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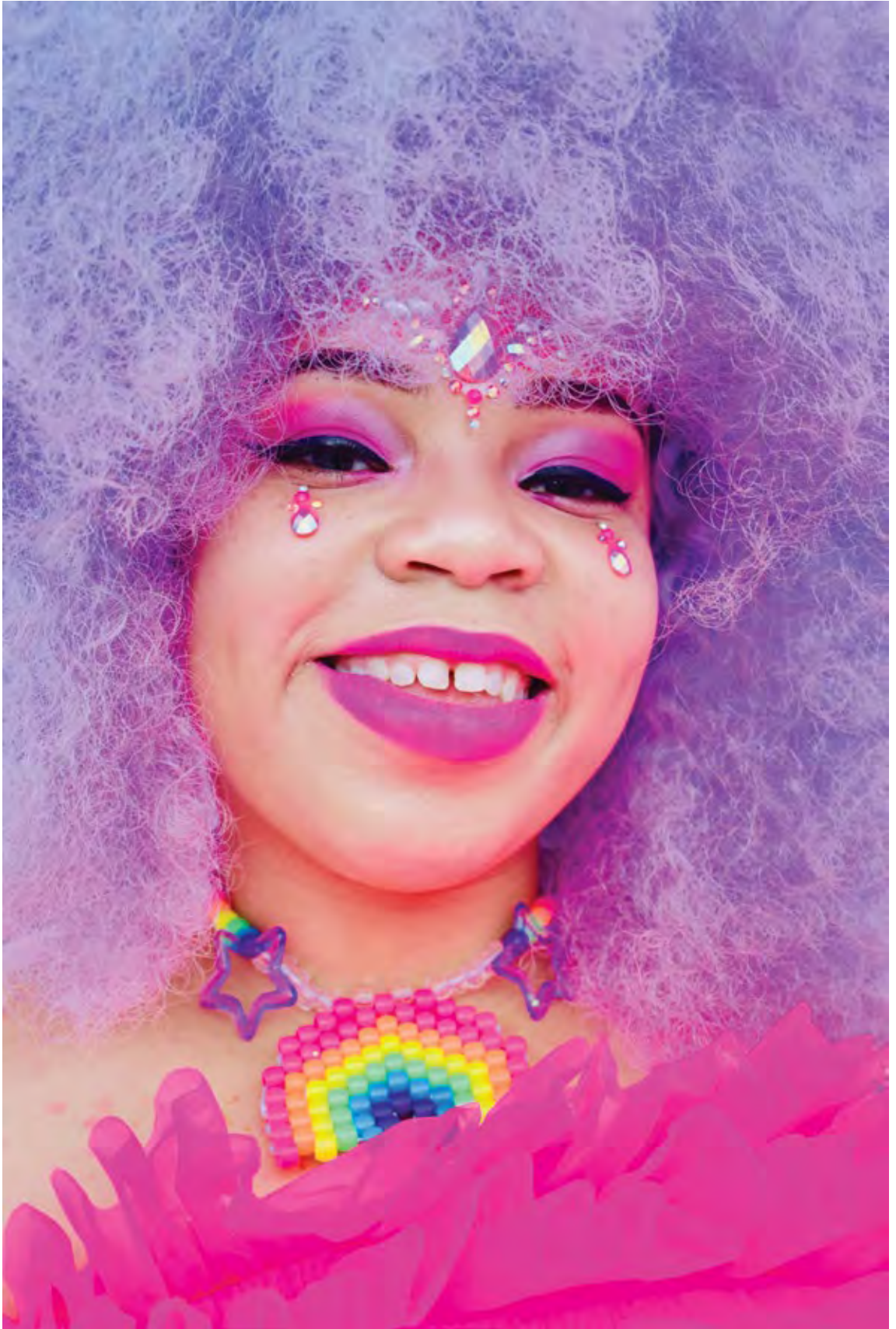
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Amina AmXn, *Unicorns and Rainbows and Joy and Happiness*, Digital photography, 16" x 20", 2019

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Karen Bass
MAYOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I am proud to join Angelenos in celebrating and honoring our LGBTQIA+ community. This month—and every month—we recognize the history, resilience, achievements, and ongoing contributions of LGBTQIA+ Angelenos, while reaffirming our commitment to keeping Los Angeles a city where everyone can live openly and with pride.

Every day, organizations such as the Los Angeles LGBT Center are on the front lines, providing health care, housing, youth services, and critical support to LGBTQIA+ individuals across our city. Together, we must keep working to ensure Los Angeles is a place where everyone feels supported and welcome.

As Mayor, I want to be clear: Los Angeles will always stand with the LGBTQIA+ community. We will continue working to protect the rights, safety, and well-being of all Angelenos, regardless of who they are or who they love.

In solidarity,

Karen Bass
MAYOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



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Marqueece Harris-Dawson

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
COUNCILMEMBER, EIGHTH DISTRICT**

Dear Friends,

This Pride, we recognize the courage, creativity, and persistent pursuit of justice demonstrated by the LGBTQIA+ community in LA, and our celebration is interwoven with an ardent call to action. Across the nation, anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and renewed pressures from the federal government seek to roll back our hard-won progress, particularly impacting transgender and gender nonconforming people. We must come together as one community to protect that progress. That means showing up through our voices, our visibility, and the full power of our creativity.

In this difficult moment, art is not just a form of expression—it is resistance. Los Angeles is blessed with LGBTQIA+ artists whose work challenges the status quo and envisions a truly inclusive world. We must amplify this art as a powerful force for renaissance and liberation.

Yet, even in a city that promises equality, profound struggles persist. High rates of food and housing insecurity, access to employment and healthcare, create significant barriers to thriving. We know we still have a long way to go for justice. As neighbors and allies, we have a duty to stand united in eliminating the inequities that prevent our neighbors from living safely and authentically.

With this year's Heritage Month Calendar in your hands, let this be a call to support the performers, writers, and visual artists who shape our city. And let us recommit to building that future together, celebrating loudly, advocating relentlessly, and pushing forward the progress of those who refuse to be silent.

With pride and hope,

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
COUNCILMEMBER, EIGHTH DISTRICT**



Angel Ponce, *Folklorico Figure*, Oil on wood panel, 2026

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Ysabel J. Jurado
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I am proud to welcome you to this year's LGBTQIA+ Heritage Month celebration.

This year's theme – **Queer Joy as Radical Resistance** – reminds us that joy has always been a political act. For generations, LGBTQIA+ people have built community, created art, cared for one another, and lived authentically in a world that too often told us we did not belong. Choosing joy in the face of discrimination, fear, and injustice is an act of resistance. It is how we survive, how we heal, and how we continue pushing the world forward.

Last year, as we celebrated Pride across Los Angeles, many of us were also responding to ICE raids impacting immigrant workers and families in our communities. That moment underscored an important truth: our struggles and our liberation are deeply intertwined. Pride has always been about solidarity, standing with those targeted, excluded, and pushed to the margins, and fighting together for dignity, safety, and justice for all people.

Los Angeles has long been shaped by people who dared to imagine a more just and inclusive future, and LGBTQIA+ Angelenos continue to lead that work every day. Throughout this month, we celebrate not only our history and achievements, but also the organizers, artists, workers, advocates, and young people building a city where everyone can live openly, safely, and with dignity. We honor the resilience, creativity, and collective power of our LGBTQIA+ communities.

May this celebration remind us that our joy is part of the work. It is fuel for the movement, a declaration of our humanity, and a vision for the freer, more compassionate city we are fighting to build together.

Wishing you a joyful and empowering Pride Month.

In solidarity,

Ysabel J. Jurado
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT



Amina Cruz, *Jenn*, Digital photo, 16" x 21", 2026

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Daniel Tarica
GENERAL MANAGER
CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

June offers us a meaningful opportunity to come together in celebration of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) Heritage Month. We are proud to welcome residents and visitors alike to experience a dynamic lineup of events, artists, and cultural programs honoring the many voices, histories, and creative contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community throughout Los Angeles.

Grounded in our commitment to serving the people of Los Angeles as rights continue to be challenged, the Department of Cultural Affairs joins with LGBTQIA+ communities in recognizing the transformative power of arts and culture in fostering compassion, resilience, and human connection. Through performances, exhibitions, gatherings, and storytelling, this month's celebrations uplift lived experiences, encourage dialogue, and both reflect and appreciate the diversity that continues to shape our city.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our Mayor, City Council, elected officials, and the City's LGBTQIA+ employees, as well as the many nonprofit organizations, community groups, arts organizations, artists, and advocates whose dedication and collaboration made this publication possible. Their efforts have helped create a guide filled with enriching, empowering, educational, and inspiring opportunities for all to enjoy.

We are also honored to feature contemporary works by local LGBTQIA+ artists and poets whose creativity reflects both remembrance and hope. Their work acknowledges past struggles and achievements while envisioning a future rooted in dignity, belonging, and equality. Whether you are part of the LGBTQIA+ community or an ally, your participation helps strengthen a more welcoming and inclusive Los Angeles for everyone.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tarica
GENERAL MANAGER
CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

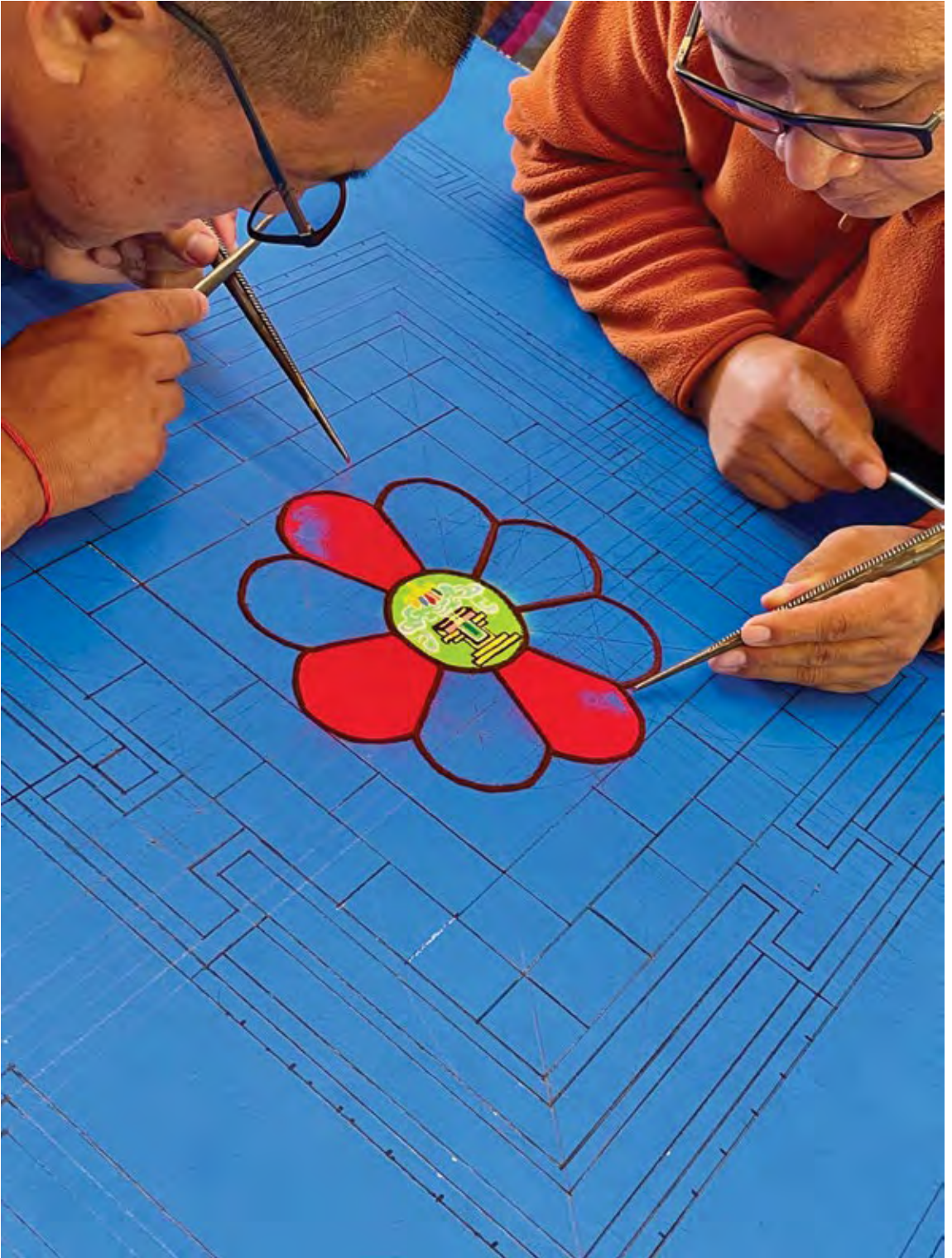




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OFFICIAL EVENT

This year's Official Opening Event is presented by the **City of Los Angeles**, **Ysabel J. Jurado, Councilmember, District 14**, and the **City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs** to honor the history and culture of the LGBTQIA+ members of our community. The event is free, and open to the public. Please join us at the wonderful celebration taking place in Los Angeles this year.



Karin Lisa Atkinson, *World Peace*, Digital photography, 3024 x 4032 px, 2026

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LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL+ HERITAGE MONTH OPENING CELEBRATION

Councilmember Ysabel Jurado and the Los Angeles City Council invite you to join us in celebrating the opening of LGBTQIA+ Heritage Month in the City of Los Angeles.

The celebration will begin with a special presentation in the John E. Ferraro Council Chamber honoring individuals whose achievements and contributions have strengthened and uplifted the LGBTQIA+ community.

2026 LGBTQIA+ HONOREES

Joel Kim Booster - Joel Kim Booster is an Emmy Award winning comedian, writer, and actor whose work has helped redefine contemporary queer storytelling in film, television, and comedy.

Manila Luzon - Known for her bold fashion, signature wit, and influential presence in LGBTQIA+ culture, Manila Luzon rose to international fame on RuPaul's Drag Race.

One Institute - Founded in 1952, One Institute is the oldest active LGBTQIA+ organization in the United States and a national leader in preserving and sharing queer history.

Following the presentation, guests are invited to gather for a community reception at the Spring Street Forecourt. This year's theme, **Queer Joy as Radical Resistance**, invites us to honor the strength found in joy, connection, and collective liberation.

WHEN: Friday, June 5, 2026, Council Presentation 10:00 a.m., Community Reception 12:00 noon

WHERE: Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Council Presentation: John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall
Community Reception: Spring Street Forecourt

COST: Free

INFO: Please contact Milagros Montalvo at milagros.montalvo@lacity.org



Imani Tolliver, *Bleeding Heart Dove*, Mixed media, 8" x 10", 2026



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2026 HONOREES

This year's honorees, presented by the **City of Los Angeles**, and **Ysabel J. Jurado, Councilmember, District 14** honor the diversity and excellence of the LGBTQIA+ community in Los Angeles.

The honorees will receive their awards at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ Heritage Month Opening Celebration held at City Hall, on Friday, June 5, 2026. For more information about the Celebration, please view the event information on page 11. The Ceremony is free to attend, and open to the public.



Monica Orozco, *Arrival*, Self-portrait by Monica Orozco, Photograph, 12" x 15", 2016



JOEL KIM BOOSTER

Joel Kim Booster is a comedian, writer, and actor whose work has helped redefine contemporary queer storytelling in film, television, and comedy. He wrote and starred in *Fire Island*, a critically acclaimed romantic comedy that earned Emmy nominations as well as recognition from the GLAAD Media Awards and the Independent Spirit Awards for its fresh, inclusive take on LGBTQIA+ romance and friendship. He currently stars in Apple TV+'s *Loot* and voices a lead role in *K-Pop: Demon Hunters*, while also hosting the popular *Bad Dates* podcast. Across platforms, Booster has built a career rooted in sharp humor, cultural insight, and a commitment to centering queer and Asian American experiences in mainstream entertainment.



MANILA LUZON

Known for her bold fashion, signature wit, and influential presence in LGBTQIA+ culture, **Manila Luzon** rose to international fame on *RuPaul's Drag Race* and later returned for *RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars*, becoming one of the most recognizable drag artists of her generation. Over the past decade, she has expanded her creative work across music, television, and live performance, releasing original tracks including *Hot Couture* and *Go Fish*, while appearing across major networks and streaming platforms. As host, head judge, and executive producer of *Drag Den with Manila Luzon*, she has built a groundbreaking platform that uplifts Filipino talent and advances global visibility for drag and queer artistry, earning multiple awards for her contributions to entertainment and representation.



ONE INSTITUTE

Founded in 1952, **One InSTITUTE** is the oldest active LGBTQIA+ organization in the United States and a national leader in preserving and sharing queer history. As the independent community partner of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries – the world's largest LGBTQIA+ archival collection – the organization ensures that LGBTQIA+ and HIV/AIDS histories are not only preserved, but actively brought into public life. Through exhibitions, public programs, K–12 teacher trainings, and youth mentorship initiatives, One InSTITUTE advances inclusive education and social equity, centering the lived experiences of BIPOC, transgender, gender-nonconforming, disabled, youth, and elder communities to ensure LGBTQIA+ history is understood as essential American history.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The *2026 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ Heritage Month Calendar and Cultural Guide* includes live and virtual/streaming events produced by Los Angeles' diverse arts and cultural community organizations in honor of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Department of Cultural Affairs assumes no responsibility for postponed or canceled events or programming published in this Heritage Guide. Please contact the event organizer or venue prior to attending.



Rick Castro, *Village People*, 11" x 8", Archival digital print, signed on verso, 2016



CHILDRENS AND TEEN ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY HOUR FOR KIDS: CELEBRATE ANDRÉ LEON TALLEY

Join us for a reading of **André: André Leon Talley - A Fabulously Fashionable Fairy Tale** by Carole Boston Weatherford. Talley was the first African American man to serve as a creative director at Vogue. He was an LGBTQ+ fashion icon who styled famous public figures. Learn about fashion from different parts of the world, then make your own designs using colored pencils! Recommended for ages 6-12.

WHEN: June 2, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: San Gabriel Library
INFO: 626.287.0761
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16338844

RAINBOW SCRATCH BOOKMARK

Join us in celebrating Pride Month with our colorful Scratch Bookmark Craft! Teens are invited to a relaxing, creative session to design their own bold, rainbow bookmark. All supplies provided. For teens, ages 13 - 17.

WHEN: June 4, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Junipero Serra Branch Library, 4607 S. Main St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Junipero Serra Branch Library
INFO: 323.234.1685
lapl.org/whats-on/events/rainbow-scratch-bookmark

PRIDE KITE WORKSHOP

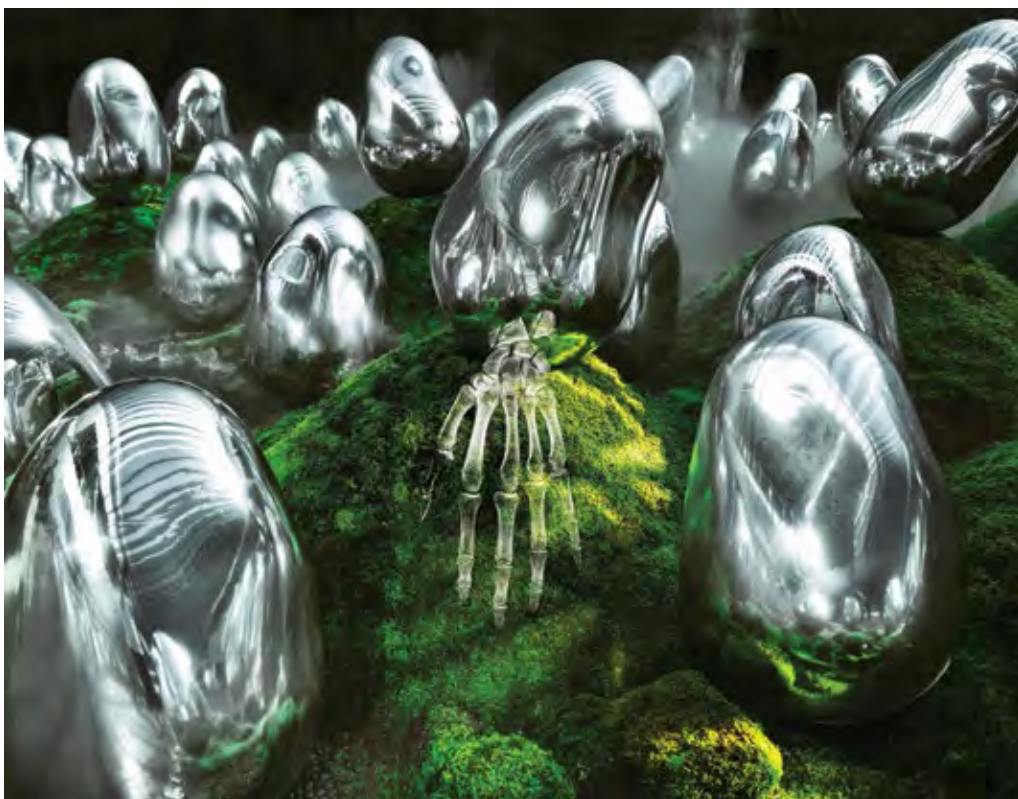
Celebrate Pride by making a rainbow kite. Participants will assemble kite frames, paint sails, and decorate their creations with rubber stamps of queer icons from history. For ages 11 to 19.

