

Upcoming Art Events

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What's New?



Trafficking in Broken Hearts: A gritty urban love story that revolves around Papo, a tough talking Puerto Rican hustler from the Bronx; Brian, a sexually confused lawyer from the Midwest; and Bobby, a 17-year old runaway. Written by Edwin Sanchez and directed by Efrain Schunior. Showing **June 4th-June 14th** at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Show times are Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. General admission is \$20. For more information visit www.celebrationtheatre.com



From Russia with Love! Willi Tokarev: Enjoy a special performance by Willi Tokarev and dinner on **Friday, June 5th** at 8pm at Crystal Restaurant, 7901 Santa Monica Blvd. Reservations required. Tickets are \$100/person which includes dinner. For more information or to make reservations, call (323) 654-1188.



America's Top Bottom—Cycle Four: The fourth installment of the comedy competition. Show starts at 10:30pm on **Friday, June 5th** at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. General admission is \$10. For more information, call (323) 957-1884.

Transcending Boundaries II: Presented by Trans-Unity Pride, this exhibition is from 8am—3pm on **Saturday, June 6th** at The Village at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90038. This exhibition is **free** to the public. For more information, contact Farina at (323) 860-7394.



The Legacy of Harvey Milk: Join us on **Saturday, June 6** at 1:30 pm as we explore the legacy of Harvey Milk, from his early days of community organizing to the recent portrayal of him as a hero of mythic proportion in a major motion picture. This event will feature a digital photography presentation by Daniel Nicoletta, one of Harvey Milk's first employees, who will share intimate memories and photos from his vast collection; a screening of film featurettes, including behind-the-scenes footage from the film, *Milk*; an archival video display; and a panel discussion of Milk's historic position in American culture and the legacy of his organizing spirit. Panelists include Daniel Nicoletta, Mark Thompson, Malcolm Boyd, Frank Pancucci, and Patricia Nell Warren. Reception will follow the panel. Event runs from 1:30 - 5 pm. Located at the Pacific Design Center Silver Screen Theatre, 8687 Melrose Ave. **Free event**, reservations are recommended: please [click here](#) to register. For more information call (323) 848-6883.



Vrag-Records Festival Bards' Song Concert: Join us for a concert sponsored by the City of West Hollywood's Russian Advisory Board with special guest from Moscow, composer and performer Alla Bogoslovskaya on **Saturday, June 6th** at 4pm at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. **Admission is free.** To RSVP and for more information, please call (818)730-7298.



Pat Rocco: Enlightened Enthusiast: An exhibition on the life and art of Pat Rocco, documentarian, humanitarian and entrepreneur. Mr. Rocco's contributions to the LGBT history are noteworthy and include documenting gay life in Los Angeles from the 1960's through the 1980's on film and in photographs, which will be part of the exhibit. The exhibition is at the ONE Archives Gallery and Museum located at 626 N. Robertson Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90069. The opening event will take place from 5-8pm on **Saturday, June 6th**. The gallery's regular hours are Fridays 4:30-8:30pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm. More information at www.onearchives.org



www.weho.org/pride - check out all the exciting events presented by arts, cultural and community organizations in conjunction with Pride Month 2009.

What's New *cont.*



8th Annual Russian Cultural Festival "Russian Style": Join us on **Sunday, June 7th** from 11am-7pm, as we celebrate the rich heritage and culture of L.A.'s Russian-speaking community. The Festival is a family oriented program designed to share Russian-American culture -- including art, music, food, entertainment and business -- with the West Hollywood and Los Angeles Metro area communities. **Admission is free.** Event sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Russian Advisory Board. For more information, please call (323) 848-6501.



SOBAR: On **Sunday, June 7th** from 1-4pm, experience SOBAR, a healthy, sober environment where people of all walks of life can come and spend time celebrating sobriety. Profits from SOBAR benefit the recovery homes of the greater Los Angeles area. MC Doug Spearman from Logo Channel's "Noah's Arc" will introduce comedian Leslie Jordan from *Will and Grace*, the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, singer Julie Zimmer from *Broadway*, acrobatic troop Silk Sisters, the Los Angeles cast of *Tick! Tick! Boom!!*, Go-Go dancers, hand and Tarot card reader Lisa Greenfield (1-2:30pm) and Japanese Calligraphy artist Kayako Takatsuna (1-2:30pm). Food will be served from 1-2:30pm (free food with admission). The "show/entertainment" will begin at 3:15pm. Door prizes and much more! For more information call 213.841.0128. **Free** (suggested donation of \$5 at the door).



Mondo Rocco: A Legacy Salute to Pat Rocco: From the late 1960s through the 1970s, activist and filmmaker Pat Rocco mastered the art of gay male erotic films. In addition, Rocco shot extensive footage of gay demonstrations, parades and festivals. His documentaries contain some of the only existing early footage of the gay rights movement in the United States. Out-fest and UCLA salute this LGBT legend with screenings of such Rocco classics as *Homosexuals on the March* (1969), *The Groovy Guy* (1969) and *The Performance* (1968) on **Sunday, June 7th** beginning at 7pm at the Billy Wilder Theater—Courtyard Level, Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90024. Ticket information can be found at www.cinema.ucla.edu.



