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28 Awesome Events In Southern California This Weekend

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End your workweek with a *Donnie Darko* screening. Watch trans comedian D'Lo's solo show. Eat all the mole, souvlaki, dumplings and beer. Bike, walk and play on open streets at the latest CicLAvia. And on Sunday, stop by KPCC's and LAist's Open House.



San Gabriel's Dumpling & Beer Fest returns to the Mission District on Friday night. (Courtesy of city of San Gabriel)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4; 6 - 10:30 P.M.

San Gabriel Dumpling & Beer Fest 2019

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse — 320 S. Mission Dr, San Gabriel

This spin on Oktoberfest features with a variety of dumpling styles — Korean, Chinese, vegan, sweet. Look for an expanded array of other foods and additional craft beer selections as well as live entertainment. Those 21+ need wristbands (\$29 - \$40) to partake in the beer but you'll get unlimited samples. All food is sold separately.

COST: Free admission, beer wristbands are \$29 - \$40; [MORE INFO](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

L.A. Greek Fest

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral — 1324 Normandie Ave., Pico-Union

The largest Greek food and wine festival in Los Angeles brings together more than 15,000 attendees for souvlaki, loukoumades, gyros, dolmas, wine, traditional dancing and cultural experiences.

COST: \$5 admission; [MORE INFO](#)

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The Village at Ed Gould Plaza - Los Angeles LGBT Center

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To T, or not To T?

A Comedic Trans Journey through (T)estosterone and Masculinity

*written & performed by D'Lo
directed by Adelina Anthony*

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Beyond excited that my solo play To T, or not To T #ttontt is coming to the Los Angeles LGBT Center @lalgbtcenter this October! Directed by my Sibling in Creative Crime - Adelina Anthony @adelinaanthonyxicana

BIG thank you to Jon Imparato and the creative team at the Center for this opportunity. So much is happening in this world, this is my offering to my community. See you soon! Photo Credit: @thurka

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

To T, or not to T? - D'Lo Solo Play

Los Angeles LGBT Center — 1625 Schrader Blvd., Hollywood

Written and performed by queer/trans Tamil Sri Lankan-American actor and comic D'Lo (*Looking*, *Transparent*, *Sense 8*), this solo show is a hilarious reflection on taking T(estosterone) and his experiences transitioning. D'Lo shares what's expected when one passes as a cisgender, straight, man of color and how he embodies a masculinity that "upholds his queer & feminist politic."

COST: \$25; [MORE INFO](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Variedades: Little Central America, 1984

Echo Park United Methodist Church — 1226 N. Alvarado St., Echo Park

Grand Performances presents the performance series, conceived and curated by Rubén Martínez, that explores L.A.'s history through under-told stories. This edition focuses on the arrival of refugees from war-torn countries to L.A. in 1984. That migration transformed the Pico-Union neighborhood, turning it into "Little Central America." Sanctuaries were established to protect people from zealous immigration policies, one of which was at the Echo Park United Methodist Church. The production uses poetry, music, dance and imagery to represent that period.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)



Joey Chestnut defends his taco-eating title and possibly sets a new world-record on Friday — National Taco Day — at the Santa Monica Pier. (Kena Betancur/Getty Images)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4; 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Second-Annual Pacific Park World Taco-Eating Championship

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier — 380 Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica

To celebrate National Taco Day, Joey Chestnut — the #1 competitive eater in the world — competes in a taco-eating contest. He'll face off against pro eaters from across the U.S. as they try to eat all the carnitas tacos they can in 8 minutes. Last year, Chestnut set the bar high, downing 62 tacos.

COST: FREE admission; [MORE INFO](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4; 8 - 11 P.M.

Debbie Harry Book Tour

Aratani Theatre at JACCC — 244 San Pedro St., downtown L.A.

Live Talks L.A. presents Blondie's Debbie Harry as she discusses her recent memoir, *Face It*. The night features an in-depth conversation and visual presentation with Blondie co-founder and renowned photographer, Chris Stein, and multidisciplinary artist and director Rob Roth.

COST: \$20 - \$100; [MORE INFO](#)

Donnie Darko Re-Release Trailer (2017) | Movieclips Trailers



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 11:59 P.M. - 3:30 A.M.

