



22 Awesome Events Happening In Southern California This Week

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Spooky and scary events abound. Get dressed up for West Hollywood's massive Halloween street carnival. Take an urban hike to the Yorba Cemetery. Check out a matinee of *Mad Love*. Watch an improvised version of the slasher flick *Saw*. Listen to murder ballads. Attend a lecture on Paris' most famous cemetery. For something completely unrelated to Halloween, how about Formula 1 race cars zipping through Hollywood and pop-up of Big Kahuna Burger from *Pulp Fiction*?

For more Halloween events, check out our full [Halloween guide](#).



Celebrate Halloween and National Cat Day this week with Crumbs & Whiskers at The Kitten Lounge and Cafe. (Photo: Crumbs & Whiskers)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

L.A. Kitten Cafe: Meow-o-ween

Crumbs & Whiskers | Kitten & Cat Cafe — 7924 Melrose Ave.

To celebrate Halloween and National Cat Day (Oct. 29), the cafe offers free experiences to the first 10 people who show up each day dressed as cats. On Oct. 31 at 7 p.m., the cafe holds a costume party; the winner gets a treat-filled gift basket. This year, the cafe focuses on the adoption of black cats and kittens (who are less likely to be adopted than white cats).

COST: Varies; \$40 donation for costume contest; [MORE INFO](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Legend and Legacy: José Guadalupe Posada and Contemporary Latinx Art

The University Art Gallery at California State University Dominguez Hills — 1000 E Victoria St., Carson

A multimedia exhibition explores the influence of Mexican illustrator José Guadalupe Posada

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on contemporary Latinx artists. Known for using *calaveras* — animated skeleton figures used in annual Day of the Dead observances — Posada was known for creating street art during the reign of Porfirio Díaz. The exhibition also includes works by contemporary Latinx artists including Lalo Alcaraz, Olivia Y. Armas and José Antonio Burciaga, among others.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28; 6 - 8:30 P.M.

Yorba (Linda) Cemetery Spooky Hike

Esperanza High School — 1830 Kellogg Dr., Anaheim

This is four-mile urban hike takes you to one of the oldest cemeteries in Orange County. The night starts at a high school. Participants hike along Kellogg Street up an incline to the beginning of the trailhead. Headlights or flashlights are required. Bring your own snacks and hydration. No dogs.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

Mad Love Official Trailer #1 - Peter Lorre Movie (1935) HD



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 1 - 3 P.M.

Mad Love

Aero Theatre — 1328 Montana Ave., Santa Monica

The American Cinematheque presents a Tuesdays with Lorre matinee screening of the 1935 film in 35mm. Actor Peter Lorre plays a crazy surgeon who replaces the mangled hands of a pianist with the hands of a guillotined murderer. Wackiness ensues. The program begins with the Looney Tunes short, *Hair-Raising Hare*.

COST: \$6, free to Cinematheque members; [MORE INFO](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

F1 Hollywood Festival

Hollywood and Highland — 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood

Hollywood Blvd. shuts down for an auto race and Formula One fan festival. Tuesday features a race car exhibition along the street. On Wednesday, Mercedes AMG Petronas Motorsport, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing, Renault F1 and other teams tear up the road with a live show.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Mamacita of the Dead

Yamashiro — 1999 N. Sycamore Ave., Hollywood

Rapper Tyga presents a two-night event that includes a haunted maze/hell house in the basement of the restaurant. There'll be creepy snacks and drinks as well as a surprise live performance. Ages 14+.

COST: \$45 - \$90; [MORE INFO](#)

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The Bob Baker marionettes perform a Halloween show at One Colorado in Pasadena. (Courtesy of One Colorado)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Bob Baker Marionette's Halloween Show

One Colorado — 41 Hugus Alley, Pasadena

The marionettes perform a Halloween Hootenanny with all your favorite witches, spooks and characters such as Dracula, Vampira and the Purple People Eaters. Costumes are welcome.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 8:30 P.M.

Improvised Movies: Saw

UCB Sunset — 5419 W Sunset Blvd., East Hollywood

Watch improv teams remix and remaster the 2004 horror film. Each group performs an act of the movie then the next group takes over where they left off. You never know what will happen, especially since some of the performers have never seen the movie.

COST: \$7; [MORE INFO](#)



Ra Ra Riot headlines the Teragram Ballroom. (Rowan Daly)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 8 P.M.**Ra Ra Riot****The Teragram Ballroom — 1234 W. 7th St., downtown L.A.**

The Syracuse indie band is currently on tour to support its latest album, *Superbloom*. Opening the night are Bayonne and ufo ufo. This is an all ages show.

COST: \$20 - \$22; [MORE INFO](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 6 - 8 P.M.**Scribe Wine & Hell Chicken Night****Calabra — 700 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica**

The Proper Hotel's chef, Kaleo Adams, teams up with Scribe Vintners to host a family-style dinner at the hotel's rooftop restaurant. The dinner features pairings with Scribe Winery's fall releases. Tax and gratuity are included in the ticket price.

COST: \$150; [MORE INFO](#)



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Goris Baklava. This style of baklava comes from the southern corner of Armenia around the town of Goris. We were introduced to this recipe by Goris resident Anahit Badalyan, a friend of Team Lavash honorary member [@raffiyouredjian](#).

