

Upcoming Art Events

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What's New?



So Hard: Written and performed by Derek Ringold and directed by theatre veteran Michael Kearns and made possible by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program, the play is subtitled *A Black Gay Man Navigates West Hollywood in a New America* and is a collage of monologues, dance, and video images that illuminate why it's "so hard" to be gay and black in a changing and challenging world. This multi-media theatre piece will play three consecutive Wednesday evenings at the Zephyr Theatre. Show will play at 8 pm for three performances only: **May 13, 20, and 27**. The Zephyr Theatre is located at 7456 Melrose Ave. Tickets are \$12 and available at the box office, one-half hour before each performance or to reserve tickets call (323) 623-9036. More info at www.derekringold.webs.com.



Call for Entries, 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. Open call to all Southern California Artists for this exhibition should be submitted by **May 22nd** at 5 pm. The show dates are June 11 through June 17, 2009. To see the application [click here](#). Please read all guidelines and application form carefully. *Out There* is made possible by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program. More info at www.laaa.org.

Theater and Performing Arts

Prodigal Father: From the creator of *Play it Cool* and the director of *The Bacchae* and the *Stupid Kids*, comes a new play that breaks all the rules about drama, comedy, family, history, and reality. Thursdays - Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 3pm **through April 26, 2009**. General Admission is \$20. Located at Celebration Theater, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90046. For more information on call (323) 957-1884 or go to www.celebrationtheatre.com.

Luminous Birch, at the Greenway Court Theater. Written and performed by Randy Sean Schulman, *Luminous Birch* is a trip into a man's subconscious mind where we stumble upon a fairytale nightmare and go headfirst into a complex combination of film and live stage theatrics. Plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 4 pm **through May 10, 2009**. Greenway Court Theater is located at 544 N. Fairfax Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$16 for students. For more information call (323) 655-7679 x 100. To see the flyer [click here](#).

The Trojan War, Part 2: The Aftermath - The City of West Hollywood and Bare Bones Theater present a play on the Trojan War, written and directed by Tony Tanner. Show runs Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm and Sundays at 2 pm **through May 16, 2009**. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students, \$10 previews. Presented in Fiesta Hall, 1200 N. Vista, West Hollywood. For reservations call (323) 461-5570.

Visual and Fine Arts

Art on the Outside

Peter Shire: Six sculptures by Los Angeles artist Peter Shire are on display on the Santa Monica Boulevard median between Doheny and Almont Drives. These fanciful sculptures sit on the median of Santa Monica Boulevard, designed specifically to showcase temporary art installations. To view photos showing the installation process and the resulting sculptures, visit our [Peter Shire](#) flickr set.



Raymond Pettibon: No Title (I Thought California), 1989/2008 is now on display on the vertical billboard at Sunset and Olive as part of the City's Art on the Outside program.



Eastside Arts Initiative - Go to the Park. Five temporary art projects are installed in Plummer Park to honor the park's historical significance and its community value to the City of West Hollywood. The exhibit runs through the end of **April 2009**. Plummer Park is located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. At the Park's Community Center you will be able to pick up a brochure to learn more about this intriguing project. To learn more, [click here](#) or contact Andrew Campbell at acampbell@weho.org or call (323) 848-6883.

Go check out the artists' two-dimensional artworks displayed within illuminated bus shelters in the City. You can visit each of these bus shelter locations by downloading the [Bus Shelter Map Guide](#).

Urban Art



"The Departure" by artist **Jacob Hashimoto** is a hybrid between abstract painting and sculpture and is essentially a collection of 700 painted aluminum tiles strung on nautical cables that are suspended in front of the windows of the Andaz Hotel's new restaurant/lounge. Come check out this urban art installation installed in December 2008. [Click here](#) to see other urban art installations and [click here](#) to learn about West Hollywood's Urban Arts Ordinance.

Coming Attractions

Yom Hashoa - Event sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and Congregation Kol Ami. Program will feature a music theater performance of the *Holocaust Suite*, a new work for the Kol Hashamayim music series based on "The Long Way Home" and "Unlikely Heroes," and *For a Look or a Touch* composed by Jake Heggie based on Manfred Lewin's journal and interviews with Gad Beck to examine the experiences of two young gay lovers during the Holocaust. Sunday, **April 26, 2009** at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. at 5 pm. Admission is free. For more information, please call the Special Events Hotline at (323) 848-6503. TTY for the deaf and hard of hearing at (323) 848 - 6496.



Retro Coco: Celebrating her 10th year of living in Los Angeles, Coco brings back to the stage the three hit shows she wrote especially for the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center. Written and performed by Clinton Leupp, directed by Michael Schiralli. *Glorious Wounds... she's damaged*, **May 1 & 2** at 8 pm; **May 3** at 7 pm. *Miss Coco Peru is Undaunted*, **May 8 & 9** at 8 pm; **May 10** at 7 pm. *Ugly Coco*, **May 15 & 16** at 8 pm; **May 17** at 7 pm. Tickets are available at www.lagaycenter.org/boxoffice or call (323) 860-7300. Special package pricing is available.

Coming Soon to **West Hollywood Library**, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069. For ADA accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, materials in alternate format, or access to the facility, call (310) 830-0231 (voice) or (310) 830-4532 (TTY), 8-5, M-F at least six business days prior to event.

- **Introduction to Mendhi:** Practiced widely throughout southern and western Asia and Africa, Mendhi is the art of painting elaborate patterns on the skin with henna. On Saturday, **May 2nd**, 2009 at 2 pm. Please join us to learn from Karishma Beauty Salon about the history of this ancient Indian body art and get a natural, painless, temporary tattoo! For teens and adults.
- **Sunshine Drum Circle Stories:** Traverse the world with our multicultural stories, rhythms and sounds using dozens of Djembe drums (for elementary school age children) . Saturday, **May 9, 2009** at 2 pm at West Hollywood Library, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.
- **We Shall Overcome, a Multicultural program for adults and families:** Featuring Makinto, an international recording artist who has performed in over 60 countries on five continents. He blends music and storytelling into a fun, interactive presentation. Tuesday, **May 19, 2009** at 6:30 pm. Program funded by the Ezra Jack Keats Grant.

Chalk Art in the Park: Chalk Art in the Park is an exciting free event designed to celebrate the creativity of our community and promote the importance of public art, as well as providing a safe place for families to gather. The City of West Hollywood will be having its 2nd annual "Chalk Art in the Park" **May 16, 2009** from 11am - 4 pm. The first 100 people will receive a free goody bag with pastels, all you need to bring is your imagination! The Chalk art contest is open to all ages and abilities. Be sure to reserve your spot beginning April 11th at the Plummer Park office. Sign up early because space is limited! For more information call: (323) 848-6530. To see the flyer [click here](#).



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