

Upcoming Art Events

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What's New?



West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference - Join us for a night of drama, advocacy and interaction at the kick-off for the 3rd Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference, featuring an exclusive screening of the award-winning film *Frozen River*. Friday, **March 20, 2009**, from 7 - 10 pm. This event is located at the Pacific Design Center, Silver Screen Theater, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. Admission is free. RSVP: call (323) 848 - 6840 or [click here](#) for more info.



Fairfax High School 2009 POPS Concert - Join the LAUSD championship Fairfax Marching Lions for their 2009 POPS Concert and fundraiser at West Hollywood Park Auditorium from 7 - 9 pm this Saturday, **March 21, 2009**. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds support the purchase of new band uniforms. West Hollywood Library is located at 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.



Through March - Eastside Arts Initiative - Go to the Park is a site-specific public art project that shines a light on West Hollywood's vibrant Eastside. 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 March 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.

You can also 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](#).



"GenderPlay in Lesbian Culture" Exhibit: A first-ever exhibit that challenges our labels, asks us to re-think our stereotypes, and looks at how lesbians define themselves. Exhibit runs through March 23rd. Exhibit includes vintage photos, archival documents, film clips and historic first person quotes. Co-sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. Located at the ONE LGBT Archives, 626 Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069. Open Friday 4 - 8 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm. Admission is free. For more information, please call (323) 848-6471 or thelexinfo@gmail.com. TTY for the deaf and hard of hearing at (323) 848-6496.

Theater

Bruising for Besos, at the Davidson/Valentini Theatre (benefiting the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center). Tempered with doses of good humor and reflection, *Bruising for Besos* is a full-length solo performance written and performed by Adelina Anthony that explores domestic violence in queer and non-queer relationships. 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles (one block east of Highland, just north of Santa Monica Blvd.). Play shows through **March 29, 2009**, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 7 pm. Tickets \$20, \$15 with valid student ID, available on-line at www.lagaycenter.org/boxoffice. For more information call (323) 860-7300.

Drama Queen, at MACHA Theater/Films. On **March 22, 2009** 10 actors compete for the title of "Drama Queen" and their original one person show. This event will be hosted by Sandra Valls and will be the final showdown as the audience will choose the winner. Tickets \$15. To RSVP call (323) 654 - 0680. MACHA Theater is located at 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood.

Visual and Fine Arts

Art on the Outside

Peter Shire: Six sculptures by Los Angeles artist Peter Shire will be on display on the Santa Monica Boulevard median between Doheny and Almont Drives through March 2009. These colorful and 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: The City of West Hollywood is pleased to be participating in the 2008 California Biennial with a signature work by artist Raymond Pettibon. The 2008 California Biennial is organized by the Orange County Museum of Art, and curated by Lauri Firstenberg. CB08 is produced in tandem with LA><ART Public Art and Off Site Initiatives with ForYourArt. *No Title (I Thought California)*, 1989/2008 is now on display through March 2009 on the vertical billboard at Sunset and Olive as part of the City's Art on the Outside program.

Coming Attractions

Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai - ITVS Presents a Community Cinema Screening of *Taking Root*, by Lisa Merton and Alan Dater. Under the leadership of Nobel Peace Prize-winning Wangari Maathai of Kenya, tree-planting grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, defend human rights and promote democracy. Tuesday, **March 31, 2009** at 7:30 pm at the Blue Conference Center inside the Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Ave. West Hollywood. To RSVP email LACCommunityCinema@gmail.com or [click here](#) for more information .

Coming Soon to **West Hollywood Library**, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069:

- **Mad Science Workshop:** Join us for science day in the library with interactive and fascinating demonstrations of dynamic illusions, kitchen chemistry, and special effects by Mad Science of Los Angeles (for elementary school age children) . Saturday, **April 4, 2009** at 2:30 pm.
- **Fight the Mosquito Bite Program:** Learn about mosquitoes' life cycle, diseases they can carry, and how to control them (for all ages) . Saturday, **April 11, 2009** at 2:00 pm.
- **Poetry as Memoir Workshop:** Poets, poetry fans, writers, and non-writers are encouraged to come to this free autobiographical poetry workshop taught by Steven Reigns. You are not required to be a good speller or have good grammar or read poetry or like to write. All you need to bring is a pen, paper, and a willingness to try. If your willingness is strong—we'll even provide the pen and paper. For more information on Steven Reigns visit www.stevenreigns.com. Wednesday, **April 15, 2009** at 6:00 pm.
- **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 2:00 pm.

Chalk Art in the Park: The City of West Hollywood will be having its 2nd annual "Chalk Art in the Park" **May 16, 2009** from 11am - 4 pm. 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 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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