Donnie Darko

Vista Theatre — 4473 Sunset Dr., Los Feliz

The Secret Movie Club presents a 35mm screening of Richard Kelly's 2001 cult classic starring Jake Gyllenhaal. The film's focus on a troubled teen, a giant demon-like rabbit and the impending end of the world is a mixture of sci-fi and dystopian horror. The screening opens the Festival of Horror series.

COST: \$12.75 - \$20; [MORE INFO](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4; 7:30 P.M.

Ernie Kovacs: Tele-visionary at 100

Billy Wilder Theater at the Hammer Museum —10899 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood

The UCLA Film and Television Archive concludes its Ernie Kovacs centennial celebration with an evening of screenings and programming that showcase his work as a comedian, entertainer, surrealist and video artist. Expected in person: historian Josh Mills, who's also the son of Edie Adams, a Kovacs collaborator.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rare Books LAX

The Proud Bird Food Bazaar & Events Center — 11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles

Rare Books LAX is amplifying this experience by taking guests to the recently renovated and historic event center, The Proud Bird. More than 75 rare book, fine print, photography, and ephemera dealers will be sharing items that will appeal to anyone from Batman fans to those who dabble in witchy things.

COST: \$20; [MORE INFO](#)

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GROUP EXHIBITION

FEATURING WORKS FROM THE VAULT

Reception: Sat. October 5th 6:30-10pm

Show Duration: Oct 5th, 2019 - Oct 23rd, 2019



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Coming up Sat it's Revival! At GR2. Yes it's a group exhibition of wondrous pieces.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Revival: A Group Exhibition

GR2 Art Gallery — 2062 Sawtelle Blvd., Sawtelle

Check out works from Giant Robot's vault, featuring nearly two dozen artists including Albert Reyes, Katsuya "t e r r a" Terada, Jeni Yang, Edwin Ushiro, Flat Bonnie, Luke Chueh, Amy Sol and Theo Ellsworth. The opening reception with the artists takes place on Saturday from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Tom of Finland Art and Culture Festival 2019

For nearly 25 years, the foundation has hosted a festival that celebrates all things LGBT, erotic, beautiful, taboo and fringe. Guests can view the works of 50 artists, including Ruben Esparza, Rick Castro and Miguel Angel Reyes, and make their own art during life drawing sessions. The weekend also includes film screenings, a live auction and an awards ceremony. Food and

beverage will be available for purchase.

COST: \$12 - \$24; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

CURRENT: LA FOOD

Various locations

Teaming with the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (ICA LA), L.A.'s Department of Cultural Affairs commissioned 15 artists including Emily Marchand, Shana Lutker, Michael Rakowitz and Jazmin Urrea, to address food accessibility through their work. The installations are located in 16 sites throughout the city and are free and open to the public. Each site will also host planned community events.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)



The Annenberg Space for Photography opens the new photo exhibition, 'W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine' this weekend.

(Carol Guzy/The Washington Post)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

W|ALLS: Defend, Divide, and the Divine

Skylight Studios — 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Century City

The new photography exhibition of more than 70 artists examines of civilization's relationship with barriers, both real and imagined. Organized into six sections — Delineation, Defense, Deterrent, The Divine, Decoration, The Invisible — the show explores different uses and aspects for these barriers. It will remain on view through Dec. 29.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Pumpkin Festival

AGRIscares at Cal Poly Pomona — 4102 S University Dr., Pomona

Cal Poly's 27th Annual Pumpkin Festival opens this weekend with thousands of pumpkins on sale for \$5 each, plus entertainment and family activities such as hay rides, corn mazes, a sunflower patch, an insect fair, pony rides and a petting zoo. Play games in student-run booths or buy food made from student-grown produce. Contests include pumpkin pie-eating and seed-spitting. The fest runs through Oct. 31.

COST: \$3 - \$5; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Ticket to the Twenties

Homestead Museum - 15415 E. Don Julian Rd., City of Industry

Enjoy vintage jazz, dancing, fashion shows, silent films with live musical accompaniment, marionettes, crafts, games, and more. Admissions is free and guests are encouraged to

don their low-waist dresses, bob-length hair, and tailored suits to enhance the experience.

