

Upcoming Art Events

3/03/09

What's New?



Leaps of Faith: on Sunday, **3/08/09** Great Leap presents a performance piece featuring song, dance, spoken word, and theatrical performance that explores the relationship of art and faith. Leaps of Faith is supported in part with a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program. Suggested donation \$15. The performance will be at Crescent Heights United Methodist Church located at 1296 Fairfax Ave. West Hollywood, CA. For information and reservations please call (213) 250-8800 or email booking@greatleap.org

Great Leap is a Los Angeles-based, multicultural, performing arts organization dedicated to creating and presenting original works in theater, music, and dance. Through collaborative performances, workshops and community residencies, Great Leap works with professional artists and community partners to instill a deeper understanding and a sense of connection between diverse peoples. For thirty years Great Leap has produced high-quality, accessible, cutting-edge, community-based work, which has changed lives and built bridges of communication.



Arts Tune-Up, The City of West Hollywood through its Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission presents an Arts Tune Up on Saturday **3/07/09** from 10 am to 1 pm at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. Arts Tune Up is a workshop for artists and small budget nonprofit arts organizations to explore a variety of topics from marketing and grant writing to arts education, health insurance and legal issues affecting artists and writers. Register online through Survey Monkey by [clicking here](#). For more info contact Anjji Gaspar-Milanovic, Los Angeles Arts Commission (213) 202-3981 or amilanovic@arts.lacounty.gov



Russian Winter Festival 2009 - On **3/05/09** and **3/06/09** Mumiy Troll will appear at The Roxy on Sunset. This kicks off three nights of Russian culture, a bold statement in the face of economic crisis. Come see Russia's most famous band in their US tour titled "Comrade Ambassador." The Roxy is located at 9009 West Sunset Blvd. Concert Hotline: (310)276-2222, Box Office: (310)278-9457. On **3/07/09** the City of West Hollywood and the UCLA Slavic Dept. present "New Russian Cinema." Animation, documentary shorts, and a new feature film, all subtitled! Here you can see some of the most charming films from the world's biggest country; all are being shown in the U.S. for the very first time. 12 pm - 8 pm - Entrance is free, parking is \$9 for the entire day. [Click here](#) to view the 2009 Russian Winter Festival website.



LA Weekly Gold Standard Food Event, a selection of L.A.'s top 30 restaurants selected by Pulitzer Prize winning LA Weekly Food Critic, Jonathan Gold. **3/08/09** at Smashbox Studios in West Hollywood 3-8 pm. Tickets \$65, students \$20, kids \$10. A portion of the proceeds benefit Heal the Bay. To visit the website [click here](#).



Through March '09 - 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 the artists and this intriguing project. To learn more, [click here](#) or contact Andrew Campbell at (323) 848-6883 or acampbell@weho.org

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 Adeline 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 **February 20 - March 15, 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.

Hanging Out: A New Musical Revue in the Nude, World premiere musical conceived and directed by Robert Schrock, choreography by Ken Roht, and musical direction by Gerald Sternbach. Through **March 15, 2009** at the MACHA Theater, 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood CA 90069. Purchase tickets online at www.plays411.com or contact David Elzner at (818) 508-1754 for more information.

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. *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

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](#).



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.