WHEN: June 4, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
SITE: Robertson Branch Library, 1719 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free, RSVP in advance to rbrtsn@lapl.org
SPONSOR: Robertson Branch Library
INFO: 310.840.2147
lapl.org/whats-on/events/pride-kite-workshop

MARCH WITH PRIDE

Show your support for the LGBTQIA+ community by making signs to wave at upcoming Pride marches in your area. All supplies and materials will be provided while supplies last. For teens, ages 13 - 17.

WHEN: June 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: El Monte Library, 3224 Tyler Ave., El Monte
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: San Gabriel Library
INFO: 626.287.0761
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16338844



Tirdad Aghakhani, *Among The Aliens*, Photography, 20" x 27", 2024

CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH: PRIDE BRACELETS

Learn about different pride flags, their meanings, and how pride is celebrated globally. Then, create beaded bracelets based on your favorite pride flags or unique designs. For ages 5 – 12 with a parent or caregiver.

- WHEN:** June 6, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- SITE:** San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel
- COST:** Free, register on the website
- SPONSOR:** San Gabriel Library
- INFO:** 626.287.0761
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16338844

FABULOUS FABLES

Gather the little ones for a joy-filled celebration created especially for families with kids 10 and under. This magical morning invites children into a world of wonder with vibrant drag-queen storytelling, colorful face painting, poetry, lively performances, and a pint-sized pride parade everyone can join.

- WHEN:** June 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Merry Go-Round Building, 200 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** The City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Pier, The Crow
- INFO:** santamonicipier.org/fabfables



Mary Cheung, *Cybergirl In 3 Prts*, Digital photography art, 16" x 24", 2026

NATURAL-DYE NAPKINS WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Celebrate Pride Month by making your own rainbow, natural-dye napkin. Performer Brie Wakeland Muszynski will lead a hands-on workshop on eco-printing with natural dyes, and participants will make an eco-printed napkin to take home. All materials will be provided. This program is for ages 11 and older.

- WHEN:** June 9, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Woodland Hills Branch Library, 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Library Foundation of Los Angeles, Woodland Hills Branch Library
INFO: 818.226.0017
lapl.org/whats-on/events/natural-dye-napkins-workshop-teens

ARTSY THURSDAY: ANDY WARHOL

Join us this Pride Month as we learn about Andy Warhol. We will explore the life and artwork of this artist. Then we will create our very own inspired art piece. For ages 5 - 12.

- WHEN:** June 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
SITE: Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave., Lawndale
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: Lawndale Library
INFO: 310.676.0177
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16334287



DRAG STORY HOUR AT WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

Drag Story Hour is exactly what it sounds like: drag queens reading progressive children’s literature to kids of all ages. Drag queens bring humor, play, glamour, and fantasy—all qualities that delight children and entertain adults as well.

- WHEN:** June 13, 11:00 a.m.
- SITE:** West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** City of West Hollywood Arts Division, Los Angeles County Library
- INFO:** 310.652.5340
go.weho.org/dragstoryhour

BOOK ADVENTURES AT THE LIBRARY: ‘T’WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE PRIDE

Come learn about the interesting history of Pride Month by joining us in the read-aloud of *Twas the Night Before Pride* by Joanna McClintick! We will read the book, discuss it, and then create our own pin buttons and rainbows! For ages 5 - 12.

- WHEN:** June 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Willowbrook Library, 11838 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free with RSVP on the website
- SPONSOR:** Willowbrook Library
- INFO:** 323.564.5698
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15882941

PRIDE PAPERWEIGHTS

It’s Pride Month. Learn about LGBTQ+ icons in sports, activism, science, entertainment, and government while making your own six-sided pride paperweight, or LGBT-Cube. For kids ages 5 – 12.

- WHEN:** June 17, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- SITE:** Manhattan Beach Library, 1320 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach
- COST:** Free, register on the website
- SPONSOR:** Manhattan Beach Library
- INFO:** 310.545.8595
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16265427

ARTIST ANDY WARHOL AND THE POP ART MOVEMENT

Join us in celebrating Pride Month by learning about the famous pop art pioneer, Andy Warhol. Afterward, learn how to create your own Warhol-inspired blotted line art piece .For teens ages 12.18.

- WHEN:** June 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- SITE:** Montebello Library, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** County of Los Angeles Probation Department, Montebello Library
- INFO:** 323.722.6551
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16356677



Jose Lomeli, *Ofrendas de Incienso/Offerings of Incense*, Ceramic, 6" x 10", 2023



Ricky Sencion, #172, Acrylic on paper, 18" x 18", 2023

DRAG STORY HOUR

Drag Storytime is just what it sounds like. The program begins with a drag storyteller explaining that drag is dress-up and imagination coming to life, and what drag means to them. The storyteller will then read 3-4 books, engaging with participants, asking questions about the material, and guiding participants through the stories. For children aged 3 and up and their families.

- WHEN:** June 20, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Central Library
INFO: 213.228.7250
lapl.org/whats-on/events/drag-story-hour



COMMUNITY PRIDE

Celebrate LGBTQIA Pride Month by making a community flag. Paint a stripe that tells your story. We will put them all together to create a flag as a symbol of our community.

WHEN: June 23, 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library, 10205 Compton Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library
INFO: 323.789.2850
lapl.org/whats-on/events/community-pride

KEITH HARING ART - PRIDE MONTH

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month celebrates the culture, contributions, and heritage of queer culture. For this activity, you will create art inspired by Keith Haring. For teens, ages 13-17. To find out about more artists and icons like Keith Haring, check out LA County Library's Pride page: LACountyLibrary.org/pride.

WHEN: June 25, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Sorensen Library, 6934 Broadway Ave., Whittier
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: Sorensen Library
INFO: 562.695.3979
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16357454

PRIDE KITE MAKING AND LGBTQ+ HISTORY

Assemble the frames. Paint the sails. Build your own kite. Learn to use block-stamp symbols as springboards for discussing battles and victories of the LGBTQIA+ movement. Materials provided.

WHEN: June 26, 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library, 1623 Ivar Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library, Library Foundation of Los Angeles
INFO: 323.856.8260
lapl.org/branches/hollywood

DIY PRONOUN PINS

Celebrate Pride Month with us as we discuss the importance of pronouns in expressing one's gender identity. Afterward, create your own pronoun pins to take home. For Ages 13 – 17.

WHEN: June 26, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel
COST: Free, advance registration required
SPONSOR: San Gabriel Library
INFO: 626.287.0761
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16269010



Duane Paul, *Fragile Target*, Digital archival photographic print on cold press Hahnemühle, resin, fabric, cut paper, wood, repurposed denim, carpet tacks, sandpaper disks and steel tin can lids, 45" x 45", 2025



DRAG PERFORMANCE

LEGENDARY BINGO

This is LA's most popular and longest-running weekly charity event. Serving up balls since 1998, Legendary Bingo has become a staple of the LA community. Hosted by Bingo Boy and his rotating roster of fabulous hostesses, each event is a mix of friends, fun, ridiculousness and, more often than not, a good cause. To date, we have raised over 8 million dollars for local and national charities and the arts. One ball at a time.

- WHEN:** June 2 – 3, Weekly, Tuesdays – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Bingo Boy, Inc.
INFO: 323.654.3800
bingoboyinc.com

“ROXY’S GOT BALLS” DRAG QUEEN BINGO

Live and free at Tiny's Hi-Dive, bingo just got a fabulous makeover: 10 Games/Prizes; Fun Chill Environment; Delicious Drinks/Food; BAD BINGOS; and Bingo Babe Roxy Wood. No tickets required; however, seating is limited. Arrive early.

- WHEN:** June 2, Weekly, Tuesdays, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
SITE: Tiny's Hi-Dive, 12012 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Roxy Wood
INFO: roxysgotballs.com

MIRROR IMAGE DRAG SHOW

Thursday night's newest drag show is a celebration of female celebrity impersonations. Featuring LA's most amazing celebrity impersonators.

- WHEN:** June 4, Weekly, Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Hamburger Mary's
INFO: 323.654.3800
hamburgermarys.com/events/mirror-image-drag-show



MMIX, *Silencia*, Glitched photography, 14" x 11", 2025

ILLUSIONS THE DRAG QUEEN SHOW

The perfect combination of spectacular burlesque style and comedy performances by fabulous celebrity impersonators and the funniest Los Angeles drag queen hosts you'll ever have the pleasure of encountering.

- WHEN:** June 5 – 6, Weekly, Fridays – Saturdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Illusions the Drag Queen Show, 1626 Cosmo St., Los Angeles
COST: Purchase tickets on Eventbrite
SPONSOR: Illusions The Drag Queen Show
INFO: 833-783-3648
[eventbrite.com/e/illusions-the-drag-queen-show-los-angeles-los-angeles-ca-tickets-90854017813?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/illusions-the-drag-queen-show-los-angeles-los-angeles-ca-tickets-90854017813?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

DIVA ROYALE DRAG QUEEN SHOW

The divas have arrived in Los Angeles, ready to serve female celebrity impersonation. Get up close and personal with your host Diva Drag Queen and her guest Drag Queen Divas such as Madonna, Dolly Parton, Celine Dion, Liza Minnelli, Adele, Whitney Houston, and many other celebrity impersonators. This will be a celebration you won't forget.

- WHEN:** June 5 – 6, Weekly, Fridays – Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.
SITE: The North End, 6423 Yucca St., Los Angeles
COST: Purchase tickets on Eventbrite
SPONSOR: The North End
INFO: [eventbrite.com/e/diva-royale-drag-queen-show-los-angeles-weekly-drag-queen-shows-tickets-73010104187?aff=ebdssbdestsearchlocation](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diva-royale-drag-queen-show-los-angeles-weekly-drag-queen-shows-tickets-73010104187?aff=ebdssbdestsearchlocation)



Mike D. Salazar, *Dear Mr. President*, Digital photography, 10" x 12.375", 2025



Gustave Caillebotte, (French, 1848 - 1894), *Young Man at His Window*, Oil on canvas, 116cm × 81 cm, 1876



PUMPED FRIDAYS

High-energy performance art filled with music, dance, and celebrations of irreverent authenticity in community, hosted by Misty Violet.

- WHEN:** June 5, Weekly, Fridays, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Hamburger Mary's
INFO: 323.654.3800
hamburgermarys.com/events/pumped-fridays

DRAG BRUNCH WITH THE BRUNCHETTES

This in-person event is the perfect way to start your weekend or to celebrate any event, bachelorette parties, birthdays, promotion celebrations, reunions, girls' night out, etc. Our talented drag performers will entertain you with their incredible performances, bringing the stage to life with their charisma and sass.

- WHEN:** June 6 – 7, Weekly, Saturdays – Sundays, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Hamburger Mary's
INFO: 323.654.3800
hamburgermarys.com/weho/events

MARY'S CABARET SATURDAYS

A mixture of lip-synching, live vocals, dance, and comedy to entertain, satirize social norms, and build community with each curated persona featured. Hosted by Dani Kay.

- WHEN:** June 6, Weekly, Saturdays, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Hamburger Mary's
INFO: 323.654.3800
hamburgermarys.com/events/marys-cabaret-saturdays

DRAG QUEEN BRUNCH AT THE ABBEY

The Abbey sets the outdoor stage for its drag queen lineup. Our Drag superstars take the stage at 1:00 p.m., so arrive early to get a food, drink, and a seat.

- WHEN:** June 6 – 7, Weekly, Saturdays – Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
SITE: The Abbey, 692 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: The Abbey
INFO: 310.289.8410
theabbeyweho.com



Leon Mostovoy, *Trans Royalty*, Wyatt Grey, *Actor, Writer, and wife Jerrika*, Photography, 30" x 36", 2025

DRAG BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY

Wear your most fabulous outfit, play bingo & win prizes at Drag Bingo at Hamburger Mary's WeHo. This special event benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, that helps raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis research and support programs. Help raise funds so we can help others in the fight against MS!

- WHEN:** June 16, 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Hamburger Mary's WeHo, 8288 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: \$20, suggested donation
SPONSORS: Laura Walker, Hamburger Mary's WeHo
INFO: 323.654.3800
[eventbrite.com/e/drag-bingo-fundraiser-for-the-national-ms-society-tickets-1988048101388?aff=ebdssbdestsearch](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drag-bingo-fundraiser-for-the-national-ms-society-tickets-1988048101388?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)

DRAG BRUNCH ON THE WATER

The most fabulous and unforgettable drag brunch — a welcome cocktail, prix fixe menu, and dazzling drag performances aboard a 130-ft. yacht in Marina Del Rey. A celebration of joy, self-expression, and great food, with one of the most stunning backdrops in LA. This is not just brunch, it is a performance, a meal, and a moment. A 21+ event.

- WHEN:** June 21, 1:00 p.m.
SITE: The Northwind, 4445 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey
COST: Check website for prices, purchase tickets in advance
SPONSOR: The Northwind Yacht
INFO: 310.289.8410
[eventbrite.com/e/drag-brunch-on-the-northwind-marina-del-reys-most-fabulous-brunch-tickets-1989051746317?aff=erelexpmlt](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drag-brunch-on-the-northwind-marina-del-reys-most-fabulous-brunch-tickets-1989051746317?aff=erelexpmlt)



FESTIVAL & PARADES

WEHO PRIDE FESTIVAL

Pride starts here. For decades, West Hollywood has been home to one of the largest annual Pride celebrations in the world, drawing hundreds of thousands of people each June. WeHo Pride starts June Pride Month celebrations with WeHo Pride Weekend, including a free Street Fair, the OUTLOUD at WeHo Pride music festival, Friday Night at OUTLOUD, the annual Dyke March and Women's Freedom Festival, the annual WeHo Pride Parade, and much more!

- WHEN:** Through June 30, various times, visit the website for details
SITE: Various locations, visit the website for details
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood
INFO: wehopride.com

SAMO PRIDE

Celebrate individuality, inclusivity, and acceptance with an assortment of activities honoring the LGBTQIA+ community. All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, Pride-themed treats, free swag, games, a retail pop-up marketplace showcasing local LGBTQIA+ businesses and much more.

- WHEN:** June 1 – 30, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Santa Monica, check website for details
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Santa Monica Place, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., Santa Monica Pier, City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism
INFO: smpride.com

6TH ANNUAL SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Pride fills the streets with music, food, and resources. Enjoy friends, giveaways, and fun for everyone.

- WHEN:** June 6, Parade 8:00 a.m., Festival 10:00 a.m.
SITE: Parade – Mark Keppel High School, 501 E. Hellman Ave., Alhambra
Festival – Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Alhambra Teachers Association, Boys and Girls Club of the West San Gabriel Valley & Eastside, City of Monterey Park
INFO: montereypark.ca.gov/1451/SGV-Pride-Parade-Festival

WOMEN'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Powerful voices take center stage. This co-sponsored event, produced by the L-Project, features emerging LGBTQ and BIPOC women, non-binary musicians, comedians, poets, and activists.

- WHEN:** June 6, 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Celebration Stage, Santa Monica Blvd. and La Peer Dr., West Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSORS: WeHo Pride, The L-project
INFO: thelproject.org



Dror Yisrael Hemed, *Strawberry Kiss*, Oil on linen, 63" x 47", 2025

WEHO PRIDE STREET FAIR

Experience our free community Street Fair and enjoy two days filled with live performances, community group booths, unique exhibitors, interactive sponsor activations, and a variety of entertainment for all ages.

WHEN: June 6 – 7, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.

SITE: Along Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood

INFO: wehopride.com/event/weho-pride-street-fair

¡JOTERÍA! - EL AMOR ES RESISTENCIA

Celebrate Pride with Salvies Who Lunch and LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes. Enjoy a vibrant day-long celebration of Latinx LGBTQ+ culture. This all-ages event welcomes families, friends, and allies to enjoy an unforgettable experience featuring: live DJs and musical performances, show-stopping drag shows, local vendors and community resources, delicious food, arts & crafts for all ages. Come out, connect, and celebrate the joy, resilience, and creativity of the comunidad.

WHEN: June 6 – 7, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SITE: LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, 501 N. Main St., Los Angeles

COST: Free, RSVP in advance at Eventbrite

SPONSORS: Salvies Who Lunch, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

INFO: eventbrite.com/e/joteria-el-amor-es-resistencia-tickets-1987025859836?aff=ebdssbdestsearch



America Gomez, *Sunset During Spring*, Digital photography, 14" x 12", 2024

DYKE MARCH

The Dyke March will take place at the WeHo Pride Street Fair Community Stage following the Women’s Freedom Festival. It is an annual celebration featuring speakers, community activists, and the March, led by a motorcycle contingent.

- WHEN:** June 6, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- SITE:** Celebration Stage, Santa Monica Blvd. and La Peer Dr., West Hollywood
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** The L-Project, WEHO Pride
- INFO:** wehopride.com/event/dyke-march

PRIDE FAMILY FEST

In honor of PRIDE Month and the contributions of the LGBTQIA+ communities, the Wallis welcomes all to join in a joyful celebration of love, identity, and inclusivity. The day reflects the full spectrum of our community. Bring the whole family and experience a day of dance, storytelling, music, and self-expression—all across the beautiful outdoor campus of The Wallis.

- WHEN:** June 7, 11:00 a.m.
- SITE:** The Wallis, 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** The Wallis
- INFO:** 310.746.4000
thewallis.org/show-details/family-fest-pride



Luka Fisher, *My Sex Now Two*, Photo documentation of Foam Finger, 2025



WEHO PRIDE PARADE

The WeHo Pride Parade is full of music, dancing, colorful floats, festive marching contingents, and creative flair; it is free and open to the public, embracing LGBTQ representation, inclusion, and progress.

WHEN: June 7, 12:30 p.m.

SITE: Along Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica Blvd. between Crescent Heights Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Free

SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood

INFO: wehopride.com/event/weho-pride-parade

LA PRIDE NIGHT @ LA SPARKS

Basketball meets pride. It's LA Pride Night at LA Sparks when they take on the Portland Fire, but this time, with 10-time WNBA All-Star, Nneka Ogwumike, who just came back on the team. Forty LA Pride Night ticket holders will be selected at random to participate by being a flag holder.

WHEN: June 7, 4:00 p.m.

SITE: Crypto.com Arena, 1111 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles

COST: Check the website for ticket prices

SPONSORS: LA Pride, LA Sparks

INFO: lapride.org/event/la-pride-night-at-la-sparks-2026/

AN EVENING AMONG THE ROSES

This is a chance to recognize and celebrate the LGBTQ+ members of the community for their many contributions to The Huntington. Don't miss this one-night-only garden party with music, specialty cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing in the spectacular Rose Garden.

WHEN: June 12, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

SITE: The Huntington - Rose Hills Garden Court, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

COST: Check the website for ticket prices

SPONSOR: The Huntington

INFO: huntington.org/event/among-the-roses

PRIDE ON THE PROMENADE

This lively festival spans Third Street Promenade as part of the SaMo Pride celebration dedicated to honoring the LGBTQIA+ . All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, Pride-themed treats, free swag, games, a retail pop-up marketplace showcasing local LGBTQIA+ businesses, and much more.

WHEN: June 13, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.

