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HOLIDAYS

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## Homecoming

*Going home, for the holidays,  
never meant going where I lived,*

*but where I began, a place of origin,  
where what I think of as my *self* was born.*

*That home is where the past is alive,  
where home is more than structure—*

*4 walls & a roof do not make a home—  
but a presence of safety, a memory of warmth.*

*And for so long, I thought it took two  
to make a home, like fire, kindle & spark.*

*Yet now I know the idea of home  
is singular & particular: wherever I choose,*

*anchored by remnants of that original home:  
a tin flour-sifter, a clown-faced cookie jar,*

*my mother's hand-written recipe for Red Velvet cake  
that crowd every kitchen I've claimed as my own.*

*Look beyond cliché—Home is where the heart is—  
reach beyond the known—There's no place like home—*

*To find what remains: an idea of belonging,  
Driving us toward acceptance, where our selves*

*Can breathe & pause & catch fire,  
Like a poinsettia's flame against winter.*

*— West Hollywood City Poet Laureate Charles Flowers*



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# Join the City of West Hollywood for these Holiday and Winter Programs!

## Winter Sounds

Holiday Jazz Concert  
Saturday, December 14, 2019  
5 pm

City Council Chambers  
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

**Free, RSVP:**

[www.weho.org/wintersounds](http://www.weho.org/wintersounds)

Vibraphonist Nick Mancini brings his quintet to perform a special holiday jazz concert.

## The Nutcracker

Sunday, December 8, 2019  
12 pm

Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall,  
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Suggested donation \$10

**For additional information call:  
310-980-3171**

A special performance by Avanti Art Center's student dancers.

## West Hollywood Artists and Icons/WeHo Reads:

### Felice Picano

Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
7 pm

City Council Chambers,  
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

**Free**

[www.weho.org/wehoreads](http://www.weho.org/wehoreads)

Join us for an event with longtime West Hollywood author Felice Picano followed by a holiday reception.

## "Colibri" - Gala Concert and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, December 15, 2019  
12 pm

Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall, 7377  
Santa Monica Boulevard

**Free**

**For additional information:**

**323-848-7988 or  
info@uidarts.org**

An international vocal competition for young performers.

Special thanks to the artist  
Shag for his cover artwork.

The Shag Store  
8443 Melrose Avenue  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
[www.shagthestore.com](http://www.shagthestore.com)

## Drag Queen Story Hour: Holiday Edition

Saturday, December 28, 2019  
11 am

West Hollywood Library  
Community Meeting Room  
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard

**Free, 310-625-5340**

Come join us for a special Winter/Holiday Drag Queen Story Hour. For children of all ages.

## #BOOM! 2020:

### The Boom Ball

Tuesday, December 31, 2019  
8 pm

West Hollywood Park Auditorium,  
647 N. San Vicente Boulevard

**Free**

[boom2020.eventbrite.com](http://boom2020.eventbrite.com)

#BOOM! is a premiere alcohol and drug free New Year's event, sponsored by the City of West Hollywood. #BOOM!'s purpose is to create a safe space for the West Hollywood community to celebrate New Year's Eve, where alcohol and drugs aren't the focus.

## Save the dates for upcoming free Winter Sounds concerts

with Dhara on January 11, 2020,  
and the George Sarah Ensemble on  
February 8, 2020.

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The City of West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station are partnering to give back to those in need this holiday season with the

## 29th Annual West Hollywood Toy and

**Food Drive** with toy and

clothing donation bins at  
**City Hall (8300 Santa Monica  
Blvd.)** and the **Sheriff's Station  
(780 N. San Vicente Blvd.)**.

Online donations can be made to:  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/todri>.

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