In the Fire: Transgender Documentary Screening and Discussion: *In the Fire*, an award-winning documentary about the transgender community in Peru by Dante Alencastre, will be screened on **Tuesday, June 9th** at 7:30pm at the MACHA Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood CA 90069. The screening will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker – currently making a film about the transgender community in the United States – and several members of the local transgender community. The evening will conclude with a dessert reception. This event is sponsored by the City of West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board in collaboration with the Transgender Task Force. While **admission is free**, reservations are recommended: (323) 848-6471.



Looking Through the Glass: Join us for the brilliant sequel to "Alice and Wonderland," with more madcap linguistic hi-jinx, sprung from Lewis' rich menagerie of outsized and bizarre personalities. A gift to the classical actor and a feast for lovers of the English language. The show begins at 7pm on **Tuesday, June 9th** at the Plummer Park Great Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. **Admission is free.** Event co-sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and the Classical Theatre Lab. For more information, please call (323) 848-6530 or visit <http://www.classicaltheatrelab.org/>.



Lesbian and Gay Play Reading Festival: The Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights (ALAP), supported by a West Hollywood Arts Participation Grant and in partnership with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board present an evening of rehearsed readings of new gay and lesbian plays at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90046. 6 short plays will be read on **June 10th** at 7:30pm, including "When Oprah Says Goodbye" by Dan Berkowitz; "The Cooking Gene" by Jonathan Dorf; "3DB Inside" by Cynthia Lewis Ferrell; "The Homecoming" by Garry Kluger; "Hurricane Girls" by Catherine Pelonero; and "Sheila's Last Hayride" by Mary Steelsmith. **Admission is free.** For more information call 323.957.4752 or email info@laplaywrights.org.

Coming Attractions



Out There: Los Angeles Art Association & the City of West Hollywood are proud to announce *Out There*, a very special exhibition celebrating the LGBT experience during West Hollywood's Pride Month Festivities. The show dates are **June 11 through June 17**. *Out There* is made possible by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program. More info at www.laaa.org.



Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles at Fairfax High School: On **Thursday, June 11** a one hour free community program will feature selections from the Gay Men's Chorus summer concert which will be performed later in the month. Performance begins at 6:30 pm. Fairfax High School Band opens at 6:45 pm and GMCLA takes the stage from 7 – 8 pm. **Fairfax High School** is located at 7850 Melrose Ave Los Angeles, CA 90046. For more information visit www.gmcla.org or call 1-800-MENSING. This performance is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program.



United Arts Academy presents *Having Your Cake* by Jimmy Brunelle, a music fairy tale for children and adults, produced and directed by Mark Zisman; and a "Day of Improvisation and Works in Progress," produced and directed by Michael Heit and Gary Maxwell. **Sunday, June 14** at 2 pm at Fiesta Hall in West Hollywood, 1200 N. Vista Avenue. Admission is free. This performance is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program. Information: (323) 436-2993 or marzisman@gmail.com.



Body Mechanique: The L.A. Contemporary Dance Company (LACDC) collaborates with L.A.-based playwright Aaron Henne to create an original dance theatre performance where bodies moving in space and rhythmic monologues collide, animating the voice and soul of everyday objects. How do we, like the inanimate items surrounding our lives, fulfill our purpose and avoid becoming obsolete? Funded in part through a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant, the company performs at The Glass Garage Gallery at 418 N Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, on **June 11, 13 and 14 and June 18-21** at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25. For more information or to reserve tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/56707> or 800-838-3006.



Summer Sounds Opening Concert: The first concert of the City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds program will take place on **Sunday, June 14** at 4 pm at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood, featuring Star Search winner and vocalist Catte Adams performing the songs of gay composers and artists. Catte Adams, a West Hollywood resident, first came to recognition nationally with her winning of Star Search with Ed MacMahon, as vocalist, in its second and most viewed season. She has toured internationally with Michael Bolton, Natalie Cole, Yanni, Chaka Khan and Tracy Chapman as a band member and has provided vocals for a who's who of performers including Michael McDonald, Phoebe Snow, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, and many others. **Admission is free.**



Auditions for Rise Up & Shout: Voices of the Next Gay Generation: Are you and LGBTQ singer? Poet? Dancer? Rapper? Performance artist? Musician? Comedian? (age 16-26) We want you! Be part of a part of an evening of unique performance, song and dance by gay/lesbian youth. Auditions will be held **June 20th and July 11th** from 1-4pm at MCCLA Fellowship Hall, 4953 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, 90027. For more information visit www.riseupandshout.org



Vox Femina Los Angeles will be doing an "open reading and presentation" in conjunction with honoring the history of women in West Hollywood on **Tuesday, June 23** at 7:30 pm at Congregation Kol Ami, 200 N. La Brea Avenue, West Hollywood, 90038. This project is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program.

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.
