DMG Music *Classical Sounds*

August 30th at 3 p.m. at Plummer Park—Susie Hansen Jazz Band



Art | Works Theatre presents Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull*: Anton Chekhov's 1895 text continues to be one of the most successfully produced plays because his multilayered observations on the human condition could have been written last week in Cafe Muse on Santa Monica Blvd, so timely are the themes of his brilliant play. The death of innocence and loss of youth; the fear of aging and screams of loneliness; the inability to accept, let alone embrace, life as it is; the ego-driven lifestyle that leads inevitably to unhappiness, are as much about modern Angelenos as they are the tragic and humorous themes of the Russian souls that populate *The Seagull*. Directed by Marjo-Riikka Makela. Showing **Fridays and Saturdays, August 21st through September 12th at 8 p.m.** Additional shows Sunday August 30th at 3 p.m. and Thursday, September 10th at 8pm. Art | Works Theatre is located at 6569 Santa Monica Blvd, 90038.

Tickets available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/72768> or www.viacorpora.com. \$24 for general admission, \$17 for students and seniors. For more information, please call 323-871-8382 or visit www.viacorpora.com

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