Forget familiar filo-pastry baklava; with three layers of short-crust pastry interspersed with meringue, the only thing this version has in common with the former is the walnuts.

It's lighter than the style of baklava that many in the west are familiar with. It's also less fussy. But be careful. Because of its casualness, you might not realize that you've eaten half the tray.

This and other recipes can be found in our forthcoming cookbook "Lavash," on sale Oct 29 wherever you buy books.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 7 - 9 P.M.**Lavash: An Ode to Armenian Food and Culture****ABRIL Bookstore — 415 E. Broadway, Glendale**

There's a launch party for *Lavash*, a book that focuses on Armenian cuisine. In addition to recipes, it includes essays and photos exploring 21st century Armenia. If you can't make this event, there will be a book talk at Now Serving in Chinatown on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 8 P.M.**Murder Ballads & Dark Songs****The Echo — 1822 Sunset Blvd., Echo Park**

Listen to songs about killers, scorned lovers, criminals and all-around terrible people. Expect performances by Caught A Ghost, Tashaki Miyaki, Los Dead Dreams, Gun Outfit and The Little Miss, among many others. This event is 18+.

COST: \$15; [MORE INFO](#)



A new book explores the art and history of Père-Lachaise Cemetery in Paris. (Joel Saget/AFP via Getty Images)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29; 7 - 9 P.M.**City of Immortals: Père-Lachaise Cemetery, Paris****West Hollywood City Council Chambers — 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood**

Celebrate the release of new book by WeHo resident Carolyn Campbell. *City of Immortals* is a first-person account of the world's most famous cemetery. Established in 1804 by Napoleonic decree, Père-Lachaise is the final resting place for Oscar Wilde, Jim Morrison, Gertrude Stein, Edith Piaf, Marcel Proust, Frédéric Chopin, Isadora Duncan, Amedeo Modigliani, Sarah Bernhardt and many other illustrious folks. This talk includes a slideshow and Q&A. Feel free to dress up as someone buried at the cemetery for a free souvenir photo. A book signing follows.

COST: FREE, but reservations required; [MORE INFO](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30; 7 - 10 P.M.**Julie Mehretu Opening Celebration****Los Angeles County Museum of Art — 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire**

To celebrate its latest exhibition, the museum holds a shindig with music, dancing, cash bars and after-hours access to galleries in BCAM and the Resnick Pavilion. Guests will get to view the work of the Ethiopian-born artist Julie Mehretu and listen to tunes spun by DJ Rashida.

COST: FREE, but tickets required; [MORE INFO](#)

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Big Kahuna Burger Pop-Up

Fat Sal's — 1300 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood

Remember Big Kahuna Burger, the fast food joint Jules Winnfield (played by Samuel L. Jackson) in *Pulp Fiction* is intrigued by? The fictional restaurant is coming to life for two days. Expect Hawaiian-themed decor and a pawn shop where you can, of course, buy merch from the film.

COST: cost of food varies; [MORE INFO](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Chills & Thrills

Little Fish Theatre — 777 S. Centre St., San Pedro

The theater company presents a grab bag of eight twisted short plays, perfect for the Halloween season.

COST: \$15 - \$28; [MORE INFO](#)

Armada Latina



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31; 8 P.M. - 12 A.M.

Cypress Hill: Haunted Hill

The Novo — 800 W. Olympic Blvd., downtown L.A.

B-Real, Sen Dog and DJ Muggs play a hometown show on the eve of All Hallows Eve along with Mariachi El Bronx and Meyhem Lauren. All ages.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Dark Circus Halloween Party

Toca Madera — 8450 W. 3rd St., West Hollywood

The modern Mexican restaurant holds a "Dark Circus"-themed Halloween party with cocktails and performers including fire breathers, stilt walkers and a tarot card reader. To celebrate Dia de Los Muertos on Friday night, there'll be face-painting, fire dancers and "ghoulish Spanish guitar players."

COST: *Varies*; [MORE INFO](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Loitering is delightful

Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery — 4800 Hollywood Blvd., East Hollywood

The exhibition showcases works by 10 L.A. artists who have been asked to "explore the joyful possibilities of slowing down" in our 24/7 culture. The show asks visitors to stop, sit and reflect in public spaces. Dawdle and daydream without the guilt. Artists include Cauleen Smith, Lani Trock, David Horvitz and Ishi Glinsky.

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



Astro Doughnuts & Fried Chicken in Santa Monica is giving away free pumpkin donuts on Halloween. (Astro Doughnuts)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31; 7:30 A.M. - 8 P.M.**Free Pumpkin Spice Doughnuts****Astro Doughnuts and Fried Chicken — 2309 Main St., Santa Monica**

Trick or treaters are in for a sweet surprise on Halloween: Pick up a free pumpkin spice doughnut at the Santa Monica location. One per person while supplies last. Costumed guests who post a photo on Instagram and tag @astrodoughnutssocal might win a box of four of each month's special doughnuts for an entire year.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

THURSDAY, OCT. 31; 8 p.m.**The Hunchback of Notre Dame****Walt Disney Concert Hall — 111 S. Grand Ave., downtown L.A.**

The L.A. Phil presents a screening of the 1923 silent film directed by Wallace Worsley and starring the legendary Lon Chaney. The film will be accompanied live by Clark Wilson on organ.

COST: Tickets start at \$36; [MORE INFO](#)

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