SITE: Downtown Santa Monica, 1351 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica

COST: Free

SPONSORS: Santa Monica Place, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., Santa Monica Pier, City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism

INFO: 310.393.8355

downtownsm.com/events-calendar

downtownsm.com/pride-on-the-promenade



Lou D'Elia, *Memories of Hidden Love*, Assemblage, 12" x 8.75" x 5.75", 2026

CATALINA ISLAND PRIDE MONTH

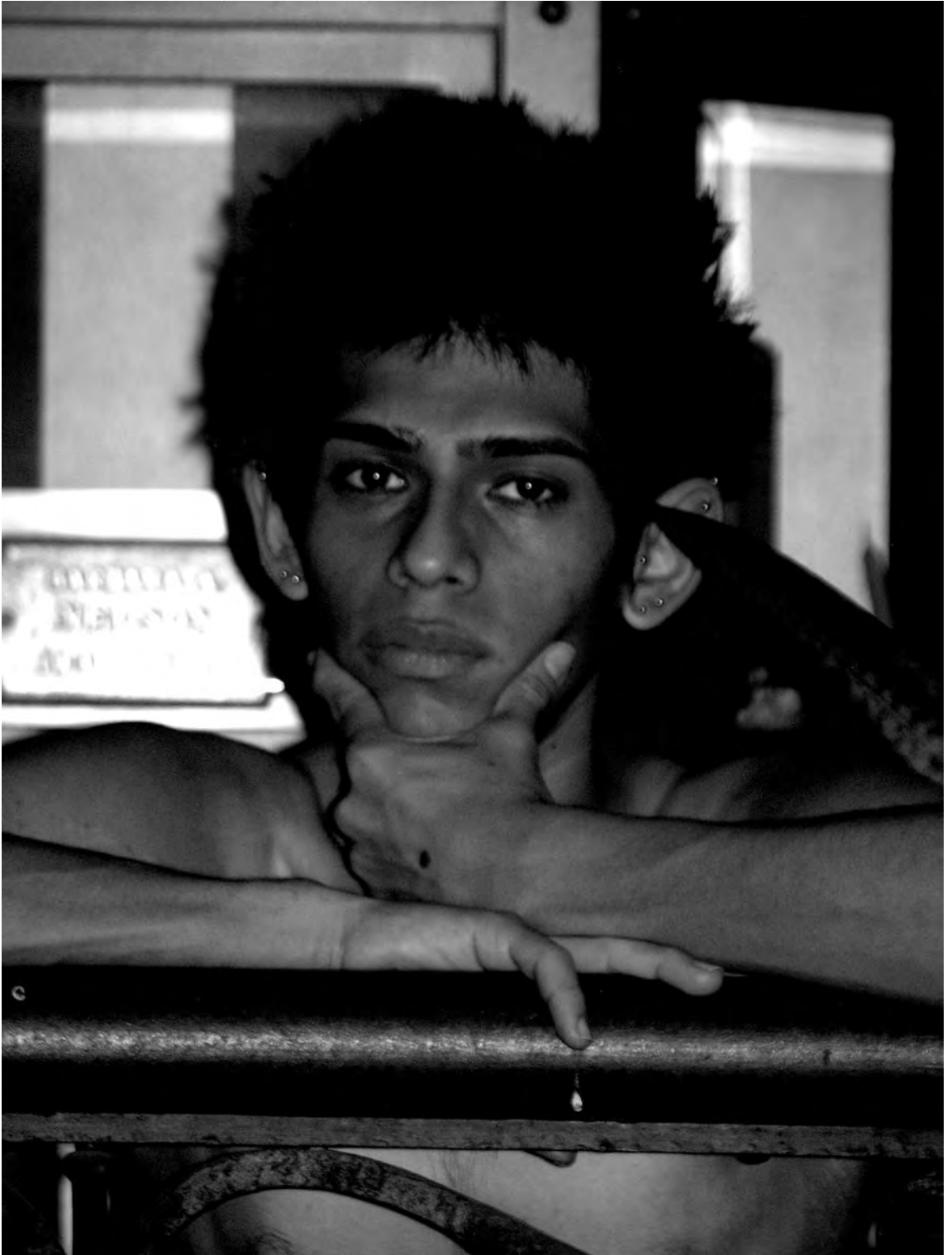
A perfect island getaway filled with celebration, Catalina invites LGBTQ+ Southern Californians and allies to join in the annual Catalina Pride Celebration. The main event will include live entertainment as well as a pride march in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

- WHEN:** June 13, 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Wrigley Stage, Crescent Ave., Avalon
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Love Catalina Island Tourism Authority
- INFO:** lovecatalina.com/pride

PRIDE IN THE VILLAGE — LOVE OUT LOUD IN WESTWOOD

Westwood Village is celebrating Pride — and everyone is welcome. Join the festivities at Broxton Plaza for an afternoon filled with live music, local vendors, community activations, and the kind of energy that only happens when a neighborhood shows up for itself. Pride in the Village is a celebration of love, community, and belonging — right in the heart of Westwood.

- WHEN:** June 13, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Broxton Plaza, 1036 Broxton Ave., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** Westwood Village Improvement Association
- INFO:** eventbrite.com/e/pride-in-the-village-love-out-loud-in-westwood-tickets-1986831758273?aff=ebdssbdestsearch



Rick Castro, *Fauno*, Archival digital print, signed on verso, 11" x 8", 2025



4TH ANNUAL GOTH PRIDE

Members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies are invited to celebrate Pride with us as Goth Pride is the one night each year that we open our doors to the entire community and allies. It's a night dedicated to celebrating authenticity, connection, goth music and subcultures.

- WHEN:** June 13, 9:00 p.m.
SITE: The Teragram Ballroom, 1234 West 7th St., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Nightmare Productions
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/goth-pride-2026-bands-drag-dark-art-vendors-dj-and-community-18-tickets-1981967097943?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

56TH ANNUAL LA PRIDE PARADE

LA Pride is the original and icon home of Pride in Los Angeles, the greatest city in the world. The Parade returns to Hollywood Blvd with Grand Marshal Jeff Hiller, and over 120 vibrant and joyous contingents.

- WHEN:** June 14, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
SITE: LA Pride Parade - Hollywood Blvd., Highland to Cahuenga Blvd. along Hollywood Blvd.
COST: Free
SPONSORS: LA Pride, Christopher Street West
INFO: lapride.org/2026-events

LA PRIDE VILLAGE

The Pride party continues next to the Parade route with Pride Village, our street festival featuring a live music stage, a full-service bar, scores of special sponsor activations and giveaways, over 125 vendors and exhibitors, and dozens of food trucks and stalls.

- WHEN:** June 14, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
SITE: Hollywood Blvd., between Vine St. and Gower St.
COST: Free
SPONSORS: LA Pride, Christopher Street West
INFO: lapride.org/event/la-pride-village-2026

DISNEYLAND AFTER DARK: PRIDE NITE

Come with family, allies, and friends to enjoy an unforgettable, fun-filled evening that recognizes and embraces the LGBTQIA+ community. Pride Nite will include themed entertainment, Disney characters, one-of-a-kind photo opportunities, specialty menu items, and event merchandise. Event takes place Tuesday, June 16 and Thursday, June 18.

- WHEN:** June 16, 18, 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
SITE: Disneyland Park, 1313 Disneyland Park Dr., Anaheim
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Disneyland
INFO: disneyland.disney.go.com/events-tours/after-dark



JT Bruns, *Untitled (Flaming Hot)*, Cast resin, paint, pigment, 2.5" x 1.5", 2024

PRISM COMICS Q-CON

Celebrate LGBTQ+ comics, graphic novels, and gaming at Southern California's only LGBTQ+ comic convention. Show your cosplay pride. Enter the Q-Con costume contest for fun and prizes. There will be portfolio review sessions for aspiring comic creators. This is a family-friendly event.

WHEN: June 20, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SITE: Fiesta Hall Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Free, RSVP on the website

SPONSORS: City of West Hollywood Arts Division, Prism Comics, Los Angeles Film School

INFO: qconprism.org



Nojan Rahimian, *Power Of Mind*, Oil on canvas, 11" × 14", 2025



2026 PRIDE YOUTH PANEL

Join the LA LGBT Center and DCFS Metro North for a day full of Pride festivities. The annual celebration will open with keynote speakers and our panel of youth with lived experiences. Following, we will then celebrate with music, games, goody bags, activities, food, and performances.

- WHEN:** June 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- SITE:** LA LGBT Center, 1118 North McCadden Pl., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free, RSVP on Eventbrite
- SPONSORS:** LA LGBT Center, DCFS Metro North
- INFO:** eventbrite.com/e/2026-pride-youth-panel-tickets-1988359631182

LOS ANGELES BLACK PRIDE – BEACH PARTY

This long-running Black LGBTQ+ gathering returns. Saturday is all about the Beach Party, running day-long with welcome gatherings, day parties, beach volleyball, and music, plus a concert teased by organizers. Sunday shifts into a Poolside Festival & Community Day. Programming centers Black queer and trans folks in LA, with allies welcome.

- WHEN:** June 27 – 28, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Will Rogers State Beach – Tower 5, 17580 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Los Angeles Black Pride
- INFO:** 323.898.1024
lablackpride.org

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PRIDE

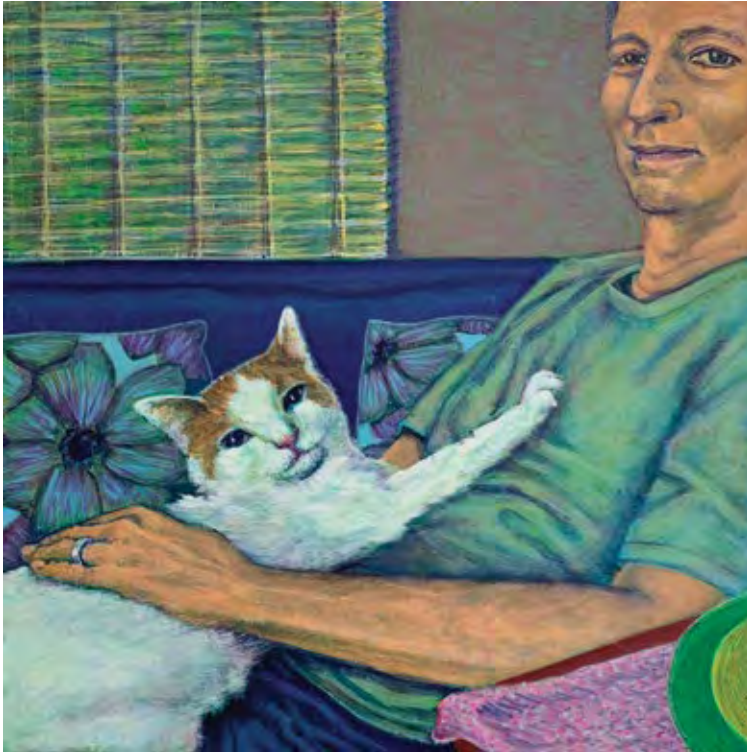
Join an unforgettable Pride event that celebrates and honors the diversity and resilience of our LGBTQ+ community. The event starts with a rally followed by a march down Van Nuys Blvd. After the march, festivities continue with a block party featuring music, food, entertainment, art, and a resource fair.

- WHEN:** June 27, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Van Nuys City Hall, 14410 Sylvan St., Van Nuys
Rally: Van Nuys Blvd. and Sherman Way
March: Van Nuys Blvd. to City Hall
- COST:** Free, RSVP on the website
- SPONSORS:** Karen Bass, Mayor of Los Angeles, Caroline Menjivar, State Senator, District 20, Somos Familia Valle, Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor Third District
- INFO:** sfvpride.org

CULVER CITY PRIDE RIDE

A community bike ride that ends at the Pride Festival. Join your friends and the community in the always colorful and fun ride through the streets of Culver City. Then join us Downtown for an evening party with DJs, drag performers, local artists, entertainment, community speakers, dancing, and some extra surprises.

- WHEN:** June 27, Bike Ride 3:30 p.m.
- SITE:** Town Plaza at the Culver Steps, 9330 Culver Blvd., Culver City
- COST:** Register in advance on the website
- SPONSOR:** Culver City Pride
- INFO:** culvercitypride.org



Bill Rangel, *On the Mend*, Acrylic on canvas, 20" x 20", 2025

CULVER CITY PRIDE FESTIVAL 2026

Get ready for an evening filled with DJs, drag performances, local artists, and so much more! Featuring live entertainment, local atmosphere and merchants, exhibitor booths, local artists, community booths, and plenty of fun interactive experiences that you won't want to miss.

- WHEN:** June 27, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- SITE:** The Culver Steps, 9300 Culver Blvd., Culver City
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** Culver City Pride
- INFO:** 323.898.1024
culvercitypride.org

SAN PEDRO PRIDE 2026

Love, diversity, and the incredible spirit of our community shine boldly at this vibrant annual festival. This year promises to be our biggest and most exciting celebration yet.

- WHEN:** August 15, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- SITE:** AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles, 2451 Signal St., San Pedro
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Bridge Cities Alliance
- INFO:** sanpedropride.com



FILM & THEATRE

QUEER FANTASIA!

Explore the world we want to live in and the fantasies we want to bring into being. Join us for wild cabaret performances, a community ritual, and the Los Angeles premiere of the short film *Spit Me Out*, a gay movie musical comedy western love story.

- WHEN:** June 3, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
SITE: The Village at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Big Little Theater Company, The Barn, Los Angeles LGBT Center
INFO: lgbtcenter.org/event/queer-fantasia

STORYECTOMY* FAMILY PRIDE SEASON 3

Storyectomy* Family Pride is a community-driven mental health initiative using the art of storytelling and comedy to bring light, love, and healing to the LGBTQIA+ community.

- WHEN:** June 3, 8:00 p.m.
SITE: The Crow, 2525 Michigan Ave., Unit F4, Santa Monica
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: The Crow, Santa Monica Pride
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/storyectomy-family-pride-season-3-tickets-1986857767066

D.A.F.U.Q. – DATING ADVICE FOR USELESS QUEERS

Dating Advice For Useless Queers is a show about romance from two contrasting perspectives, and the lived experience of a queer person of color who could never follow her advice to the same results.

- WHEN:** June 8, 11, 21, 24, 28, check the website for times
SITE: Davidson/Valentini Theatre at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, 1125 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
INFO: hollywoodfringe.org/projects/13502?tab=details

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: THE COLOR PURPLE

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month with this musical adaptation of Alice Walker’s novel about the lifelong struggles of an African American woman living in the South during the early 1900s.

- WHEN:** June 9, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
SITE: Lancaster Library, 601 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Lancaster Library
INFO: 661.948.5029
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16285669



Ruben Esparza, *Torpeza Tristeza (Laura)*, Sculpture, 30" x 20", 2018



Mary Cheung, *Bodies*, Digital photography, 18"x 24", 2025

HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL

The Hollywood Fringe Festival is not just an annual, open-access, community-derived event. It celebrates freedom of expression and collaboration in our vibrant performing arts community.

WHEN: June 11 – 28, check the website for times

SITE: Various locations, visit the website for details

COST: Check the website for ticket prices

SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas

INFO: hollywoodfringe.org

BALL BOY

Comedy meets storytelling in this heartfelt solo show. Ben Fisher unpacks masculinity, societal norms, and a complicated family history. Ball Boy is for anyone who's ever felt a little out of position.

WHEN: Various dates and times, visit the website for details

SITE: Davidson/Valentini Theatre, Los Angeles LGBT Center, 1125 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles

COST: Check the website for ticket prices

SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas

INFO: hollywoodfringe.org/projects/14005



MISS MAGNOLIA BEAUMONT GOES TO PROVINCETOWN

After choking to death on a pork rib just before the Civil War, a Southern belle wakes up in the body of a “forty-something” year-old gay man. This hilarious adventure blends history and self-discovery.

- WHEN:** Various dates and times, visit the website for details
SITE: Davidson/Valentini Theatre, Los Angeles LGBT Center, 1125 N. McCadden Pl., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas
INFO: hollywoodfringe.org/projects/13584

PARDNERS

Love, for Omar and Jedediah, was never much in either of their minds. Not that much of anything goes on in Jedediah’s mind, but lately Omar has been yearning for a deeper connection between them. No matter how fast his heart beats when his friend is around, the fear of losing him beats louder. Will they take their “best friendship” to the next frontier: space? A heartfelt play about taking big chances.

- WHEN:** Various dates, visit the website for details
SITE: Stephanie Feury Studio Theatre, 5636 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas
INFO: 323.463.7378
hollywoodfringe.org/projects/13477?tab=details

POSTER CHILD: HOW CHARLIE’S ANGELS KICKED MY ASS OUT OF THE CLOSET

A hilarious and heartfelt one-person show about finding yourself. Poster Child is not just a coming-out story; it is a love letter to all those talented and pioneering women of the 1970s and early 80s TV.

- WHEN:** Various dates and times, visit the website for details
SITE: Zephyr Theatre, 7456 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas
INFO: 323.469.9988
hollywoodfringe.org/projects/13976?tab=tickets

THINGS WE SAID TONIGHT

A Republican congresswoman and a gay male liberal playwright find an unexpected connection in a chance encounter. Despite their ideological and chronological differences, the two form an unlikely bond. Indeed, the similarities they discover between a life in politics and a life in the arts propel what appears to be a budding friendship. This moving one-act play explores politics, art, and friendship.

- WHEN:** Various dates and times, visit the website for details.
SITE: Hudson Theatres, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: Hollywood Fringe Festival, Hollywood Pantages Theatre, County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Dropout, Fractured Atlas
INFO: hollywoodfringe.org/projects/13180



Amina AmXn, *Blues WomXn*, Digital photography, 16" x 20", 2019



Lou D'Elia, *Peeking (Hot Water)*, Assemblage, 15.5" x 12" x 4.75", 2025

SUEÑO EN OTRO IDIOMA - I DREAM IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

In Spanish with English subtitles, this is the story of a linguist who researches a dying indigenous language, only to find how suppressed queer desire can fracture both human relationships and cultural memory.

- WHEN:** June 12, 2:00 p.m.
SITE: Little Tokyo Branch Library, 203 S. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Little Tokyo Branch Library
INFO: 213.612.0525
lapl.org/whats-on/events/fast-friday-films

AN EVENING WITH LAVERNE COX

Spend the evening with Laverne Cox as she discusses her memoir, *Transcendent*. Four-time Emmy-nominated actress Laverne Cox shares her journey as a transgender woman in Hollywood, confronting childhood trauma, shame, gender identity, her transition, body image issues, her search for romantic love, deep-seated feelings of unworthiness, and ultimately, healing.

- WHEN:** June 12, 8:00 – 9:15 p.m.
SITE: The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater--New Roads School, Herb Alpert Educational Village, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Live Talks for Los Angeles
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-laverne-cox-tickets-1984968216369?aff=ebdssbdestsearch



Karin Lisa Atkinson, *Dreamland*, Digital photography, 3024 x 4032 px, 2026

LA PRIDE @STREET FOOD CINEMA

LA Pride is thrilled to be partnering with Street Food Cinema to present a special screening of the madcap classic, *The Birdcage*, to celebrate Pride and the film's 30th Anniversary under the stars.

- WHEN:** June 13, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
- SITE:** Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSORS:** Street Food Cinema, Autry Museum of the American West
- INFO:** 323.667.2000
lapride.org/event/la-pride-at-street-food-cinema-2026

WEHO LIBRARY MOVIE MONDAY

Monsoon Kit returns to Ho Chi Minh City for the first time since he was six years old when his family fled the country in the aftermath of the Vietnam war. Struggling to make sense of himself in a city he's no longer familiar with, he embarks on a personal journey across the country that opens up the possibility for friendship, love and happiness.

- WHEN:** June 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- SITE:** West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** West Hollywood Library
- INFO:** 310.652.5340
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15776951



JT Bruns, *Pan Dulces (Front)*, Cast resin, paint, pigment, 2.5" x 1.5" each, 2025

QUEER GREENHOUSE

The comedy showcase features standup from the finest and funniest queer and trans comedians around, hosted by Kai Choyce. On the patio you'll be able to explore amazing creations from our talented community of artists, buy art, and support queer creators! Plus, capture the moment with a stunning keepsake from our photo booth by Golden Eye Photography.

- WHEN:** June 17, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Lyric Hyperion Theater & Cafe, 2106 Hyperion Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: The Lyric Hyperion
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/queer-greenhouse-tickets-1988125587150?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

THE 2ND BLACK & QUEER POETRY SLAM: SOFT RAGE!

Juneteenth celebration with poetry, a DJ, an open cypher, and great food. Feel deeply. Speak freely. A 21+ event.

- WHEN:** June 19, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Undrgrnd Studios, 1950 South Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Six Region Curated
INFO: eventbrite.com/e/the-2nd-black-queer-poetry-slam-soft-rage-tickets-1988695223949?aff=ebdssbdestsearch



HEALTH AND FITNESS

QUEER CANDLELIT YOGA

A serene and grounding hour of Queer candlelit Vinyasa yoga, held in a cozy, sober affirming space designed for queer community connection. This class offers an opportunity to move with intention, breathe deeply, and flow together. For beginners to seasoned practitioner. Bring your mat, and your beautiful presence.

WHEN: June 3, Weekly, Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

SITE: AT Center, 1773 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles

COST: Free, reserve a space on Eventbrite

SPONSOR: With Love Project

INFO: eventbrite.com/e/free-queer-candlelit-yoga-tickets-1982048226601?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

MONTEBELLO'S 2026 STRIDE FOR PRIDE 5K RUN/WALK & RESOURCE FAIR

Bring your friends, family, and Pride spirit as we come together to celebrate community, wellness, and love! Lace up and Stride For Pride. Enjoy a fun-filled morning with coffee, swag for 5K finishers, and city booths.

WHEN: June 6, Check-In 7:00 a.m., Race 8:00 a.m.

SITE: Montebello City Hall, 1600 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello

COST: Free, RSVP in advance for 5K

SPONSOR: City of Montebello

INFO: MontebelloRecreation.com
eventbrite.com/e/montebellos-2026-stride-for-pride-5k-runwalk-tickets-1988109486994?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

QUEER YIN YOGA

A 75-minute guided yin flow designed to help you release tension, restore energy, and find deep relaxation. This gentle, trauma-informed practice offers a slow-paced experience where poses are held for 3-8 minutes, allowing for deep physical and emotional release. Perfect for all levels, this session provides a queer-centered, welcoming space to unwind, reconnect, and heal.