COST: Free; [MORE INFO](#)

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The Oddities Flea Market returns to the Globe Theatre in downtown L.A. this weekend, with eclectic vendors and makers.

(Christine N. Ziemba)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Oddities Flea Market

Globe Theatre Los Angeles — 740 S. Broadway, downtown L.A.

The Brooklyn-based bazaar returns to L.A. for its fall 2019 edition. The market offers art objects, vintage medical ephemera, natural history items, taxidermy specimens, eclectic home decor, jewelry, dark art and unclassifiable stuff. VIP tickets, only sold through [Atlas Obscura](#), offer early entry at 10 a.m. for first access to the goods.

COST: \$10 - \$40; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 3 - 6 P.M.

Consume: Handcrafting L.A. Restaurant Design

Craft In America Center — 8415 W. 3rd St., Beverly Grove

The Craft in America Center presents an exhibition that focuses on handmade objects created by more than 30 local artists for Southern California restaurants. The works include serving boards, dishware, glasses, lighting and furnishings. The center also hosts a series of chef/maker talks throughout the run of the exhibition, with the first happening on Saturday at 3 p.m. with chef Timothy Hollingsworth. He'll discuss his restaurant, Otium, with Uri Davillier of Neptune Glassworks and Sabrina Judge of Irving Place Studio. A reception follows. Please RSVP to one or both segments by emailing rsvp@craftinamerica.org. The exhibition remains on view through Jan. 4, 2020.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 5:30 - 11 P.M.

Guardians of the Galaxy 5th Anniversary

Victory Park — 2575 Paloma St., Pasadena

Street Food Cinema holds a movie, music and food experience under the stars. Listen to live music from Opus Vitae at 6:30 p.m. then watch Marvel's intergalactic heroes on film at 8 p.m. Food trucks will be on hand to sell picnic-ready fare. Low-backed chairs and friendly, leashed dogs are welcome.

COST: Admission: \$6 - \$23; [MORE INFO](#)



Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana opens new exhibitions with a night of art and performance on Saturday night. (Courtesy of Chris Kallmyer)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 7 - 10 P.M.

Grand Central Art Openings

Grand Central Art Center — 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana

The center holds a night of performances and openings for two new exhibitions. In *Monolith (ic)*, artist Martin Durazo showcases multidisciplinary installation and performance work. *Sundown Shelter* explores the idea of the west and the westward movement of the sun from sound artist Chris Kallmyer.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 8 P.M.

Level Ground Festival

Level Ground — 1728 Glendale Blvd., Glendale

The arts cooperative holds its sixth multigenre festival, kicking things off with the launch of *SKEW* magazine, which explores the connections between pop culture and personal identity. The party includes a bar, a panel discussion, live performances and interactive installations. The fest continues showcasing the work of artists on Oct. 11 with *Más Caras*, a multimedia visual art installation by Evelyn Quijas Godínez (at Nous Tous in Chinatown).

COST: The festival is FREE with RSVP: levelground.co/festival; [MORE INFO](#)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5; 11 A.M. - 11 P.M.

So-Cal Hoedown

Outer Harbor/Berth 46 — 3011 Miner St., San Pedro

The music festival with a focus on punk, rockabilly and outlaw country, offers three stages of music, craft beer and cocktails, plus vendors selling merchandise throughout the day. The lineup includes Suicidal Tendencies, Dead Kennedys, Nekromantix, The Living End, The Dickies and Kat's Kozy Koffin.

COST: Tickets start at \$40; [MORE INFO](#)



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This Sunday we'll be playing lawn games in the middle of the street.



Family-friendly games, cooking demonstrations, art making, UCLA astronomy exhibits, free bike repair, food trucks, and rock climbing walls are just a few of the activities you'll find at CicLAVIA—Heart of LA Celebrating #UCLA100. 🚲

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

CicLAVIA

Various locations in downtown L.A.

Several downtown streets will be closed to cars as the largest open streets event in the country returns for its Heart of Los Angeles route. Hop on your bike, skateboard, rollerblades or come on foot to explore the neighborhoods from MacArthur Park to Chinatown. The day also celebrates UCLA's centennial, which first opened in DTLA as a teachers' college on the site of the Central Library.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 11 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.


