

Featured This Week



Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.—Gordon Ramsay at The London West Hollywood, 1020 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood. **Taste Art Opening Gala**—The Avenues: Art, Fashion and Design District and Los Angeles Times Magazine is pleased to present *Taste Art*, an inaugural series of innovative dining events that pair West Hollywood’s premier art galleries and restaurants, choreographing culturally-enriching dinner experiences. “Art tastings” will take place at participating restaurants each Tuesday evening during the month of October featuring diverse and inventive collaborations for every style, taste and budget. A portion of proceeds for all events will go towards the West Hollywood Library Fund. *Taste Art* will kick off with an opening gala, hosted by Los Angeles Times Magazine Design and Culture Editor Mayer Rus, on Tuesday, October 5th. The event will feature a collaboration between Tasende Gallery and Gordon Ramsay at The London Hotel. More information and tickets are available online at www.AvenuesWH.com/events/tastearart.

This Week’s Events

October 3, 2010, 3 p.m.—Great Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. **Queers Unleashed**—West Hollywood and L.A. based performance artists present stories that reflect Queer history. With the aid of a pair of cyber-sexual time traveling briefs, and his sexy Genie guide, performance artist Ian MacKinnon cruises Gay history in his brand new multi-media one-man show that covers thousands of years of homo-history and is informative, dirty, fabulous and fun. \$10 suggested donation. *Queers Unleashed* continues October 10, 2010 with performance artist Hank Henderson, and October 17, 2010 with artist Corey Saucier. Visit www.highwaysperformance.org or call 310/315-1459 for tickets and information.



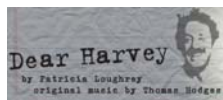
Upcoming Events



October 14-November 7, 2010, Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. & Sun. 2 p.m.—Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. **Making Paradise: The West Hollywood Musical**—West Hollywood, 1984. What happens when residents in a little urban pocket in western L.A. decide to band together in their quest for community, sanctuary and rent control? E. Pluribus Chaos! *Making Paradise: The West Hollywood Musical* follows the story of four UCLA friends who became pioneers of their generation by knocking down doors and uniting ex-Soviet immigrants, LGBT activists, and senior citizens in establishing West Hollywood as “The Creative City,” making it the vibrant cultural, artistic, and political hub it is today, more than 25 years later. This project celebrates the City of West Hollywood’s 25th Anniversary of Cityhood and is part of Cornerstone Theater Company’s 25th theatrical season. For tickets and information visit www.cornerstonetheater.org.

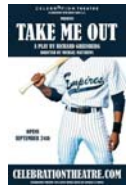
Ongoing Events

Through October 17, 2010, Fri.-Sat. 8 p.m. & Sun. 7 p.m.—MACHA Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Rd., West Hollywood. **Valentino Valentina**—MACHA Theatre/Films presents *Valentino Valentina*, a romantic comedy by Carlo Allen dealing with immigration and same sex love. Visit www.plays411.com/valentino or call 323/960-7712 for tickets.



Through October 10, 2010, Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. & Sun. 2 p.m.—Lee Strasberg Theater, 7936 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. **Dear Harvey**—Presented by The BEAT PROJECT, *Dear Harvey* is based on the writings of Harvey Milk and first person interviews of those closest to Milk and the civil rights movement he began. For more information visit www.dearharveyla.com or call 323/960-7782.

Ongoing Events Continued



Through Fall 2010, Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. & Sun. 3 p.m.—Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. **Take Me Out**—Celebration Theatre and Sidney/Kern L.L.C. present the Tony Award winning play *Take Me Out*. The star center fielder for the champion New York Empire's matter-of-fact announcement that he's gay, throws his team into turmoil and confusion. Visit www.celebrationtheatre.com or call 323/957-1884.

Second Wednesday of Every Month, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—O-Bar Restaurant and Lounge, 8279 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. **West Hollywood Area Artists Happy Hour**—This coterie of artists, gallerists and curators meet monthly to socialize, network and hear from a person of interest in the arts community during "15 Minutes with..." Send an email to martin@gantman.com to subscribe to the email list and to receive meeting announcements.



Through 2010—The Sunset Strip, Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood.—**The Sunset Strip Guitartown**—The Sunset Strip Business Association and Gibson Guitar have collaborated on *Guitartown*, a public art project that features more than 25 ten-foot tall fiberglass Les Paul guitars placed along the iconic Sunset Strip in the City of West Hollywood. Visit <http://thesunsetstrip.com> or www.gibson.com/Sunset-Strip for more information.

Through Summer 2011—Santa Monica Blvd. and Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood. **On Route - 66 Lights**—In celebration of its 25th Anniversary of Cityhood, West Hollywood celebrates its pre-Cityhood history with a display of vintage neon signs from old Route 66. The exhibition is in collaboration with the Museum of Neon Art. A brochure is available at West Hollywood City Hall, Plummer Park, West Hollywood Library and the Museum of Neon Art. Visit www.weho.org/arts to view a slideshow of the neon featured in the exhibition.



Art Opportunities



CALL TO ARTISTS—City of West Hollywood 25th Anniversary Exhibition—To commemorate the City of West Hollywood's 25th Anniversary of Cityhood, the City of West Hollywood through its Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission is inviting local artists to participate in a juried show celebrating West Hollywood's art and artists from the last 25 years. As a celebration of the City's history, artwork created since 1984 is eligible for inclusion in the exhibition. The exhibition will take place in a temporary gallery specifically set up for this exhibition, located at 8270 Santa Monica Boulevard, a half block east of City Hall.

The competition is open to all artists living in, working in or with a strong connection to the City of West Hollywood. There is NO FEE for entry. Artists may submit up to 3 pieces for consideration by the juror. Works in all media are eligible for inclusion in the exhibition. **Submission deadline: October 6, 2010.** The exhibit will run from November 3 to November 27, 2010. For complete information visit www.weho.org/arts or call 323/848-6883.



Grant Opportunity - LA County Arts Commission Organizational Grant Program—The Los Angeles County Arts Commission is now welcoming applications for the 2011-12 Organizational Grant Program (OGP). The OGP provides financial support to assist and strengthen nonprofit arts organizations to provide quality arts services to enrich the lives of Los Angeles County residents. To learn more about the OGP and access the Guidelines and Application, please visit http://lacountyarts.org/ogp_programInfo.html. Arts organizations considering applying to the Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Organizational Grant Program (OGP) can learn valuable grant-writing skills at workshops throughout Los Angeles County. To view complete details and register for a workshop, please visit: http://www.lacountyarts.org/ogp_workshopsched.html. If you have any questions regarding OGP guidelines, eligibility or workshops, please contact grants@arts.lacounty.gov or 213/202-5858.

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.