WHEN: June 6, Weekly, Saturdays, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

SITE: AT Center, 773 Griffith Park Blvd., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: With Love Project

INFO: eventbrite.com/e/free-queer-yin-yoga-registration-1966265984490

QUEER YOGA @ LA LGBT CENTER

Attend a cozy yoga class designed for our community where you can find your rhythm, your breath, and whatever you need, whether that's strength, softness, or simply a moment to pause. Come as you are. All levels welcome, mats can be provided.

WHEN: June 14, 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

SITE: LA LGBT Center, 1124 North McCadden Pl., Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Los Angeles LGBT Center Community Programs

INFO: eventbrite.com/e/queer-yoga-la-lgbt-center-tickets-1337266703709



LOS ANGELES FRONTRUNNERS PRIDE RUN 2026

Time flies. This year marks our 43rd year celebrating in this way. Pride Run 2026 features our traditional 5K and 10K Race, free Kids Race and the Ultra Pride Run, where you race both the 5K and 10K.

- WHEN:** June 21, 7:30 a.m.
- SITE:** Crystal Springs Picnic Area, Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Los Angeles Frontrunners
- INFO:** lafrontrunners.com/priderun

3RD ANNUAL TRANS PRIDE 5K CELEBRATION

Our joy is revolutionary, so let’s come together for a day of movement, resource sharing, fundraising, and more. Allies and LGBTQ+ participants are welcome and wanted. Our community energy is powerful and uplifting. We need each other more than ever, so sign up early and bring a friend.

- WHEN:** July 26, 7:30 a.m.
- SITE:** Crystal Springs Picnic Area, Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Trans Pride
- INFO:** runsignup.com/Race/CA/LosAngeles/AnnualTransPride5K

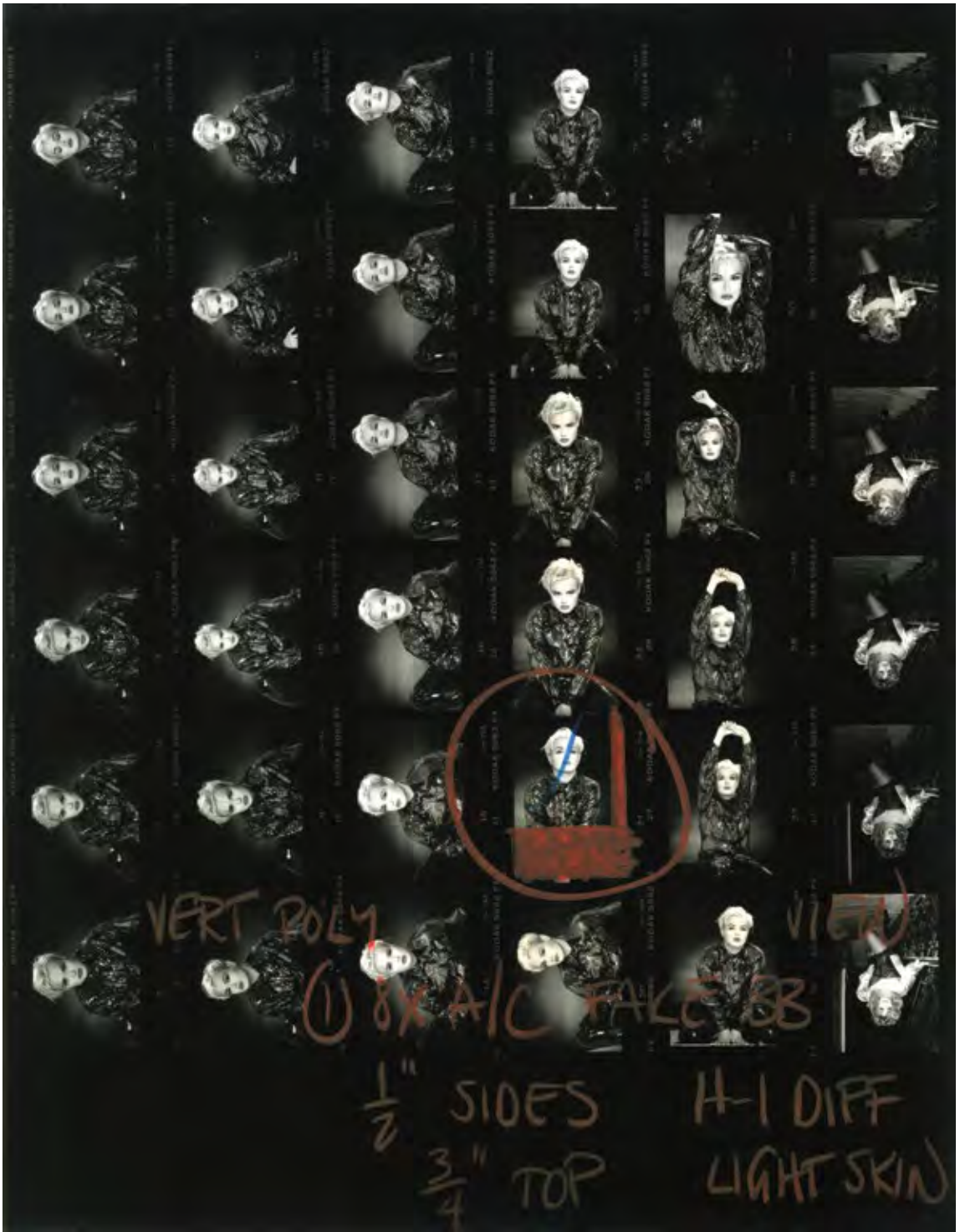
PRIDE SUNSET SWIM

We’re back for another year. Enjoy a queer, safe, accessible, and judgment-free space for everyone and all bodies.

- WHEN:** June 26, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** Annenberg Community Beach House, The City of Santa Monica
- INFO:** santamonica.gov/events/4t5bbtx51qbmc2f2t0s0csg0cb/202606261800

At right, both: Yinon Avior; at top: *Still Standing: The Dancing Queens of Denmark #2*; at bottom: *Still Standing: The Dancing Queens of Denmark #1*, Both: Hand sewn plastic-coated Inkjet prints, 18” x 14”, 2024





Sunny Bak, *Jimmy James Contact Sheet*, Photography, 8.5" x 11", 2026



HERITAGE

THE LAVENDER EFFECT® OUT & ABOUT TOURS

Explore how Los Angeles County has frequently been the first and most impactful region in the global fight for equality. Current offerings include the “Walk In Our Shoes” tour of Downtown Los Angeles, “LGBT-Tinseltown” tour of Hollywood, and “WeHo Rainbow” tour of West Hollywood.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Tour, check the website for times
SITE: Various locations, visit the website for details
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: The Lavender Effect®
INFO: thelavendereffect.org/tours

LGBTQ+ NITE AT DODGER STADIUM

The annual LGBTQ+ Pride Night at Dodger Stadium, when the World Series-winning Dodgers take on the Los Angeles Angels. There will be LA Pride pre-game festivities featuring a DJ party. This special event ticket package includes a ticket to the game and an exclusive Dodgers LGBTQ+ jersey.

- WHEN:** June 5, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
SITE: Dodger Stadium, 1000 Vin Scully Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Purchase special event ticket packages on the website
SPONSORS: LA Pride, Blue Shield of California
INFO: mlb.com/dodgers/tickets/specials/lgbt-night

STORYTELLER ARNOLD WEISS PRESENTS - BAYARD RUSTIN: POETIC JUSTICE

Celebrate Pride Month with storyteller Arnold Weiss. Join us as he shares stories about the life and legacy of Bayard Rustin, a Civil Rights and LGBTQIA Activist.

- WHEN:** June 7, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Robertson Branch Library, 1719 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Robertson Branch Library
INFO: 310.840.2147
lapl.org/whats-on/events/storyteller-arnold-weiss-presents-bayard-rustin-poetic-justice

PRIDE MONTH: RAINBOW BRACELETS

Learn about the history of Pride Month and the different Pride flags, then create your own Rainbow bracelet (or any color combinations you like). All supplies will be provided. For adults.

- WHEN:** June 13, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
SITE: Hermosa Beach Library, 550 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: Hermosa Beach Library
INFO: 310.379.8475
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16334141



IDENTITY, REINVENTION, AND GRIEF AS TRANSFORMATION

Intimate and affirming, award-winning author and grief expert Laing Ridders and grief educator, speaker, and storyteller Christine Koenig talk about identity shifts, chosen family, and the courage to evolve. Together, they'll explore how grief can be a pathway to growth, self-discovery, and joy, touching on identity shifts, chosen family, and the courage to evolve. For LGBTQIA+ and ally adults alike.

WHEN: June 13, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
SITE: West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: West Hollywood Library
INFO: 310.652.5340
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16241012

SHAMELESS: MAKING OF BLACK GAY IDENTITIES IN LA

Author Terrell J. A. Winder will be joined by Anthony Christian Ocampo to discuss his new book, Shameless. This conversation will feature an in-depth exploration of the ways that young Black gay men in Los Angeles come together to learn how to navigate racial and sexual stigma in everyday interactions. Representatives from Los Angeles bookstore Reparations Club will be on site selling books by Dr. Winder and Dr. Ocampo.

WHEN: June 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
SITE: West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: West Hollywood Library
INFO: 310.652.5340
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16267517

LGBTQIA COLORING PAGES

We curated a welcoming space and creative activity made just for adults. Join us for a creative, inclusive, and relaxing coloring activity that celebrates diversity, self-love, and pride.

WHEN: June 15, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Junipero Serra Branch Library, 4607 S. Main St., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Junipero Serra Branch Library
INFO: 323.234.1685
lapl.org/whats-on/events/lgbtqia-coloring-pages

FAMILY ARTS & CRAFTS

In celebration of LGBTQIA+ Month, please join us in the Community Room to create a paper plate unicorn with a rainbow mane. All ages are welcome.

WHEN: June 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library
INFO: lapl.org/whats-on/events/family-arts-crafts-3



Vojislav Radovanovic, *Familiar Feeling*, Acrylic and mixed media on canvas, 40" x 30", 2025



Michael Osborne, *Eagle L.A.*, Watercolor and ink on paper, 11" x 14", 2025

MAKE ART LIKE ELLSWORTH KELLY

In celebration of Pride Month, join us to learn about the life of artist Ellsworth Kelly and create your own work of art inspired by Kelly's use of grid-like compositions. For ages 18 and up.

- WHEN:** June 23, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
SITE: San Gabriel Library, 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel
COST: Free, register on the website
SPONSOR: San Gabriel Library
INFO: 626.287.0761
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16269039

BOOK CLUB: THE EMPEROR OF GLADNESS

Ocean Vuong penned our book for June, which is about 19-year-old Hai and Grazina, an elderly widow, who develop a life-altering bond built on empathy, spiritual reckoning, and heartbreak. Join our book club for a lively discussion.

- WHEN:** June 27, 11:00 – 12:00 noon
SITE: Gardena Mayme Dear Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Gardena Mayme Dear Library
INFO: 310.323.6363
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16106660



Mike D. Salazar, *The Third Wheel*, Digital photography, 9.5" x 12.625", 2025

LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB DISCUSSING ANGELS IN AMERICA BY TONY KUSHNER

A play in two parts about identity, community, justice, and redemption, *Angels in America* is both complex and insightful. New Yorkers grapple with life and death, love and sex, and heaven and hell as the AIDS crisis intensifies during the Reagan Republican counterrevolution of the 1980s.

WHEN: June 30, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SITE: West Hollywood Library - Online and In Person, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Free, register on the website for the meeting link

SPONSOR: West Hollywood Library

INFO: 310.652.5340
visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/15778093



Adam Jaye Mickey Porter, *Seemingly Halo*, Reduction relief print, cut paper, pen, ink, 24" x 18", 2026



MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS

ANDY WARHOL AT THE BROAD

Ranging from early pop culture imagery to his silkscreened portraits, the exhibit features an in-depth, frequently updated installation of Andy Warhol's work, showcasing iconic pieces from their collection.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
SITE: The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free with RSVP on the website
SPONSOR: The Broad
INFO: 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/andy-warhol

COLUMBARIUM CONTINUUM: BY RICK CASTRO

A selection of renowned photographer Rick Castro's most captivating images from 1986 through 2024, this exhibition reflects themes of love melancholy, meditation, and remembrance. The show includes Castro's photographs of Egyptian death masks, portraits of different figures related to Hollywood Forever including trans residents, The Goddess Bunny AKA Sandi Crisp and Holly Woodlawn.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, 10:00 a.m.
SITE: Columbarium - Hollywood Forever, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hollywood Forever
INFO: 323.469.1181
hollywoodforever.com/culture/exhibitions

DAVID WOJNAROWICZ AT THE BROAD

Confronting the AIDS crisis, government inaction, and the marginalization of queer communities, these works blend personal mythology, and rage against the silencing of those affected by AIDS in the 1980s.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
SITE: The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free with RSVP on the website
SPONSOR: The Broad
INFO: 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/david-wojnarowicz

EXPANSIVE PRESENTATION OF ROY LICHTENSTEIN

An in-depth installation of Roy Lichtenstein features 22 artworks, with nearly half on view for the first time. The Broad collection is distinctive in its exceptional dedication to the full arc of artists' careers.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
SITE: The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free with RSVP on the website
SPONSOR: The Broad
INFO: 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/featured-installations/expansive-presentation-roy-lichtenstein



Leon Mostovoy, *Trans Royalty*, Nik Kacy, Fashion Designer, Photography, 30" x 36", 2025

GLENN LIGON AT THE BROAD

Known for text-based work about race and sexuality, Ligon's works witness how a childhood love of literature evolved into a fascination with the political and social uses of language, especially words spoken by powerful avant-garde artists, Black thought leaders, and politicized Poets.

WHEN: Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times

SITE: The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

COST: Free with RSVP on the website

SPONSOR: The Broad

INFO: 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/glenn-ligon



Ruben Esparza, *Cybergirl*, Digital

JULIE MEHRETU AT THE BROAD

Known for large-scale abstract paintings, Julie Mehretu, a Black Queer artist, starts each painting with a geometric structure that serves as the basic anchor and organization for the image. From that point on, Mehretu's method is intuitive.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
- SITE:** The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free with RSVP on the website
- SPONSOR:** The Broad
- INFO:** 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/julie-mehretu

KEITH HARING AT THE BROAD

In alternative spaces such as Club 57 and Paradise Garage, Keith Haring developed his visual style alongside artists Kenny Scharf and Jean-Michel Basquiat, performers Grace Jones and Madonna, and many others. Haring used his imagery and celebrity as a form of protest against apartheid in South Africa, to raise awareness of the crack epidemic, and the AIDS crisis.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
- SITE:** The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free with RSVP on the website
- SPONSOR:** The Broad
- INFO:** 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/keith-haring



Bill Rangel, *Jose the Scrub Jay*, Acrylic on canvas, 20" x 20", 2025

LAURA AGUILAR'S AT MOLAA

As a Chicana lesbian artist and pioneering American photographer, Aguilar used her camera to interrogate the intersection of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and societal expectations. In this collection, she juxtaposed natural landscapes with human forms, emphasizing the beauty of diverse, non-conforming bodies, urging viewers to reconsider their assumptions about identity and place.

- WHEN:** Ongoing, Wednesday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach
- COST:** Check website for prices
- SPONSORS:** Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), Institute of Museum and Library Services
- INFO:** 562.437.1689
molaa.org/molaa-collection-aguilar-eng

LGBTQ+ COLLECTION AT THE LIBRARY

The West Hollywood Library holds a comprehensive collection of LGBTQ+ fiction and non-fiction literature and history in a variety of formats. The collection includes popular and academic materials, out-of-print and hard-to-find titles, classics, current bestsellers, and new Lambda Literary Award winners and nominees.

- WHEN:** Ongoing, check the website for times
- SITE:** West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** Los Angeles County Library
- INFO:** 310.652.5340
lacountylibrary.org/pride





Alfreda Lanoix, *The Blues*, Acrylic, 24" x 36", 2025



MARK BRADFORD: 150 PORTRAIT TONE

Mark Bradford's *150 Portrait Tone*, a mural-size composition that contains elements of both abstraction and realism, is based on an idea for a work that the artist conceived after the fatal shooting of Philando Castile in July 2016. The title presents a sobering commentary on power and representation.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Thursday – Tuesday, visit website for times
SITE: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSOR: Los Angeles County Museum of Art
INFO: 323.857.6010
lacma.org/art/exhibition/mark-bradford-150-portrait-tone

MARK BRADFORD AT THE BROAD

A Black gay artist who incorporates ideas of masculinity and gender, Mark Bradford grew up in Los Angeles, the son of hairdressers. His art-making grew to include video, installation, and photographs. He engages the discarded materials of urban life, often remnants of informal economic systems that arise out of necessity.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition, Tuesday – Sunday, visit website for times
SITE: The Broad, 221 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Free with RSVP on the website
SPONSOR: The Broad
INFO: 213.232.6200
thebroad.org/art/mark-bradford

STORIES FROM THE LIBRARY: FROM BRONTË TO BUTLER

Charlotte Brontë and Octavia E. Butler are presented as chronological bookends, get a behind-the-scenes look at two centuries of the lives of women writers through ephemera, letters, and journals. Butler is celebrated as a foundational queer artist, particularly within Black speculative fiction, sci-fi, and feminist art.

- WHEN:** Through June 15, check the website for times
SITE: The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino
COST: Check the website for ticket prices, advance reservations are required
SPONSOR: The Huntington
INFO: 626.405.2100
huntington.org/exhibitions/stories-library-bronte-butler

NEED ME, OR, (DE)MYSTIFYING THE MYTH OF THE MODERN PRIMITIVE AT THE ONE ARCHIVES AT USC

This exhibit presents the western renaissance of body piercing as a definitively queer history rooted in the sexual underground. The first-ever exhibition focused on the queer history of modern body piercing, it traces networks of queer individuals and presents evidence of piercings' lineage in kink.

- WHEN:** Through June 25, Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, 909 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Free
SPONSOR: ONE Archives at the USC Libraries
INFO: 213.821.2771
one.usc.edu/exhibition/need-me-or-demystifying-myth-modern-primitive



MMIX, *Before It's Cold*, Glitched photography, 11" x 14", 2026

LAURA AGUILAR: BODY AND LANDSCAPE

Recent acquisitions from the lesbian Chicana photographer Laura Aguilar's estate, The exhibit traces her groundbreaking use of self-portraiture within the natural environments of Southern California and the Southwest, reframing the Western landscape as a site of personal power. Aguilar created a visual language that challenged dominant narratives about beauty, belonging, and power.

- WHEN:** Through September 7, Wednesday – Monday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino
COST: Check the website for ticket prices, advance reservations are required
SPONSOR: The Huntington
INFO: 626.405.2100
[huntington.org/exhibitions/laura-aguilar-body-and-landscape](https://www.huntington.org/exhibitions/laura-aguilar-body-and-landscape)



Monica Orozco, *More Than One Me*, Self-portrait by Monica Orozco, Photograph, 15" x 15", 2016

FREE AND QUEER: BLACK CALIFORNIAN ROOTS OF GAY LIBERATION!

The exhibit presents California as a pioneering site of sustained, Black-led struggles for LGBTQ equality, civil rights, and recognition. The exhibition recovers histories largely excluded from existing narratives and exposes powerful ways that print culture, artistic practice, and performance styles shaped, advanced, and interpreted Black queer social movements alongside political and legal activism.

WHEN: Through February 28, 2027, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SITE: California African American Museum, 600 State Drive, Los Angeles

COST: Free

SPONSORS: California African American Museum, One Archives at the USC Libraries

INFO: caamuseum.org/exhibitions/2026/free-and-queer-black-californian-roots-of-gay-liberation



Mike D. Salazar, *Heading to the Beach*, Digital photography, 9.75" x 11.625", 2010

EVENINGS FOR EDUCATORS - PRIDE - SPILL THE TEA!

A professional development series for K-12 educators based on the five principles of trauma-informed practice: safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment. Each session includes a guest facilitator-led opportunity to share stories from the past year, enjoy a fun Pride-themed activity and performance, and generate a group list of resources for the classroom.

- WHEN:** June 2, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
SITE: Museum of Latin American Art, 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach
COST: Free with RSVP on the website
SPONSOR: Museum of Latin American Art
INFO: 562.437.1689
molaa.org/evening-for-educators



VISIBLE AND VIBRANT: LGBTQ+ ARTISTS IN LACMA'S COLLECTION

This series of tours celebrates LGBTQ+ artists in the permanent collection. Participants of all ages and identities are invited to join us and discover creativity, community, and surprising stories

- WHEN:** June 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
COST: Check website for prices
SPONSORS: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, One Institute for Circa: Queer Histories Festival
INFO: 323.857.6010
lacma.org/event/visible-and-vibrant-lgbtq-artists-oct-31-11

PRIDE NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Enjoy a fun evening with your favorite animals and colorful fish. An all ages event that includes drag queen storytelling, rainbow photo opportunities, and more. Pride Night is a celebration of our diverse community.