Indian Diwali Festival


Bowers Museum — 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana

The museum celebrates the Indian festival of lights with live performances by choreographer Ramya Harishankar's Arpana Dance Co. and Punam Kumar's Kathak Company, accompanied by Sid Phillar. Listen and watch as classical Indian beats converge with '70s Bollywood, created by the Sadhus of Bass. DJ/producer Ameet Mehta and tabla artist Robin Sukhadia round out the

lineup to present visuals and sound inspired by Bollywood funk and Indian classical music. The festival is included with museum admission.

COST: \$12 - \$15, free to members, Santa Ana residents and kids 12 and younger; [MORE INFO](#)

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And if you RSVP today, you'll get a free tote bag. Find out more info by visiting the link in our bio.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

KPCC + LAist Open House

KPCC — 474 S Raymond Ave., Pasadena

Spend the afternoon touring the newsroom, recording a testimonial in the studios and watching a live program of events. Meet fellow KPCC/LAist supporters and some of your fave journalists and public radio hosts. While this event is free to attend, be sure to RSVP for a new tote bag.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.

Feria de Los Moles 2019

Grand Park — 200 N. Grand Ave. downtown L.A.

The gastronomical celebration of Mexican mole (sauce) dishes takes over the park. Pastries and other dishes will also be available. In addition to food, there are cultural activities, handicrafts for

sale and live mariachi and folklórico performances.

COST: *FREE admission*; [MORE INFO](#)

'7000 Miles' – Ruby Ibarra & the Balikbayans



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 12 - 8 P.M.

Beatrock Music 10-Year Anniversary Festival

Bootleg Theater — 2220 Beverly Blvd., Westlake/Filipinotown

The indie, hip-hop record label throws an all-ages, family-friendly 10-year anniversary party.

Performers include Ruby Ibarra & Balikbayans, Bambu & DJ Phatrick, Rocky Rivera & DJ ROZA, Klassy, G Yamazawa and Prometheus Brown. Kids 5 and younger get in free.

COST: \$25; [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 6 - 7 P.M.

The Big Quiet in LA: A Mass Meditation at Hollywood Forever Cemetery

Hollywood Forever Cemetery — 6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood

Calm your mind and body as you're led through a series of breathing exercises, crowd-powered vocal toning and a mass sound meditation. There will be musical performances and conversations so that people can get to know each other. Attendees will receive a Tuft & Needle meditation cushion, GT's Kombucha, essential oils from Saje, Smartwater, a CBD sampling with Feals and demo the Muse meditation headband. A portion of each ticket will support Kula for Karma, which brings therapeutic meditation to people suffering from trauma. There are two seatings at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

COST: \$35; [MORE INFO](#)



Ronan holds a 'Parm Boyz' popup with Chris Amirault of Otium on Sunday. (Courtesy of Parm Boyz)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 7:30 P.M.

Parm Boyz

Ronan — 7315 Melrose Ave., Fairfax

The pizza joint holds a new monthly pop-up with Italian American faves being served family-style. The menu includes antipasti and Caesar salad followed by stacks of chicken and eggplant parmigiana served with spaghetti and red sauce. It ends with tiramisu. Chris Amirault offers wine and cocktail specials during the pop-up (\$10 each).

COST: \$30 per person; [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 12 - 5 P.M.

La Loncheria

Gold Diggers — 5632 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood

Every first Sunday of the month through the end of the year, the pop-up will features eclectic Latinx musicians, a vendor from the Taqueando festival and a local crafter. This weekend, check out performances by Nancy Sanchez, Alicia Blue and Miguel Pulido while eating food by Natalie Curie of Mariscos El Coraloense and browsing fashion by Glamlindo Artesania. This event is 21+.

Food and drinks sold separately.
COST: FREE admission; [MORE INFO](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; 5:45 - 6:45 P.M.

Interfaith Blessing of the Animals - Long Beach

Rosie's Dog Beach — 5000 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach

Bring your well-behaved horses, dogs, cats, birds, lizards, rabbits, pot-bellied pigs, fish, tortoises, turtles and other pets for an interfaith blessing. More than 300 animals (including a battalion of bulldogs) are expected to attend the sunset ceremony on the concrete boat ramp next to Rosie's Dog Beach.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

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