

PST... STARTED HERE



1945-1980,

THE YEARS THAT PACIFIC STANDARD TIME COVERS,

the urban parcel that is now the City of West Hollywood was the modern-day wild west, physically and metaphorically. An unincorporated territory smack in the middle of Los Angeles, it was—and is—a hotbed of creativity and progressivism representing the rebellious heart of Southern California's artistic and cultural identity. True to form, West Hollywood presents its own provocative take on Pacific Standard Time with "PST ...It All Started Here," a collection of events and exhibits that take art out of the museum and onto the streets—and celebrates the art world icons, rock music stars, visionary conceptualists, and revolutionary thinkers that made the city a world renowned cultural destination.



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OFFERINGS FOR PST... IT ALL STARTED HERE INCLUDE

- Perpetual Conceptual: Echoes of Eugenia Butler, an exploration of gallerist Eugenia Butler-a seminal figure in the promulgation of conceptual art and a key figure on La Cienega's paramount gallery row.
- On the Sunset Strip, Mark di Suvero's recreation of his monumental Artists' Tower of Protest, originally built in 1966 as a Vietnam War protest, is an ongoing element in Pacific Standard Time's Performance and Public Art Festival. • Decade of Dissent: Democracy In Action 1965-1975 mines the archives of the Center for the Study of Political Graphics, whose collection of post-WWII political art is the largest of its kind in the U.S. • At the ONE Archives Gallery & Museum, Cruising the Archive: Queer Art and Culture in Los Angeles, 1945-1980, Wink Wink examines the relationship between artistic practices and LGBTQ histories. Other activities include Pacific Standard Time-themed exhibitions and performances at West Hollywood art galleries, and at storied locations such as Barney's Beanery that were the hang-outs of the artists and musicians that shaped our world.







ARTISTS' TOWER OF PROTEST by Mark di Suvero

Opens January 19, 2012

Originally conceived by the Los Angeles Artists' Protest Committee and designed by sculptor Mark di Suvero, The Artists' Tower of Protest was erected on a lot on Sunset Boulevard near La Cienega in 1966 as a symbol of collective dissent against the Vietnam War. With di Suvero's involvement and the collaboration of many other contemporary artists, The Artists' Tower of Protest is being re-staged on The Sunset Strip to both reflect on this important historical moment in Los Angeles, and to open a dialogue about the current role of arts activism. Part of the Pacific Standard Time Performance and Public Art Festival, the 2012 iteration of The Artists' Tower of Protest is organized by the Getty Research Institute and LA><ART; support provided by the Getty Foundation. LA>< Art laxart.org



PERPETUAL CONCEPTUAL: Echoes of Eugenia Butler LAND (Los Angeles Nomadic Division)

January 25 - April 21, 2012

The multi-site, multi-media exhibition Perpetual Conceptual: Echoes of Eugenia Butler presents a renegotiated understanding of the historical importance of Eugenia Butler, Sr. and her seminal gallery. Despite the Eugenia Butler Gallery's short-lived physical presence on La Cienega's gallery row (1968—1971), the influence of projects and events that took place there continue to permeate the contemporary art scene. Presented by LAND (Los Angeles Nomadic Division) in collaboration with Butler's granddaughter Corazon del Sol, Perpetual Conceptual includes three connected spaces which comprise the exhibition and performance venues at 8126-8132 Santa Monica Boulevard. The Eric Orr component of Perpetual Conceptual is part of the Pacific Standard Time Performance and Public Art Festival, organized by the Getty Research Institute and LA><ART; support provided by the Getty Foundation. Additional events and performances will take place at locations around West Hollywood. LAND nomadicdivision.org.





CRUISING THE ARCHIVE: Queer Art and Culture in Los Angeles, 1945—1980 ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives Gallery & Museums Continues through April 1, 2012

Cruising the Archive: Queer Art and Culture in Los Angeles, 1945-1980 is a three-part exhibition that explores the relationship between artistic practices and LGBTQ histories through artworks, objects, and archival documents culled from the collections at ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives. By presenting works of art alongside archival materials from the social and historical context of their production, the exhibition explores the divergent, ambiguous, and sometimes humorous ways in which queer artists and activists in Los Angeles have contributed to the aesthetic and political field of cultural production. Organized by David Frantz and Mia Locks, Cruising the Archive presents artworks by both established and unknown artists, and is the most comprehensive showing of ONE Archives' art collection to date.

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives one archives.org



DECADE OF DISSENT: Democracy in Action 1965—1975 Center for the Study of Political Graphics

February 4 - April 28, 2012

The exhibition Decade of Dissent: Democracy in Action 1965—1975 documents the importance of political poster art in promoting the ideas and ideals of democracy during a turbulent, watershed era in California, and across the nation. Democracy was advanced at the ballot box, on campuses, and in the streets—yet conflict and controversy defined the decade as free speech was challenged, peaceful assemblies were violently disrupted, and many Americans were denied equality. Presented at the West Hollywood Library by the Center for the Study of Political Graphics—the largest archive of post-WWII political graphics in the U.S. and the second largest in the world—Decade of Dissent mines its collection to illustrate the power of art to convey past experiences and views of the world, and create a broader context for understanding contemporary society.

Center for the Study of Political Graphics politicalgraphics.org









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PST... It All Started Here—West Hollywood Celebrates Pacific Standard Time is a dynamic collaboration between the City of West Hollywood, artists, curators, nonprofit arts organizations, and the West Hollywood business community, including the City's Business Improvement Districts: The Avenues – Art, Fashion and Design District, the Sunset Strip Business Association, the Marketing and Visitors Bureau, and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks are also due to Barney's Beanery, the legendary West Hollywood roadhouse and watering hole that is unofficial "headquarters" for PST... It All Started Here. A landmark and favorite meeting spot on Santa Monica Boulevard (historic Route 66) since 1927, Barney's was a major hangout for the influential and iconic artists, writers, and musicians that defined the years covered by Pacific Standard Time, 1945-1980. With its central location and ample parking nearby, it's still one of WeHo's most popular spots, and is an ideal place to "eat and drink as the artists did" before or after any PST... It All Started Here activities—some events will even take place within its historic walls...keep checking weho.org/pst for programming updates at locations all around West Hollywood.

Projects and Performances by

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- Pacific Standard Time is an unprecedented collaboration of more than
 sixty cultural institutions across Southern California, coming together to tell the
 story of the birth of the L.A. art scene. Initiated through grants from the Getty
 Foundation, Pacific Standard Time will take place for six months beginning
 October 2011. Support for the Performance and Public Art Festival is provided
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For programming additions, scheduling/location changes, and the latest updates: Facebook at ARTbeat West Hollywood or on the web at weho.org/pst