- WHEN:** June 12, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
SITE: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSORS: The LGBTQ Center Long Beach, Aquarium of the Pacific
INFO: 562.590.3100
aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/pride_night

BODY HEAT OPENING - NEW WORKS BY DROR YISRAEL HEMED & YINON AVIOR

A series of hand-sewn photographic quilts features alongside paintings and works on paper inspired by Southern California's LGBTQ communities, landscapes, and cultural rhythms. This exhibition features two acclaimed artists, Dror Yisrael Hemed and Yinon Avior, who created *Body Heat* during recent residencies.

- WHEN:** Preview June 13, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m., Exhibit June 20, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SITE: Impell Gallery, 610 S. Belardo Rd. Suite 1000, Palm Springs
COST: Free with RSVP at Refaelsagi@gmail.com
SPONSORS: IAILA, Los Angeles, Impell Gallery, Palm Springs
INFO: sagirefael.com

RUBÉN ESPARZA —NEW WORK FROM THE UNTITLED FLAG SERIES

Artist Rubén Esparza's new site-specific sculptural work from his ongoing *Untitled Flag* series. In this latest iteration, Esparza reconfigures the American flag through a mostly monochromatic red-on-red palette, transforming a familiar national symbol into a powerful meditation on history, memory, and power. With a performance by Lechdevirgen and music score by Peter Kalisch.

- WHEN:** June 27 – July 27, check website for times, Reception: June 27, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Highways, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Highways, Queer Biennial, Queer Califas
INFO: 323.333.5449
highwaysperformance.org



MUSIC AND DANCE

RAINBOW SKATE NIGHT

LA's premier LGBTQ+ skate night is open to all ages every Wednesday night. Bring your own skates or rent a pair at the window when you arrive. Roll into a night of music, movement, and community.

WHEN: Weekly, Wednesdays, 8:00 – 11: 00 p.m.

SITE: Moonlight Rollerway, 5110 San Fernando Rd., Glendale

COST: Purchase tickets on Eventbrite

SPONSOR: Moonlight Rollerway

INFO: 818.241.3630
eventbrite.com/e/rainbow-skate-night-all-ages-8pm-11pm-tickets-1984918558842?aff=ebds-oporgprofile

OUTLOUD MUSIC FESTIVAL AT WEHO PRIDE

Three days of music, collective celebration, and unforgettable performances, the OUTLOUD Music Festival returns to West Hollywood Park for WeHo Pride Weekend 2026.

WHEN: June 5 – 7, 12:00 noon – 12:00 midnight

SITE: West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Check the website for ticket prices

SPONSOR: WeHo Pride

INFO: outloudmusicfestival.com

WEHO PRIDE PRESENTS FRIDAY NIGHT AT OUTLOUD

Start Pride weekend with fabulous pop icons, queer favorites, and unforgettable live moments in the heart of West Hollywood.

WHEN: June 5, 6:00 p.m.

SITE: West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood

COST: Free with RSVP on the website

SPONSORS: WeHo Pride, Out loud Music Festival

INFO: wehopride.com/event/friday-night-outloud

OFF THE 405: HUNX AND HIS PUNX

The trio are ecstatic campy fun, laced with a bite, they have helped define a strain of early-2000s queer garage punk that's as indebted to analog retro-trash aesthetics and girl-group harmonies as to riot grrrl and DIY noise. Their command of dark humor does the best any of us can in a weird, wild, heavy world.

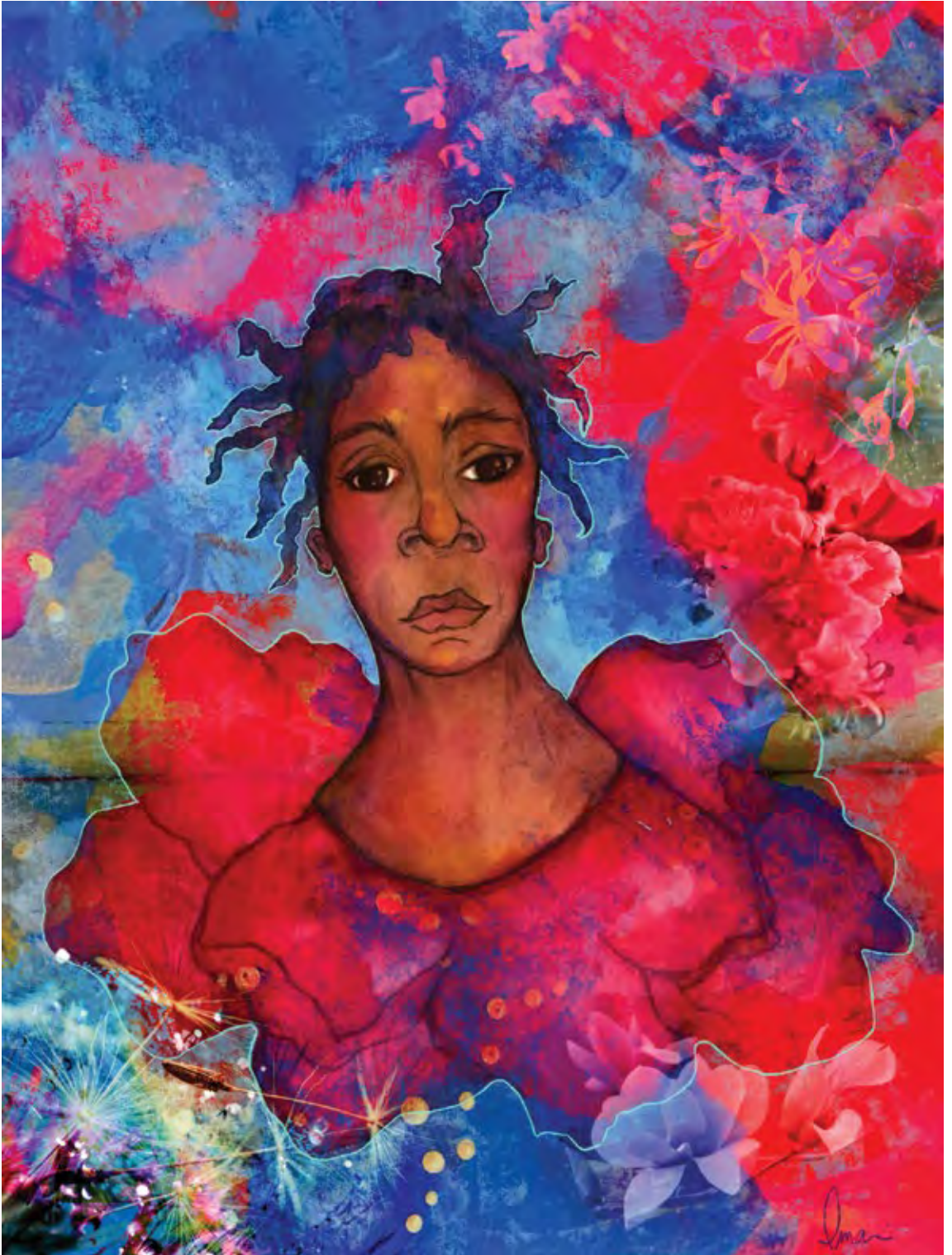
WHEN: June 13, 6:00 p.m.

SITE: The Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Dr., Los Angeles

COST: Free, advance registration required

SPONSOR: The Getty Center

INFO: 310.440.7300
getty.edu/calendar



Imani Tolliver, *She*, Mixed media, 8" x 10", 2025



Ricky Sencion, #31, Acrylic on paper, 18" x 18", 2023

I, TOO, SING AMERICA

From Native American poetry and Appalachian folk song to the musical traditions of today's immigrant communities, journey musically through the distinct voices that shape our nation. A dynamic program that honors the traditions woven into the nation's beginnings while bringing to life powerful works that have become enduring American anthems commemorating the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

- WHEN:** June 14, 4:00 p.m.
SITE: Zipper Concert Hall, Colburn, 200 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
COST: Check the website for ticket prices
SPONSOR: Vox Femina
INFO: voxfemina.org/current-season



JUNETEENTH PRIDE CONCERT

Hosted by @Lakhiya, Blxck Queer healing artists, activists, and professional HOMiEs will activate community care with call-and-response poetry, song, and dance to honor June as Pride Month, Black Music Month, and home to Juneteenth. Come ready to move your body, co-create in communal art-making activities, and meet new people from all over the world who also dance at these intersections of identity.

- WHEN:** June 19, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Online and In Person
- COST:** Free, register on the website for the meeting link
- SPONSOR:** HOMEplxce Retreats & Consulting
- INFO:** HOMEplxce.com/KINnect

REEL NOSTALGIC SOUNDTRACKS

Premiere performance for Reel Nostalgic Soundtracks, this film music concert will feature 4 conducting participants of the 3rd Annual Member Conducting Workshop.

- WHEN:** June 23, 8:00 p.m.
- SITE:** Heart of Los Angeles, 615 La Fayette Park Pl., Los Angeles
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles
- INFO:** gfbla.org/events

DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE

As the U.S. turns 250, we raise our voices for independence and pride through the songs that have defined generations. Featuring an electrifying mix of anthems both personal and political, this performance is a powerful celebration of identity, resilience, and the freedom to be heard.

- WHEN:** June 27 – 28, Saturday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
- SITE:** Saban Theatre, 8440 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles
- INFO:** gmcla.org/declarations

PRIDE DANCE

Come ready to move, connect, and celebrate with the GFBLA Jazz Band and their program of classical and contemporary big band music.

- WHEN:** June 28, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- SITE:** The Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood
- COST:** Check the website for ticket prices
- SPONSOR:** The Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles (GFBLA)
- INFO:** gfbla.org/events



ONLINE

DAYS OF RAGE, MULTIMEDIA EXHIBIT ON ACTIVIST POSTERS

Days of Rage is a web exhibition that enlivens historical activist posters through analysis and storytelling. The exhibition positions LGBTQ+ graphic design as embodied in community realities and histories, producing subjective reflections on the interdependence of design and activism.

WHEN: Ongoing Exhibition
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSOR: ONE Archives Foundation
INFO: daysofrage.onearchives.org

DRAG KINGS, EXPLAINED BY DRAG KINGS

Five drag king interviewees share their relationships to drag, what they love about it, and how the art form has transformed. Performances play with masculine identities: politicizing them, satirizing them, and having fun with them. Drag kings are pushing for place in a cis-male-dominated field, and it's working.

WHEN: Ongoing Exhibition
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Vox
INFO: youtube.com/watch?v=IXshUNU65wI

HILTON ALS ON DIANE ARBUS IN MANHATTAN

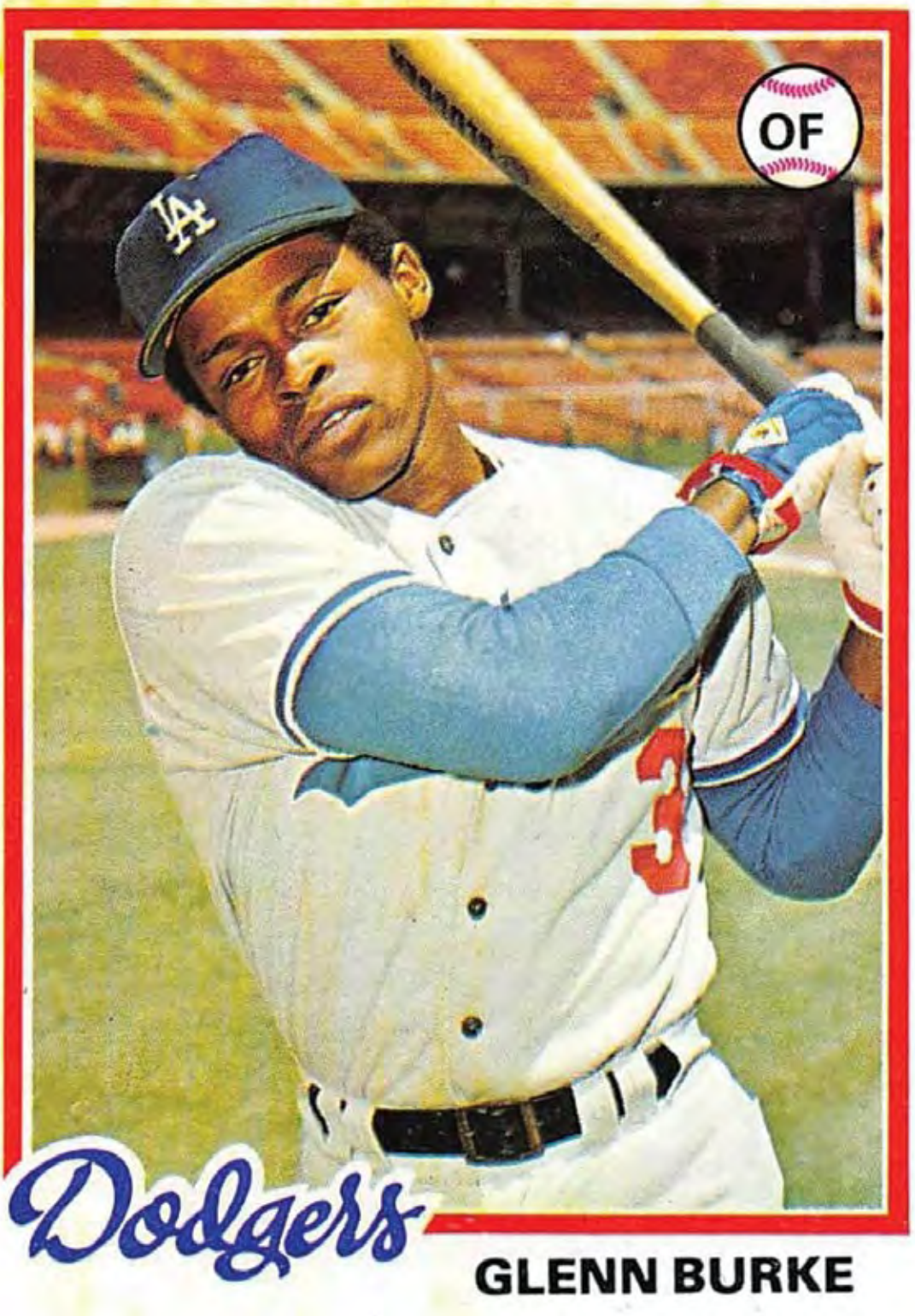
The esteemed writer, curator, and critic Hilton Als lectures not only about Diane Arbus' relationship to her place of origin in Manhattan, but how he himself and many other writers, ranging from Walt Whitman to Elizabeth Hardwick, have responded to the island as well.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Hammer Channel
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hammer Museum UCLA
INFO: channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1992/hilton-als-on-diane-arbus-in-manhattan

HOW I BECAME A PERSON, BY PAGE PERSON

In celebration of Trans Awareness Week, artist Page Person presents a sprawling, multi-sensory show confronting anti-drag and anti-trans hysteria with humor, storytelling, and audience participation.

WHEN: Ongoing
SITE: Hammer Channel
COST: Free
SPONSOR: Hammer Museum
INFO: channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1861/how-i-became-a-person-by-page-person



Unknown Artist, *Glenn Burke*, Baseball Card. In 1982 Glenn Burke was the first American Major League Baseball (Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Athletics) player to come out as gay after he retired. He and Dodger teammate Dusty Baker are widely credited with inventing the high five.



MMIX, *Safari Inn*, Glitched photography, 11" x 14", 2025



Mary Cheung, *Not One Of Us #2*, Digital photography art, 12"x 18", 2024

INDEPENDENT VOICES

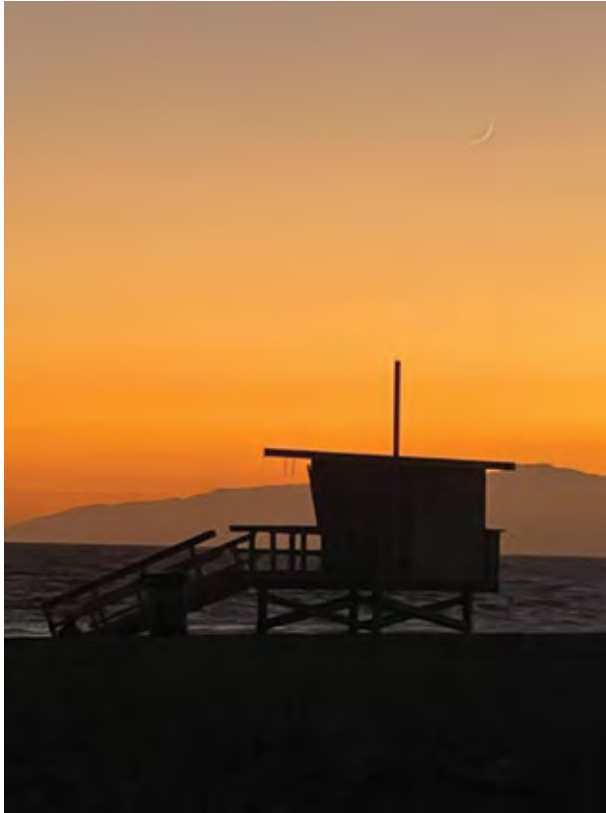
This digital collection includes alternative press newspapers, magazines and journals, drawn from the special collections of participating libraries. These periodicals were produced by feminists, dissident GLs, campus radicals, Native Americans, anti-war activists, Black Power advocates, Hispanics, LGBT activists, the extreme right-wing press and alternative literary magazines during the latter half of the 20th century.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSORS: ONE Archives at the USC libraries, JSTOR
INFO: voices.revealdigital.org

JOHN ELGIN WOOLF: MASTER OF THE HOLLYWOOD REGENCY

Architect John Elgin Woolf's work defined luxury living for Hollywood's famous. He created glamorous homes for figures including Katharine Hepburn, Judy Garland, Mae West, and John Wayne. He became a master of the Hollywood Regency style. Take this self-guided architectural trail.

- WHEN:** Ongoing, Self-Guided Walking Tour
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSORS: City of West Hollywood's Arts Division, Fort Los Angeles
INFO: drive.google.com/file/d/1gHL9DLox6lm2IKgmuFEPGhTT53XOYFPP/view



Karin Lisa Atkinson, *Moon Rise*, Digital photography, 3024 x 4032 px, 2026

OUTMUSEUM

Outfest curated this first free, LGBTQ+ arts and media virtual museum to foster discussions, increase access to art and information, and speak to histories regularly omitted from the record.

WHEN: Ongoing Exhibition

SITE: Online

COST: Free

SPONSOR: Outfest

INFO: watch.eventive.org/outmuseum

PRIDE AT THE FOWLER - ARCHIVING GAY HISTORY

The UCLA Film & Television Archive's Virtual Screening Room presents *The Beauty President*, followed by a conversation about the capacity of contemporary art to breathe new life into archival content—and how to deal with what's missing.

WHEN: Ongoing

SITE: Online

COST: Free

SPONSORS: The Fowler, the UCLA Film & Television Archive, ONE Archives at USC

INFO: fowler.ucla.edu/events/pride-at-the-fowler-archiving-gay-history



Dror Yisrael Hemed, *Splash*, Oil on linen, 47" x 35.5", 2025-2026



PRIDE EXPLORER APP

Experience LGBTQ+ heritage and culture like never before. The Pride Explorer App will help you to reveal a proud history. From Downtown to Hollywood, this interactive tour will blow the dust off over a century of underground bars and gay rights battle scars.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Tour
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSOR: The Lavender Effect®
INFO: thelavendereffect.org/pride-explorer

ROXANE GAY ON THE PORTABLE FEMINIST READER

In her innovative anthology *The Portable Feminist Reader*, acclaimed author and culture critic Roxane Gay explores what feminism looks like in practice. The writings selected by Gay reveal her interpretation of the feminist canon as expansive rather than definitive, and invites robust discussion and debate.

