



**Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum & Jazz Festival**

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Leimert Park Beat says:

DEPARTMENT of CULTURAL AFFAIRS & Friends of Watts Towers Arts Center present

**34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WATTS TOWERS DAY OF THE DRUM & JAZZ FESTIVAL**

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**11:00 a.m. Alaadun**  
Yoruba ground blessing utilizing all cultures based on common themes and principles

**12:00 p.m. Gamelan Burat Wangi**  
Music and dance of Bali, Metallic Percussion Ensemble

**1:00 p.m. Garifuna Cultural Group**  
Performing rhythms of the Americas, Puerto Rican, West African, Dominican

**2:00 p.m. Nclave**  
Afro Cuban Folkloric Music

**2:50 p.m. Luis Rodriguez**  
Poet Laureate, City of Los Angeles

**3:00 p.m. Farafina**  
Healing music from West Africa

**4:00 p.m. Michael White**  
Dynamic Rhythms & Conversations Drum Ensemble

**DAY OF THE DRUM & JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SIMON RODIA WATTS TOWERS JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**4:00 p.m. MICHAEL WHITE**  
Dynamic Rhythms & Conversations Drum Ensemble

Artistic Directors: Rosie Lee Hooks, Patrice Rushen, Manyungu D. Jackson  
Masters of Ceremonies: Kamau Dafood, James Janisse

Saturday, September 26, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**10:30 a.m. Alaadun**  
Yoruba ground blessing utilizing all cultures based on common themes and principles

**11:30 a.m. Jasmine Tommaso Quintet**  
"Father-Daughter" Collaboration of a Lifetime

**12:30 p.m. Big LLow Johnson**  
Big LLow & The Chicago Blues Band

**1:30 p.m. Phil Ramekin Ensemble**  
Straight Ahead Jazz with an Afro Cuban Tingo

**2:20 p.m. Luis Rodriguez**  
Poet Laureate, City of Los Angeles

**2:30 p.m. Art Webb**  
Tribute to Johnny Polanco

**3:20 p.m. Tai Chi Chuan**  
School of Healing Martial Arts, Sr. Daniel Reeves, Instructor

**3:30 p.m. Carmen Lundy**  
Vocalist, Composer, A Genuine Jazz Original

**3:30 p.m. JMP ALL STARS featuring**  
Patrice Rushen, Ndugu Chanler, Dr. Bobby Rodriguez, Manyungu Jackson, Nedra Wheeler, and Justo Ramirez  
Straight Ahead Jazz

Sunday, September 27, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

REMEMBERING DRUM & JAZZ

Artistic Directors: Rosie Lee Hooks, Patrice Rushen, Manyungu D. Jackson  
Masters of Ceremonies: Kamau Dafood, James Janisse



and more

**ALL DAY ACTIVITIES**  
BOTH DAYS

FOOD,  
ARTS and CRAFTS VENDORS

Guided Tours of "Nuestra Pueblo", the Watts Towers of Simon Rodia  
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Drum Pavilion: Universal Drum Circle Lead by Matt Gibson III

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Rosie Lee Hooks & Michael Massenburg, curators  
Garden Studio - Dominique Moody featuring The NOMAD Garden, Turtle Pond, Tiling Projects, etc.

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Dr. Joseph and Bootsie Howard Gallery  
PERMANENT EXHIBITION: International Musical Instruments

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SUPERVISED CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**FREE PARKING AND VALET PARKING**

ADA: AUXILIARY aids and services are available upon request

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