- WHEN:** Ongoing
SITE: Hammer Channel
COST: Free
SPONSORS: Hammer Museum, UCLA
INFO: channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1953/roxane-gay-on-the-portable-feminist-reader

SECRET LIVES, STORIES, MUSIC, AND ORIGINAL WRITINGS BY LGBTQ+ SENIORS

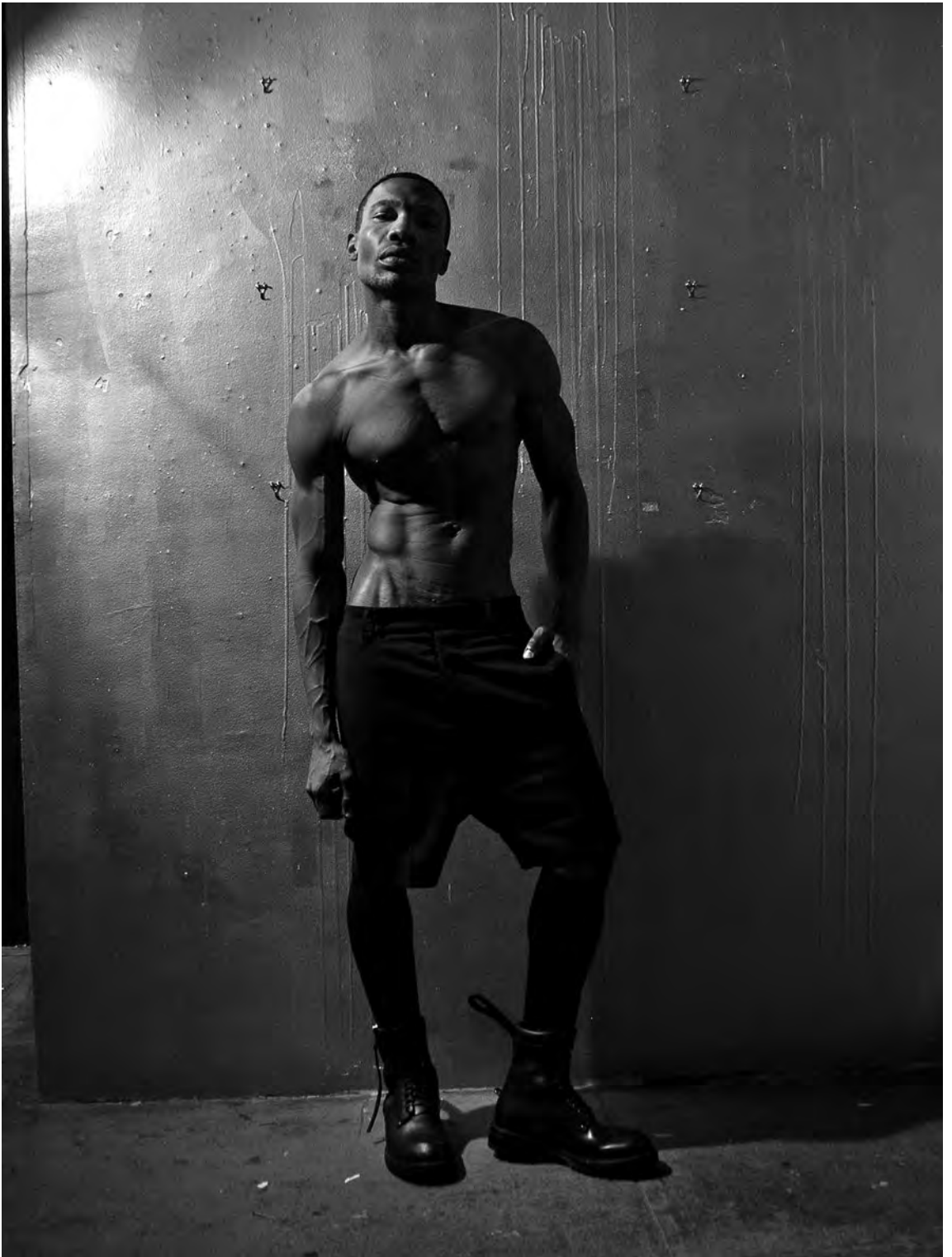
Witness the experiences of remarkable seniors in the Los Angeles LGBT Center Senior Services program and historical figures who had to keep secrets to maintain their careers, families, and place in society.

- WHEN:** Ongoing
SITE: Online
COST: Free
SPONSOR: City of West Hollywood Arts Division
INFO: Youtube.com/watch?v=EGZ7zv0NH8s

SISTERHOOD BOOKSTORE

For 27 years, Sisterhood Bookstore was a place where women could see themselves in literature, share their experiences, and find community. Through its books, readings, and community events, it helped connect lesbians and feminists to each other and to wider movements for liberation.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition
SITE: June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives, 626 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood
COST: Free
SPONSOR: June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives
INFO: mazerlesbianarchivesexhibits.org/sisterhood-bookstore-a-place-for-feminist-culture-and-activism/index



Rick Castro, *Stance*, Archival digital print, signed on verso, 11" x 8", 2015



JT Bruns, *Yesika Salgado (Los Angeles)*, Cast concrete, excerpt from a poem by Yesika Salgado, 20" x 20" x 2", 2025

STUART TIMMONS WEST HOLLYWOOD LGBTQ+ HISTORY TOUR

Acclaimed author/historian Stuart Timmons was writing his West Hollywood LGBTQ History Tour, the final in a trio of walking tours, when he suffered a debilitating stroke. The tour remained incomplete until the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division funded its completion to help finish his research, bringing it to a rousing completion as both a special in-person performance and this self-guided walking tour.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Tour
- SITE:** Online
- COST:** Free
- SPONSOR:** City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division
- INFO:** bit.ly/WeHoLGBTQTour

TRANS HIRSTORY IN 99 OBJECTS

Chris E. Vargas’s *Museum of Trans Hirstory & Art (MOTHA)*, is “forever under construction.” Exploring trans art, activism, artifacts, and resistance across more than four centuries, *Trans Hirstory in 99 Objects* does away with the patriarchy and instead charts a gender-neutral, trans-centric hirstory of art. Vargas is joined by book contributors, editors, and artists to celebrate, discuss, and perform trans and non-binary magic.

- WHEN:** Ongoing Exhibition
- SITE:** Hammer Channel
- COST:** Free
- SPONSORS:** Hammer Museum, UCLA
- INFO:** channel.hammer.ucla.edu/video/1881/trans-hirstory-in-99-objects



Mike D. Salazar, *Always Follow the Unicorn*, Digital photography, 10.25" x 11.875", 2019

QUEERCORE BOOK TALK WITH AUTHOR AUDREY GOLDEN

Audrey Golden and a panel discuss *Queercore*, a new installment in the *Genre: A 33 1/3 Series*, which is about the musical movement of the same name—the proud, loud, and out subgenre of punk that celebrated queer voices in the 80s and 90s, and set the stage for the riot grrrl movement.

- WHEN:** June 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
SITE: Online at City of Los Angeles Central Library
COST: Free, register on the website for the meeting link
SPONSOR: Los Angeles Public Library: Arts, Music, and Recreation
INFO: lapl.org/whats-on/events/queercore-author-audrey-golden





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IN THE STUDIO AND IN THE COMMUNITY

LGBTQIA+ VISUAL ARTISTS SHAPING CULTURE IN LA

As we celebrate 2026 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual+ Heritage Month, we're proud and honored to uplift and highlight a small but powerful cross-section of artists whose work reflects the depth, diversity, and dynamism of the community.

Selected from the artwork featured in this publication are the voices of artists who offer unique perspectives that span genres, disciplines, and cultural expressions. While their stories are just a glimpse into the richness of LGBTQIA+ artistic lives in Los Angeles, each one invites us to reflect and connect. These spotlights are just a few of the many viewpoints shaping our shared cultural landscape.

The artists in this issue are: **Duane Paul**, **José Lomeli**, **Rubén Esparza**, **Monica Orozco**, and **Mary Cheung**. Duane Paul is an established artist whose impressive work has appeared in a few issues of the publication, while Jose Lomeli is a first time contributor. Rubén Esparza is a multi-hyphenate career artist, designer, curator, and writer who has shown unwavering support for the LGBTQIA+ community. We also interviewed Mary Cheung and Monica Orozco in the 2025 Guide and again this year, we asked for their perspectives on changes in the arts scene in LA in 2026.

For a full listing of artists featured in the publication, please see page 139.

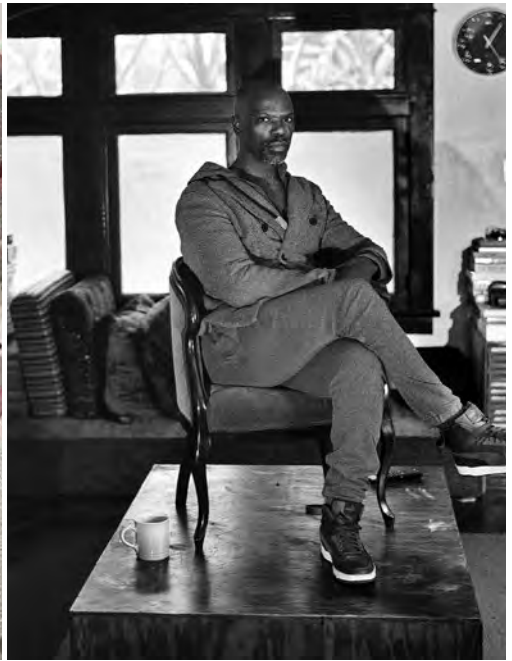
JOSÉ LOMELI



Following a fulfilling career in the fashion industry, I now focus my creativity on ceramics. I enjoy working with my hands, whether hand building or using the wheel, and often embrace a maximalist style. My work ranges from playful and quirky to dark and dramatic, reflecting the vibrant spirit of the LGBTQIA+ community and my commitment to HIV/AIDS advocacy.

Travels through the Yucatán Peninsula and my Chicano heritage continually inspire my appreciation for Mexican culture, art, and architecture. I incorporate the intrigue of ancient ruins by giving my pieces a weathered, aged appearance. Animals and the natural world – especially those from my own backyard – are a constant source of inspiration.

Above, at left: Artist José Lomeli in his studio; at right, top: Jose Lomeli, *Untitled*; and at bottom: detail from Jose Lomeli, *Urna para un Amigo/ Urn for a Friend, Ceramic, 5" x 5", 2025*

DUANE PAUL

My practice explores photographic hybrid sculptures using biomorphic shapes and curated marks, reflecting my Afro-Caribbean immigrant and Black Queer American experiences. Through symbolism, materiality, and representation, I address visible and invisible aspects of urban life. My work, using self-portraiture, textiles, and utilitarian materials, explores erasure, race, sexuality, intimacy, and sociopolitical themes.

Self-portrait imagery, along with seemingly mundane images of my journey within the everyday urban landscape, drives my visual conversation. Alongside my photo-sculptural pieces, I am now exploring digital art by making photo-digital assemblages for social media. Through these works, I question politics and rethink ideas about sensuality, sexuality, race, queerness, migration, and immigration in today's society.

Above, at left: detail from *Weight and Desire*, 2025, and at right: the artist in his studio, see page 88 for the artist's work *Be Fruit-Full*.

RUBÉN ESPARZA

I am a multidisciplinary artist whose practice spans painting, drawing, poetry, and curatorial work. For the past 50 years, I have focused on projects that address social issues and history. Right now, I am working on three main projects: a series of artworks using the American flag to share a message, experimenting with non-traditional materials to create experimental works that push the boundaries of visual expression, and a long-term project recreating LGBTQIA+ protest signs from the 1960s to today. By blending graphic design and fine art, my protest sign project documents and celebrates queer activism over the years.

Outside my studio, I curate exhibitions that focus on fair representation for queer artists. My commitment to diversity inspired me to start the Queer Biennial nearly 15 years ago, an international survey of LGBTQIA+ art and culture that I continue to direct. I believe that telling inclusive stories is key to showing the full range of American culture.

I have a solo exhibition at Highways on June 27, titled *Untitled Flag*, featuring a new flag sculpture, a performance, and commissioned music. Additionally, I have a summer residency at Alta, where I will move my studio into the museum and create a commissioned piece to be displayed there. I will also be showing a new flag at Charlie James Gallery in Chinatown during the summer.

Above left: Artist Rubén Esparza with blankets; above, right: detail from Rubén Esparza, *Untitled (Flag)*, Archival ink on 100% rag paper, 24" x 18", 2023; at right: detail from Ruben Esparza, *Q Polaroids*, Polaroids, 22" x 28", 2011-2026



MARY CHEUNG



Over the past year, my experience as an artist has been shaped by dramatic shifts in the art world. Once fueled by optimism and community, I now navigate a climate of shrinking opportunities and financial instability. The gap between artistic value and financial support has widened, forcing many artists to juggle extra jobs to sustain their creative practice.

My process remains rooted in lived experience, emotional truth, and the blending of photography, painting, poetry, dance, and fashion. Yet, the urgency to sustain my art and public programs means I spend as much time seeking funding as creating.

Perhaps the most significant change has been a shift from optimism to determined advocacy. Where last year I felt renewed by international residencies and the ability to give back through free public art, I am now compelled to envision broader solutions, like building a nonprofit to support artists both creatively and financially. In the face of growing challenges, I remain committed to transforming struggle into work that disrupts, connects, and advocates for a more equitable future for artists.

At left: **Mary Cheung**, *Birdcage*, Photography 18" x 24", 2026; at right, above: portrait of artist Mary Cheung; at right, below: the artist preparing a model in studio

MONICA OROZCO



My self-portrait practice is a visual diary of emotional states, transformation, and identity unfolding over time. Through deMonica, my gender-fluid alter ego, I move beyond binaries to explore freedom, aging, and self-expression as acts of becoming rooted in visibility and resistance. The work serves as documentation and therapy, turning lived moments into visual narratives that invite reflection.

Looking at how art has changed in LA over the last year, one main difference is the shrinking of art funding, which is shaping the atmosphere here. In response, artists are claiming space more directly and unapologetically. Even under pressure, the community strongly refuses to shrink.

As an artist who has often worked with retouching, I've started to question how I want my images to feel now. With the rise of AI and the ease of generating visual perfection, I find myself drawn in the opposite direction. I'm leaning toward work that feels raw and analog, less synthetic, more human, and more real.

Ar top, right: **Monica Orozco**, *Psycho*, 2020, referencing Alfred Hitchcock's film, reimagines fear through a personal lens, created during a period of collective uncertainty and lingering psychological unrest; At bottom, right: detail from **Monica Orozco**, *More Than One Me*, *Self-portrait by Monica Orozco*, Photograph, 15" x 15", 2016; at right: the artist, as herself, in her studio





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SUGGESTED READING

In celebration of this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Heritage Month, we present the following bibliography representing fictional and non-fictional works from a variety of LGBTQIA+ experiences. These books are recommended for adult readers, ages 18 and over, and many may be available through the Los Angeles Public Library.

Many books, music, periodicals, and films can be downloaded for free from the Los Angeles Public Library website, lapl.org. Live in Los Angeles but don't have a library card? You can get immediate access to digital collections with an [e-card](#) that you can obtain at the lapl.org website. The e-card gives you immediate, unlimited, and free access to Los Angeles Public Library online resources.



Nojan Rahimian, *Behind The Blue*, Acrylic and mixed-media on paper, 36" x 24", 2025

BASTARD OUT OF CAROLINA

by Dorothy Allison

Greenville County, South Carolina, is a wild, lush place that is home to the Boatwright family—a tight-knit clan of rough-hewn, hard-drinking men who shoot up each other’s trucks, and indomitable women who get married young and age too quickly. At the heart of this story is Ruth Anne Boatwright, known simply as Bone, a bastard child who observes the world around her with a mercilessly keen perspective. When her stepfather Daddy Glen, “cold as death, mean as a snake,” becomes increasingly more vicious toward her, Bone finds herself caught in a family triangle that tests the loyalty of her mother, Anney – and leads to a final, harrowing encounter from which there can be no turning back.

GIOVANNI’S ROOM

by James Baldwin

David is a young American expatriate who has just proposed marriage to his girlfriend, Hella. While she is away on a trip, David meets a bartender named Giovanni to whom he is drawn in spite of himself. Soon the two are spending the night in Giovanni’s curtainless room, which he keeps dark to protect their privacy. But Hella’s return to Paris brings the affair to a crisis, one that rapidly spirals into tragedy. David struggles for self-knowledge during one long, dark night—“the night which is leading me to the most terrible morning of my life.” With a sharp, probing imagination, James Baldwin’s now-classic narrative delves into the mystery of loving and creates a deeply moving story of death and passion that reveals the unspoken complexities of the human heart.

BEEBO BRINKER

by Ann Bannon

Designated the “Queen of Lesbian Pulp Fiction” for authoring five landmark novels beginning in 1957, Ann Bannon’s work defined lesbian fiction for the pre-Stonewall generation. Unlike many writers of the period, however, Bannon broke through the shame and isolation typically portrayed in lesbian pulps, offering instead women characters who embrace their sexuality against great odds. With *Beebo Brinker*, Bannon introduces a butch 17-year-old farm girl newly arrived in New York after she is driven from her Wisconsin home town for wearing drag to the State Fair. Befriended by the gay Jack Mann, a father-figure with a weakness for runaways, Beebo sets out to find love.

FUN HOME: A FAMILY TRAGICOMIC

by Alison Bechdel

Distant and exacting, Bruce Bechdel was an English teacher and director of the town funeral home, which Alison and her family referred to as the “Fun Home.” It was not until college that Alison, who had recently come out as a lesbian, discovered that her father was also gay. A few weeks after this revelation, he was dead, leaving a legacy of mystery for his daughter to resolve. In her hands, personal history becomes a work of amazing subtlety and power, written with controlled force and enlivened with humor, rich literary allusion, and heartbreaking detail.



Amina AmXn, *Queen Behavior*, Digital photography, 16" x 20", 2019

LIE WITH ME

by Philippe Besson, translated by Molly Ringwald

Just outside a hotel in Bordeaux, Philippe chances upon a young man who bears a striking resemblance to his first love. What follows is a look back at the relationship he's never forgotten, a hidden affair with a gorgeous boy named Thomas during their last year of high school. Without ever acknowledging they know each other in the halls, they steal time to meet in secret, carrying on a passionate, world-altering affair. Besson's powerfully moving coming-of-age story captures the eroticism and tenderness of first love - and the heartbreaking passage of time.

RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE

by Rita Mae Brown

A landmark coming-of-age novel that launched the career of one of this country's most distinctive voices, *Rubyfruit Jungle* remains a transformative work more than forty years after its original publication. In bawdy, moving prose, Rita Mae Brown tells the story of Molly Bolt, the adoptive daughter of a dirt-poor Southern couple who boldly forges her own path in America. With her startling beauty and crackling wit, Molly finds that women are drawn to her wherever she goes-and she refuses to apologize for loving them back. This literary milestone continues to resonate with its message about being true to yourself and, against the odds, living happily ever after.



Richard McKinley, *Untitled*, Mixed media, 2019



Mary Cheung, *Am I Enough?*, Digital photography art, 8.5" x 11", 2025

IN AT THE DEEP END

by Kate Davies

Until recently, Julia hadn't had sex in three years. But now: a one-night stand is accusing her of breaking his penis; a sexually confident lesbian is making eyes at her over confrontational modern art; and she's wondering whether trimming her pubes makes her a bad feminist. Julia's about to learn that she's been looking for love – and satisfaction – in all the wrong places

HEAVEN'S COAST

by Mark Doty

The year is 1989 and Mark Doty's life has reached a state of enviable equilibrium. His reputation as a poet of formidable talent is growing, he enjoys his work as a college professor and, perhaps most importantly, he is deeply in love with his partner of many years. The harmonious existence these two men share is shattered, however, when they learn that Wally has tested positive for the HIV virus.

ASEGI STORIES: CHEROKEE QUEER AND TWO-SPIRIT MEMORY

by Qwo-Li Driskill

In the Cherokee language *Asegi udanto* refers to people who either fall outside of men's and women's roles or who mix men's and women's roles. *Asegi*, which translates as "strange," is also used by some Cherokees as a term similar to "queer." For Driskill, the word provides a means by which to reread Cherokee history in order to listen for those stories rendered "strange" by colonial heteropatriarchy. As the first full-length work of scholarship to develop a tribally specific Indigenous Queer or Two-Spirit critique, *Asegi Stories* examines gender and sexuality in Cherokee cultural memory, how they shape the present, and how they can influence the future.

MAURICE

by EM Forster

Maurice Hall grows up confident in his privileged status and well aware of his role in society. Modest and generally conformist, he nevertheless finds himself increasingly attracted to men. Through Clive, whom he encounters at Cambridge, and through Alec, the gamekeeper on Clive's country estate, Maurice gradually experiences a profound emotional and sexual awakening. A tale of passion, bravery and defiance, this intensely personal novel was completed in 1914, but remained unpublished until after Forster's death. Compellingly honest and beautifully written, it offers a powerful condemnation of the repressive attitudes of British society, and is at once an intimate tale of one man's erotic and political self-discovery and a moving love story.

THE GILDA STORIES

by Jewelle Gomez

This remarkable novel begins in 1850s Louisiana, where Gilda escapes slavery and learns about freedom while working in a brothel. After being initiated into eternal life as one who "shares the blood" by two women there, Gilda spends the next two hundred years searching for a place to call home. An instant lesbian classic when it was first published, *The Gilda Stories* has endured as an auspiciously prescient book in its explorations of blackness, radical ecology, re-definitions of family, and yes, the erotic potential of the vampire story.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE: A QUEER MUSLIM MEMOIR

by Samra Habib

Samra Habib has spent most of their life searching for the safety to be themselves. As an Ahmadi Muslim growing up in Pakistan, they faced regular threats from Islamic extremists who believed the small, dynamic sect to be blasphemous. From their parents, they internalized the lesson that revealing their identity could put them in grave danger. When their family came to Canada as refugees, Samra encountered a whole new host of challenges: bullies, racism, the threat of poverty, and an arranged marriage. So begins an exploration of faith, art, love, and queer sexuality, a journey that takes them to the far reaches of the globe to uncover a truth that was within them all along. A triumphant memoir of forgiveness and family, both chosen and not, *We Have Always Been Here* is a rallying cry for anyone who has ever felt out of place and a testament to the power of fearlessly inhabiting one's truest self.





Dror Yisrael Hemed, *Back from the swimming Pool*, Oil on linen, 51" x 67", 2025-2026

THE PRICE OF SALT

By Patricia Highsmith

Based on a true story plucked from Highsmith's own life, *The Price of Salt* (or *Carol*) tells the riveting drama of Therese Belivet, a stage designer trapped in a department-store day job, whose routine is forever shattered by a gorgeous epiphany, the appearance of Carol Aird, a customer who comes in to buy her daughter a Christmas toy. Therese begins to gravitate toward the alluring suburban housewife, who is trapped in a marriage as stultifying as Therese's job. They fall in love and set out across the United States, ensnared by society's confines and the imminent disapproval of others, yet propelled by their infatuation. A brilliantly written story that may surprise Highsmith fans and will delight those discovering her work.

THE SWIMMING-POOL LIBRARY

by Alan Hollinghurst

The dazzling first novel from the best-selling, Booker Prize-winning author of *The Line of Beauty* and *The Sparsholt Affair*. An enthralling, darkly erotic novel of homosexuality before the scourge of AIDS; an elegy, possessed of chilling clarity, for ways of life that can no longer be lived with impunity. The Swimming-Pool Library focuses on the friendship of two men: William Beckwith, a young gay aristocrat who leads a life of privilege and promiscuity, and Lord Nantwich, an elderly man searching for someone to write his biography and inherit his traditions.

AIN'T I A WOMAN: BLACK WOMEN AND FEMINISM

by bell hooks

A classic work of feminist scholarship, this book has become a must for all those interested in the nature of Black womanhood. Examining the impact of sexism on Black women during slavery, the devaluation of Black womanhood, Black male sexism, racism among feminists, and the Black woman's involvement with feminism, hooks attempts to move us beyond racist and sexist assumptions. The result is nothing short of groundbreaking, giving this work a critical place in every feminist scholar's library.

THE HENNA WARS

by Adiba Jaigirdar

Nishat doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is, and it only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life. Flávia is beautiful and charismatic, and Nishat falls for her instantly. But when a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flávia and Nishat decide to showcase their talent as henna artists. In a fight to prove who is the best, their lives become more tangled - but Nishat can't quite get rid of her crush, especially since Flávia seems to like her back. As the competition heats up, Nishat has a decision to make: stay in the closet for her family, or put aside her differences with Flávia and give their relationship a chance.

GOODBYE TO BERLIN

by Christopher Isherwood

Goodbye to Berlin has been popularized on stage and screen in *I Am a Camera* and *Cabaret*. Isherwood magnificently captures 1931 Berlin: charming, with its avenues and cafés; marvelously grotesque, with its nightlife and dreamers; dangerous, with its vice and intrigue; powerful and seedy, with its mobs and millionaires - this was the period when Hitler was beginning his move to power. The book is inhabited by a wealth of characters: the unforgettable Sally Bowles; plump Fraulein Schroeder, who considers reducing her Buste (her bust) to relieve her heart palpitations; Peter and Otto, a gay couple struggling to come to terms with their relationship; and the distinguished and doomed Jewish family, the Landauers.

FAMILY DANCING

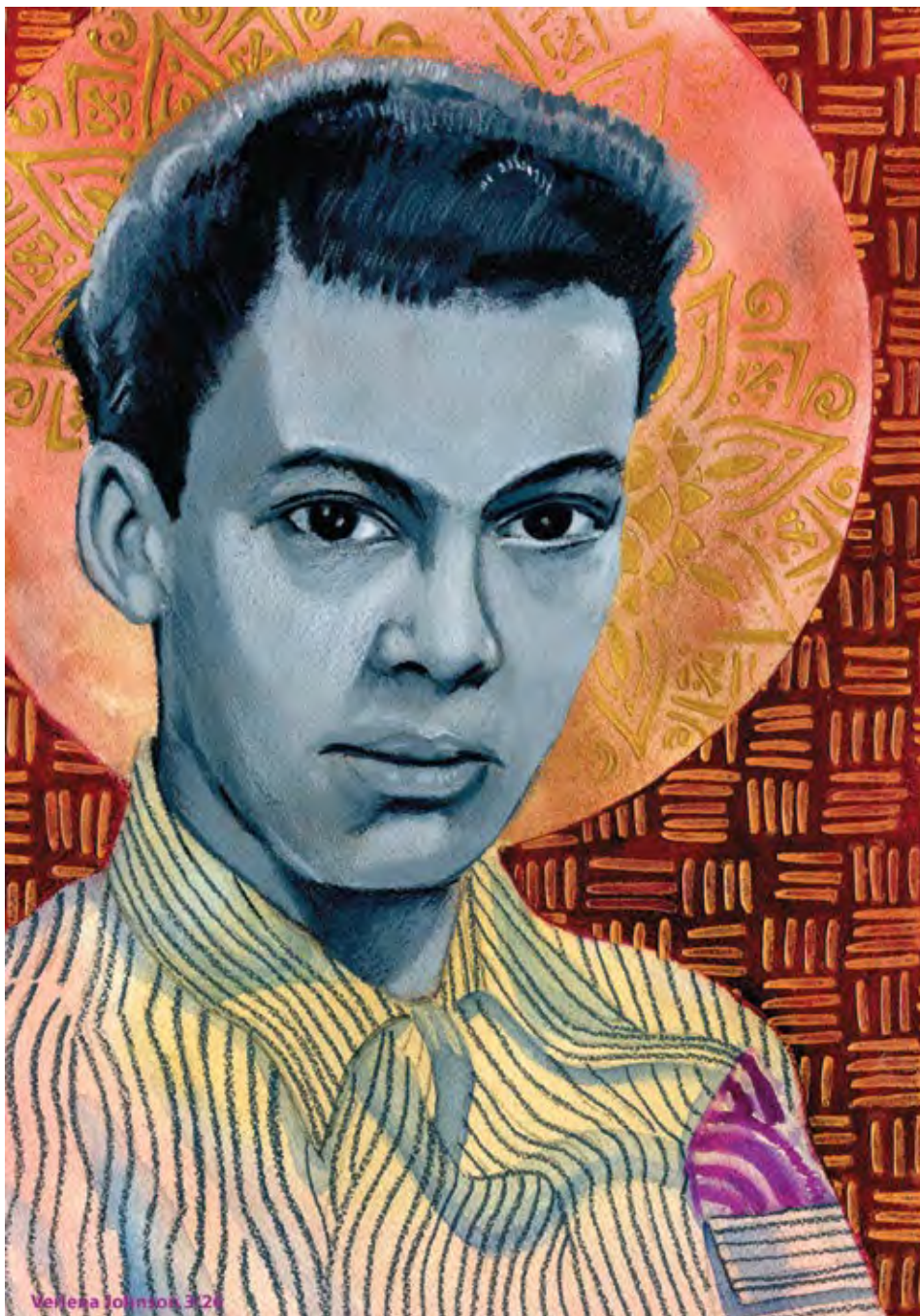
by David Leavitt

This is a book of remarkable short stories, including "Territory," in which a well-intentioned, liberal mother, presiding over her local Parents of Lesbians and Gays chapter, finds her acceptance of her son's sexuality shaken when he arrives home with a lover. In the title story, a family extended through divorce and remarriage dances together at the end of a summer party-in the recognition that they are still bound by the very forces that split them apart. Tender and funny, these stories reveal the intricacies and subtleties of the dances in which we all engage.

SISTER OUTSIDER: ESSAYS AND SPEECHES

by Audre Lorde

Presenting the essential writings of black lesbian poet and feminist writer Audre Lorde, the book celebrates an influential voice in 20th-century literature. In this charged collection of 15 essays and speeches, Lorde takes on sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia, and class and propounds social difference as a vehicle for action and change. Her prose is incisive, unflinching, and lyrical, reflecting struggle but ultimately offering messages of hope. Lorde's philosophies resonate more than 20 years after they were first published.



**PAULI
MURRAY**



Imani Tolliver, *Samara*, Mixed media, 8" x 10", 2026

TALES OF THE CITY

by Armistead Maupin

The first novel in the beloved *Tales of the City* series, Armistead Maupin's bestselling San Francisco saga. For almost four decades Armistead Maupin's *Tales* series has blazed a trail through popular culture—from a groundbreaking newspaper serial to a classic novel, to a television event that entranced millions around the world. The first of ten novels about the denizens of the mythic apartment house at 28 Barbary Lane, *Tales* is both a sparkling comedy of manners and an indelible portrait of an era that changed forever the way we live.



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THE SONG OF ACHILLES

by Madeline Miller

A tale of gods, kings, immortal fame, and the human heart, *The Song of Achilles* is a dazzling literary feat that brilliantly reimagines Homer's enduring masterwork, *The Iliad*. An action-packed adventure, an epic love story, a marvelously conceived and executed page-turner, and an unforgettable journey back to ancient Greece in the Age of Heroes.

LIKE A LOVE STORY

by Abdi Nazemian

Reza is an Iranian boy who has just moved to the city with his mother to live with his stepfather and stepbrother. He's terrified that someone will guess the truth he can barely acknowledge about himself. Reza knows he's gay, but all he knows of gay life are the media's images of men dying of AIDS. Judy is an aspiring fashion designer who worships her uncle Stephen, a gay man with AIDS who devotes his time to activism as a member of ACT UP. Judy has never imagined finding romance until she falls for Reza and they start dating. Art is Judy's best friend, their school's only out and proud teen. He'll never be who his conservative parents want him to be, so he rebels by documenting the AIDS crisis through his photographs. As Reza and Art grow closer, Reza struggles to find a way out of his deception that won't break Judy's heart - and destroy the most meaningful friendship he's ever known.

THE STONEWALL READER

by New York Public Library (Editor), Jason Baumann (Editor)

For the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, an anthology chronicling the tumultuous fight for LGBTQ rights in the 1960s and the activists who spearheaded it, with a foreword by Edmund White. June 28, 2019 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the uprising, which is considered the most significant event in the gay liberation movement, and the catalyst for the modern fight for LGBTQIA++ rights in the United States. Drawing from the New York Public Library's archives, *The Stonewall Reader* is a collection of first accounts, diaries, periodic literature, and articles from LGBTQ magazines and newspapers that documented both the years leading up to and the years following the riots. Most importantly the anthology spotlights both iconic activists who were pivotal in the movement, such as Sylvia Rivera, co-founder of Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries (STAR), as well as forgotten figures like Ernestine Eckstein, one of the few out, African American, lesbian activists in the 1960s. The anthology focuses on the events of 1969, the five years before, and the five years after.

UNDER THE UDALA TREES

by Chinelo Okparanta

Ijeoma comes of age as her nation does; born before independence, she is eleven when civil war breaks out in the young republic of Nigeria. Sent away to safety, she meets another displaced child and they, star-crossed, fall in love. They are from different ethnic communities. They are also both girls. When their love is discovered, Ijeoma learns that she will have to hide this part of herself. But there is a cost to living inside a lie.



Katie McGuire, *Portrait of Girl*, Colored pencil on black paper, 18" x 24", 2025

WHAT IS NOT YOURS IS NOT YOURS

by Helen Oyeyemi

Playful, ambitious, and exquisitely imagined, *What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours* is cleverly built around the idea of keys, literal and metaphorical. The key to a house, the key to a heart, the key to a secret—Oyeyemi's keys not only unlock elements of her characters' lives, they promise further labyrinths on the other side.

THE HOUSE OF HIDDEN MEANINGS: A MEMOIR

by RuPaul

From drag icon to powerhouse producer of one of the world's largest television franchises, RuPaul's ever-shifting nature has always been part of his brand as both supermodel and supermogul. In this memoir, RuPaul makes himself truly known. He strips away all artifice and recounts the story of his life with breathtaking clarity and tenderness, bringing his signature wisdom and wit to his own biography. From his early years growing up as a queer Black kid in San Diego navigating complex relationships with his absent father and temperamental mother, to forging an identity in the punk and drag scenes of Atlanta and New York, to finding enduring love with his husband and self-acceptance in sobriety.



Helena Donato-Sapp, *The Gayborhood*, Oil on canvas, 16" x 20", 2023

ARISTOTLE AND DANTE DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

RAINBOW BOYS

by Alex Sanchez

The first book of a trilogy, the story of three teenage boys, coming of age and out of the closet. Jason Carrillo is a jock with a steady girlfriend, but he can't stop dreaming about sex... with other guys. Kyle Meeks doesn't look gay, but he is. And he hopes he never has to tell anyone—especially his parents. Nelson Glassman is "out" to the entire world, but he can't tell the boy he loves that he wants to be more than just friends. A novel that percolates with passion and wit, Alex Sanchez follows these very different high-school seniors as their struggles with sexuality and intolerance draw them into a triangle of love, betrayal, and ultimately, friendship.



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FUNNY BOY

by Shyam Selvadurai

The second son of a privileged family in Sri Lanka, a son that prefers staging make-believe wedding pageants with his female cousins to battling balls with the other boys. When his parents discover his innocent pastime, Arjie is forced to abandon his idyllic childhood games and adopt the rigid rules of an adult world. Bewildered by his incipient sexual awakening, Arjie painfully grows toward manhood and an understanding of his own “different” identity.

WHIPPING GIRL: A TRANSEXUAL WOMAN ON SEXISM AND THE SCAPEGOATING OF FEMININITY

by Julia Serano

Julia Serano, a transsexual woman whose writing reflects her background as a lesbian transgender activist and professional biologist, shares her powerful experiences and observation, both pre- and post-transition- to reveal the ways in which fear, suspicion and dismissiveness toward femininity shape our societal attitudes toward trans women, gender and sexuality. The author’s exposes how deep-rooted the cultural belief is that femininity is frivolous, weak, and passive, and how this “weakness” exists only to attract and appease male desire. In addition to debunking popular misconceptions about transsexuality, Serano makes the case that today’s feminists and transgender activists must work to embrace and empower femininity-in all of its forms.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON: POLITICS, PEOPLE, AND THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

by Randy Shilts

By the time Rock Hudson’s death in 1985 alerted all of America to the danger of the AIDS epidemic, the disease had spread across the nation, killing thousands of people and emerging as the greatest health crisis of the 20th century. America faced a troubling question: What happened? How was this epidemic allowed to spread so far before it was taken seriously? In answering these questions, Shilts weaves a coherent story, pinning down every evasion and contradiction at the highest levels of the medical, political, and media establishments. He shows that the epidemic spread wildly because the federal government put budget ahead of the nation’s welfare; health authorities placed political expediency before the public health; and scientists were often more concerned with international prestige than saving lives. Against this backdrop, the author tells the heroic stories of individuals in science and politics, public health and the gay community, who struggled to alert the nation to the enormity of the danger it faced.

LUMBERJANES, VOL. 1: BEWARE THE KITTEN HOLY

by Noelle Stevenson, Grace Ellis, Shannon Watters

Illustrated by Brooklyn Allen

Lumberjanes is a graphic novel series featuring five rad ladies who fight monster baddies with the power of friendship! At Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet’s Camp for Hardcore Lady Types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams! Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together... and they’re not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! The mystery keeps getting bigger, and it all begins here.



Ricky Sencion, #62, Acrylic on paper, 18" x 18", 2023

TRANSGENDER HISTORY

by Susan Stryker

Covering American transgender history from the mid-twentieth century to today, *Transgender History* takes a chronological approach to the subject, with each chapter covering major movements, writings, and events. Chapters cover the transsexual and transvestite communities in the years following World War II; trans radicalism and social change, which spanned from 1966 with the publication of *The Transsexual Phenomenon*, and lasted through the early 1970s; the mid-'70s to 1990, the era of identity politics and the changes witnessed in trans circles through these years; and the gender issues witnessed through the '90s and '00s.

ON EARTH WE'RE BRIEFLY GORGEOUS

by Ocean Vuong

A letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late 20s, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born - a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. The book is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard.



Ruben Esparza, *Joey*, Photograph, 20" x 16", 2015



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THE COLOR PURPLE

by Alice Walker

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, *The Color Purple* is a powerful cultural touchstone of modern American literature. It depicts the lives of African American women in early-twentieth-century rural Georgia. Separated as girls, sisters Celie and Nettie sustain their loyalty to and hope in each other across time, distance, and silence. Through a series of letters spanning nearly thirty years, first from Celie to God, then from the sisters to each other, the novel draws readers into a rich and memorable portrayal of Black women—their pain and struggle, companionship and growth, resilience and bravery. Deeply compassionate and beautifully imagined, the book breaks the silence around many issues, and carries readers on an epic and spirit-affirming journey toward transformation, redemption, and love.

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

by Oscar Wilde

A Gothic and philosophical novel, written by Irish writer and playwright Oscar Wilde. In the wealthy and vain hedonist Dorian Gray, London painter Basil Hallward has found his muse. Only when the portrait of Dorian begins to age, while the man himself remains untouched by time, do they realize they may have made a deal with the devil. The author's only novel takes a witty, philosophical, and harrowing look at our obsession with youth and the price we pay for it.

WRITTEN ON THE BODY

by Jeanette Winterson

A beguiling novel from the author of *The Passion* and *Sexing the Cherry*. Winterson chronicles the consuming affair between the narrator, who is given neither name nor gender, and the beloved, a complex and confused married woman.

ORLANDO: A BIOGRAPHY

by Virginia Woolf

Orlando follows the titular character over a period of 300 years as he miraculously transforms from a man into a woman. Opening while *Orlando* is living in Elizabethan England as a nobleman, we observe as he shifts through centuries and identities while Woolf compares the societal roles of men and women throughout history. Often marked as the first literary text to explore transgender characters, *Orlando* challenges traditional gender roles, dismissing the idea of gender binaries and the constraints of the patriarchy.

First published in 1928, the book was written as a mock biography for Woolf's close friend and lover, Vita Sackville-West, as a dedication of love.

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Rick Castro, *Portrait of Auralynn*, Archival digital print, signed on verso, 11" x 8", 2010





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LITERARY ARTISTS

The Department of Cultural Affairs is pleased to present the works of several fine writers in the *2026 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Asexual+ Heritage Month Calendar and Cultural Guide*. The writers are:

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By e talley ii

i dream what life would have been...

chris and i
first chair trombone
first chair flute

blowing bastions of music
in and out of the high school orchestra room
polishing our instruments
after much rigorous play
rushing across the street
after the last bell engaged

holding hands...
on the swings in the park
stealing kisses...
in my tent after dark

chasing butterflies
under the morning sun
adjusting bowties
before our stroll to the prom

toasting red cups
to our first night in the dorm
sipping 7-eleven coffees
as our all-nighters turn to dawn

rolling through baggage check
to soar across the pond
dancing the streets of the 18th Arrondissement
spreading our legs on the majestic Louvre lawn

shedding tears of imaginable elation
as the sparkling, unbreakable circle of love
slides on my wedding ring finger
strolling in solacing silence
along the calming flow of the Seine

crossing our rainbow threshold
and absorbing pacific waves
thrusting against the endless coastline
within our fantasy horizon gaze

our children bursting through the front door
rushing to the dining room table
sharing stories they assuredly think
we have never lived...

sitting here all alone
seeing this kind of love
finally come to fruition
for young Black gay men in my hood
tiktoking their victories with
abundant happiness and pride

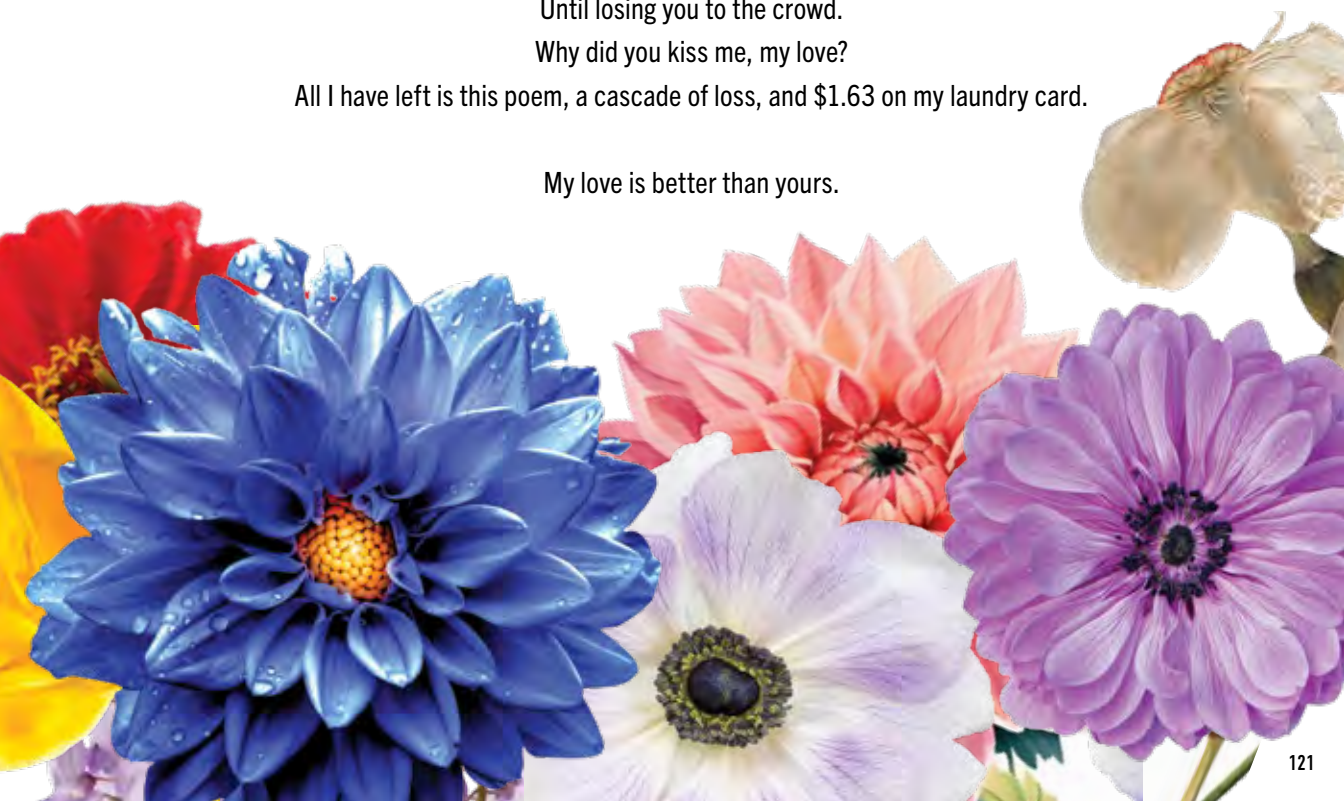
i applaud with tear-filled thunder
as i wonder
what life would have been...

ENSEÑAME A BAILAR

By David Quiroz

You leaned in for a kiss—
Right next to the bar at Rocco's WeHo, the only place I was worthy of your lips.
Right next to the strippers and drunks.
Right next to strangers who wouldn't think twice about the ring
on your finger.
Never tell a Dreamer how much you love them.
Never FaceTime them on their birthday and speak of hypotheticals.
Please don't lie to a Dreamer like me.
Because loving you in Spanish was not the same as loving you in English.
It was listening to Jose Jose, Pedro Infante, Bronco, Los Bukis, and Amanda Miguel
on your abuelito's old Panasonic.
I loved you more in Spanish.
The party was loud with music and doubt, so I kept playing our romance
in my head.
Until losing you to the crowd.
Why did you kiss me, my love?
All I have left is this poem, a cascade of loss, and \$1.63 on my laundry card.

My love is better than yours.



RECIPE BOX

By Steven Reigns

He had a large stack of the memorial cards handed at funerals,
friends and lovers stolen by AIDS.

I had joked once
that he might need a recipe box
to categorize or alphabetize the mounting stack.

He thought for a moment, said
They are organized by course.

I'll have to make decisions!

So he began to shout out the
long list of names and where he would place them:

Jose – entrée

Michael – hors d'oeuvre

Susan – hors d'oeuvre

Joey – entrée

Jonathan – hors d'oeuvre

Alex – hors d'oeuvre

and for his last lover

Ramón – dessert



XOLO

By Steve Galindo

*Sixth grade, 1997**I sit on a bench, all alone, terrified**Chola/o/e**You are both a symbol of destruction and liberation**My only friends**Stigmatized for being queer**Our indigenous roots emblems of fear and pain**Xoloitzquintle, Xolo, Pelón**My only friends so I dress like you to fit in**Like the Chicana/o/e's and Pachuca/o/e's of 1940-50's**How far we have come to shape contemporary Cholo/a/e inspired aesthetics**Art, Fashion, Music**From Los Angeles County to the runway of Paris with Willy Chavarria**Our transformed narratives of marginalization into a people's symbols of solidarity***XOLO***Resist white supremacy, combat gentrification, and challenge anti-immigrant sentiment**Foster a deeper understanding of the communities that birthed you**Reclaim a painful legacy, repurpose the pain into a community's vibrant spirit of unity and hope.**Cholos my friends**Help me stand in defiance of violence, assimilation and commodification in these trying times.*

When I Say We Are All Teen Gays

After Olivia Atwood, “When I Say We Are All Teen Girls”

By Edwin Bodney

when i say we are all teen gays, i mean the blooming
happened before the birth. i mean someone cut us
away from our mothers to become more mothers in
a house of burning children. when i say we are all teen
gays, i mean we all know about the neighborhood boys
and how—each day—they could cherry-bomb
the front

yard into summertime confetti, the rest of us pressing
ourselves into the leaning tree, whispering our secret
songs into all of its wounds. when i say we are all teen
gays, i am telling you we all start with a weapon that is
too soft to injure, one we only want to wield
so the other

kids won't notice what is melting in our hands; hands
so empty we could spin the world. so teen and so gay
we could pastel dream our hollow arms into thin birds
swift with whimsy over schools of grass made lazy by
july. As teen-gay as david—sixth grade summer-break
swimming pool—who stared at me with eyes
the color of

a sun dancing through water; i don't think i knew
much about love then, but i know david took my hand,
and my heart took a firework and swallowed it
when i say we are all teen gays, i'm recalling the time
we all had a pulse that could heart-beat all the color
back into the skin of the night, i'm saying
i know someone

tried to whisper our names in the dark
then disappeared

beyond the gates where our grandmothers let us
roam with our wrist and swish the way fire was meant
to burn & flick; when i say we are all teen gays, i mean
we all once had a naked field we could run through to
dress our shoulders in a moment more free
than dry sheets

in the wind; i mean we all have an afternoon
after school

where the air didn't speak and all we heard
was our own

voice—when i say we are all teen gays i'm asking you
to remember when you heard yourself as the perfect
pitch, when someone called us home and our
legs turned

to spools of copper threading us through the earth
wearing the sheath of someone else's mouth,
i'm saying

at the start of it all, we're a breath made of spring and
there is someone to fall in love with us in every season
of it; when i say we are all teen gays, i mean a flower
blooms in the face of everyone we make contact with
and then, out of those shapeless roots, we are born.



Squeety

By C. Jerome Woods

She was one of those
You know
One who was what she was

One who bore her soul
And wore heart open wide with dangling strings
Tied to whispers and Instagram

He web bled ribbons and rainbows
Gave pathways to nuclei and unwarranted engagements
Often indecisive yearning for Jesus and JESUS

She was tine in a big way
Carried her purse while card buddies insisted on a man-bag
She refused and remained an "ÖG"

An ole girl; an older gay!





Vojislav Radovanovic, *Cry Me a River*, Acrylic and mixed media on canvas, 30" x 24", 2026



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Formed in 1925, DCA promotes arts and culture as a way to ignite a powerful dialogue, engage LA's residents and visitors, and ensure LA's varied cultures are recognized, acknowledged, and experienced. DCA's mission is to strengthen the quality of life in Los Angeles by stimulating and supporting arts and cultural activities, ensuring public access to the arts for residents and visitors alike.

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DCA’s neighborhood facilities offer high-quality instruction for young people and adults in the performing, visual, and new media arts. The Arts and Cultural Centers offer after-school and summer arts programs, produce solo and group art exhibitions, create outreach programs for under-served populations, and produce a variety of festivals during the year that celebrate the cultural diversity of the community.

DCA MANAGED ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTERS

Barnsdall Arts Center and Junior Arts Center

Barnsdall Park

4800 Hollywood Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90027

323.644.6295 Barnsdall Arts Center

323.644.6275 Barnsdall Junior Arts Center

Sun Valley Youth Arts Center

(The Stone House)

8642 Sunland Boulevard

Sun Valley, CA 91352

818.252.4619

Canoga Park Youth Arts Center

7222 Remmet Avenue

Canoga Park, CA 91303

818.346.7099

Watts Towers Arts Center and Charles Mingus Youth Arts Center

1727 East 107th Street

Los Angeles, CA 90002

213.847.4646 Watts Towers Arts Center

323.566.1410 Charles Mingus Youth
Arts Center

DCA’s Henry P. Rio Bridge Gallery at City Hall

200 North Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

William Grant Still Arts Center

2520 South West View Street

Los Angeles, CA 90016

323.734.1165

Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery (LAMAG)

Barnsdall Park

4800 Hollywood Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90027

323.644.6269

Lincoln Heights Youth Arts Center

2911 Altura Street

Los Angeles, CA 90031

323.224.0928

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America Gomez, *Wilshire/Vermont*, Digital photography, 14" x 12", 2024

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Through its professional theater facilities, DCA serves the performing and media arts community by offering below-market theater rentals. In turn, the arts community presents year-round dance, music, theater, literary, and multi-disciplinary performances; supports the development of emerging and established Los Angeles-based performing and media artists; and offers workshops for playwrights and writers of all ages.

Barnsdall Gallery Theatre

Barnsdall Park
4800 Hollywood Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323.644.6272

Lankershim Arts Center

5108 Lankershim Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91602
818.752.7568

Madrid Theatre

21622 Sherman Way
Canoga Park, CA 91303
818.347.9938

Taxco Theatre

7242 Owensmouth Avenue
Canoga Park, CA 91303
818.347.9938

Vision Theatre Performing Arts Center

3341 West 43rd Place
Los Angeles, CA 90008
213.202.5508

Warner Grand Theatre

478 West 6th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731
310.548.7672



Richard McKinley, *Flowering I*, Acrylic paint, mixed media, 8" x 16", 2023



Michael Osborne, *Akbar*, Watercolor and ink on paper, 11" x 14", 2025



Ruben Esparza, *Sheree*, Photograph, 10" x 4", 2018

DCA MANAGED HISTORIC SITES

DCA provides conservation services and educational programming and tours for two of LA's most treasured historic sites, Hollyhock House and the Watts Towers. Conservation efforts are coordinated through DCA's Historic Site Preservation Office. DCA's Museum Education and Tours Program coordinates tours and interpretive programs for both young people and adults.

Hollyhock House is Frank Lloyd Wright's first Los Angeles project. Built between 1919 and 1921, it represents his earliest efforts to develop a regionally appropriate style of architecture for Southern California. Barnsdall Park, including the iconic Hollyhock House, was awarded landmark status in 2007 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As the nation's highest historic landmark designation, the site has been formally recognized for its role in interpreting the heritage and history of the United States. Hollyhock House was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2019.

Hollyhock House

Barnsdall Park
 4800 Hollywood Boulevard
 Los Angeles, CA 90027
 323.913.4030

The Watts Towers, built over 34 years by Simon Rodia, are a Los Angeles icon. Built from found objects, including broken glass, sea shells, pottery, and tile, the Towers stand as a monument to the human spirit and the persistence of a singular vision. The Watts Towers, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, are a National Historic Landmark, a State of California Historic Park, and Historic-Cultural Monument No. 15 as previously designated by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission.

Watts Towers

1765 East 107th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90002
 213.847.4646



Jose Lomeli, *Urna para un Amigo/Urn for a Friend*, Ceramic, 5" x 5", 2025

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 5568 Via Marisol
 Los Angeles, CA 90042
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**Eagle Rock Community Cultural Center /
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 2225 Colorado Boulevard
 Los Angeles, CA 90041
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 7570 McGroarty Terrace
 Tujunga, CA 91042
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Los Angeles, CA 90016
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225 East 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

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5730 South Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Highland Park Youth Arts Center
111 North Bridewell Street
Los Angeles, CA 90042

**Vera Davis McLendon Youth Arts Center
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Leon Mostovoy, *Trans Royalty, Cece Telfer, Athlete, Olympic Hopeful*, Photography, 30" x 36", 2026



Adam Jaye Mickey Porter, *Seemingly Coastal*, Reduction relief print, cut paper, pen, ink, 24" x 18", 2026



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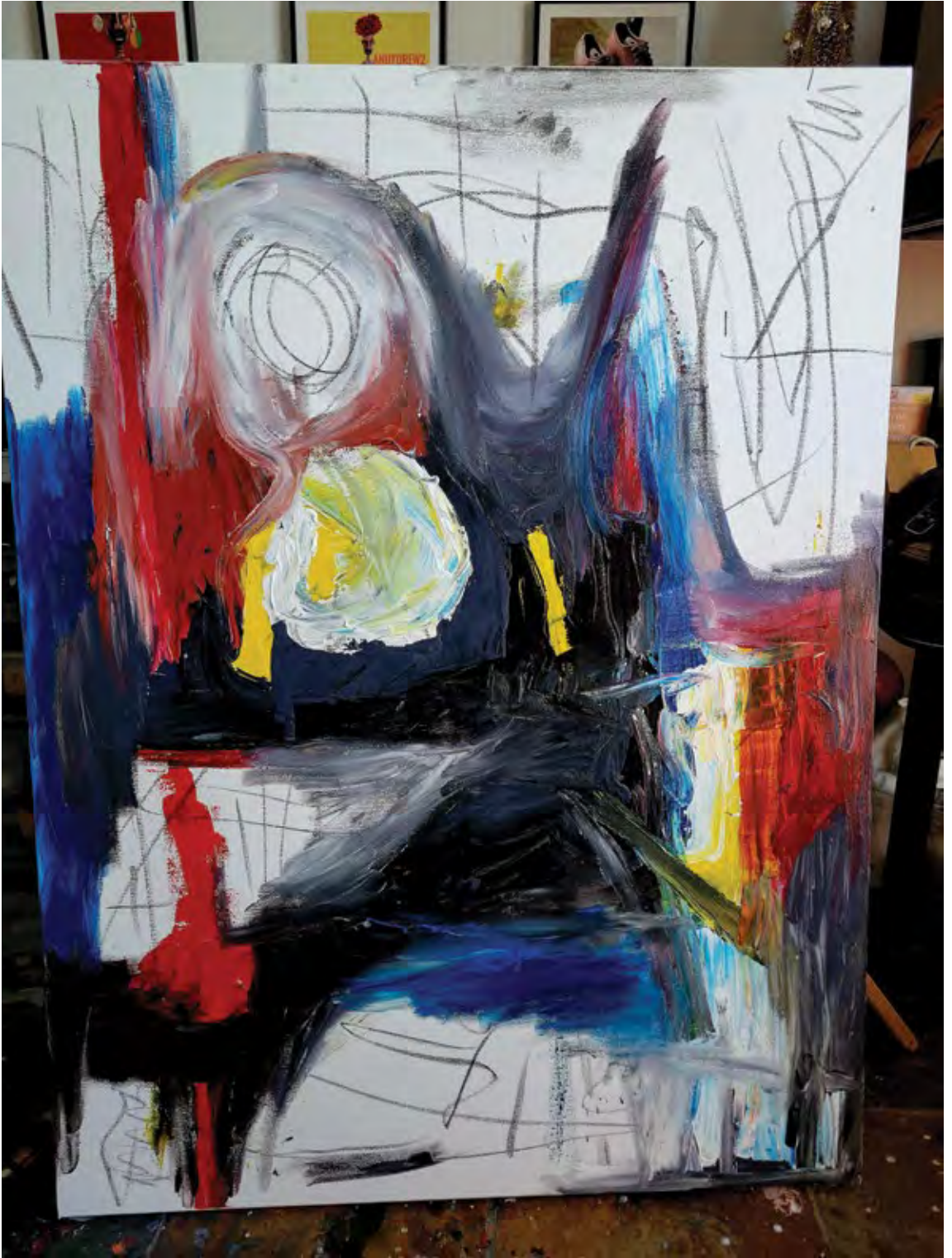
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Alfreda Lanoix, *Safe in My Mother's Arms*, Acrylic, 30" x 40", 2026

COVER ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

RICHARD M^CKINLEY



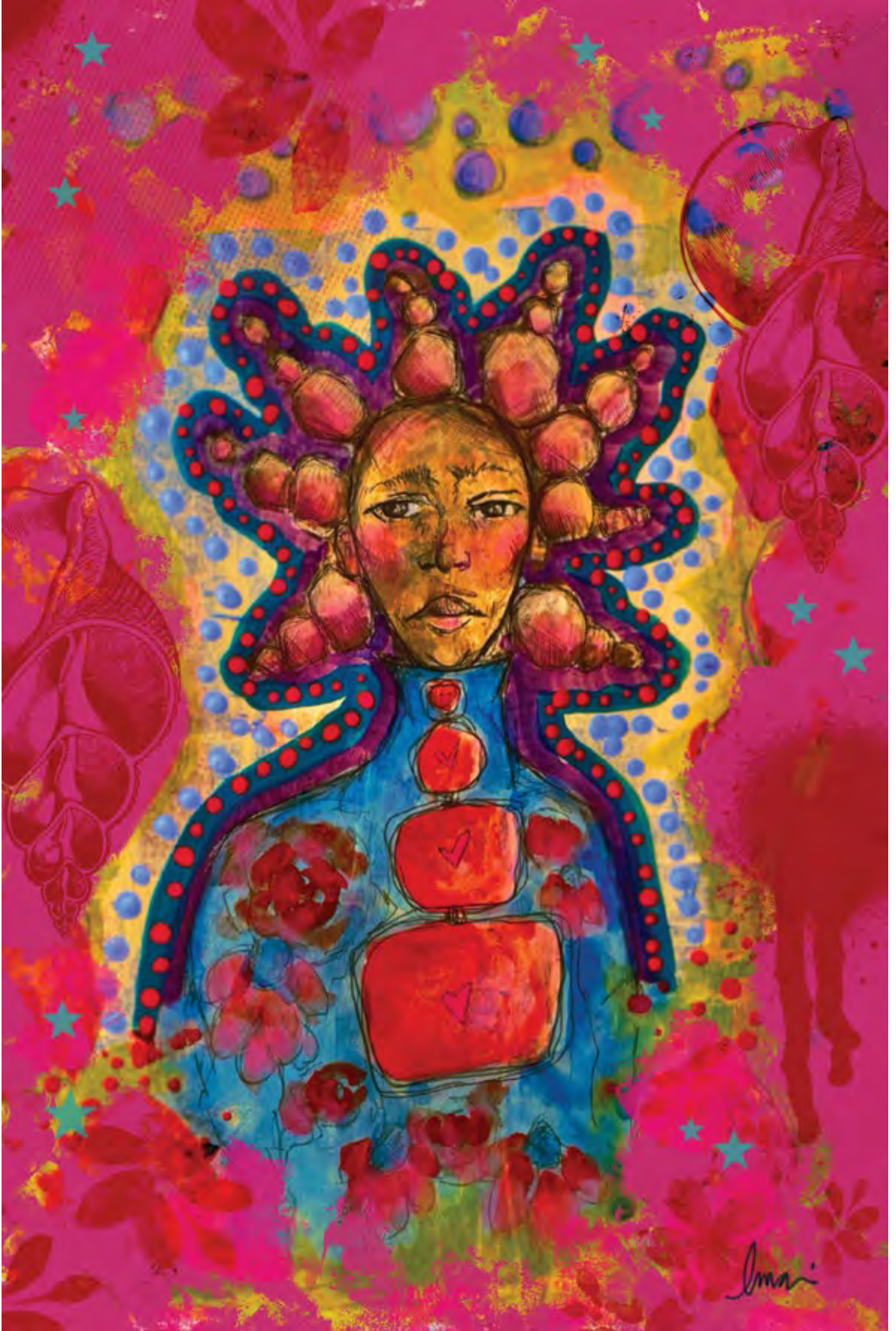
Navigating the world as a Black man presents unique challenges and being both Black and gay introduces further complexity and resilience. Richard expresses these experiences through his mixed-media collages.

His mixed-media collages have been featured in the student class catalog at San Francisco Community College, sharing his unique perspective and visual storytelling with a diverse audience of emerging artists. He has led dynamic collage workshops at the LGBTQ Center in Whittier, fostering creativity, self-expression, and community among participants.

McKinley presented a solo exhibition at the Painted Brain Community Art Center, showcasing a personal body of work exploring identity, mental health, and cultural heritage. He was selected as a featured artist for the 2023 and 2024 Lamita Kwanzaa African-American Art Shows, sharing his work with a wider audience and connecting with other artists celebrating Black creativity.

Richard is currently attending Long Beach City College, working toward a certificate in printmaking. After completing his studies, Richard plans to pursue a degree in visual arts, demonstrating his commitment to developing new skills and advancing his artistic practice.

Above, at left: artist Richard McKinley in his studio; at right, top, Richard McKinley, detail from *Untitled*, Mixed media, 2019, at bottom Richard McKinley, detail from *Flowering I*, Acrylic paint, mixed media, 8" x 16", 2023



Imani Tolliver, *A Prayer*, Mixed Media, 8" x 12", 2025



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