

Arts Events & Information

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Featured Event . . .



Join us this **Sunday, August 30th** at 3 p.m. in Plummer Park for our **final 2009 Summer Sounds Concert!** You won't want to miss this Sunday's fiery Latin Jazz that will have you on your feet, dancing in the aisles. Led by electric violinist Susie Hansen, The Susie Hansen Jazz Band has been acclaimed by many critics, such as Phil Elwood from the San Francisco Examiner who describes them this way: "It's a sizzling, swinging Salsa band. Hansen can solo as if her bow was afire. The whole room was jumpin' for joy."

The Chicago native is a well-established jazz musician, and has developed a unique and exciting style that features her electric violin as the lead instrument of the ensemble. She has drawn on various forms of jazz and Latin music, integrating her own interpretation of traditional Cuban *Charanga*, a predecessor of Salsa which often features the violin, utilizing the ever-potent fire of Afro-Cuban rhythms and incorporating the compelling harmonies of straight-ahead jazz.

Chairs will be set up under shade trees in Plummer Park. The concert is **FREE!** For more information, please call 323/848-6883.



This Week's Events



Feathered Edge: a new installation by Ball-Nogues studio at MOCA at the PDC **through November 15, 2009.** Sponsored, in part, by a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant, this is an ambitious site-specific project by the innovative Los Angeles-based design and fabrication firm led by Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues. For museum hours and more information: www.moca.org



Art | Works Theatre presents Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull*: Anton Chekhov's 1895 text continues to be one of the most successfully produced plays because his multilayered observations on the human condition could have been written last week in Cafe Muse on Santa Monica Blvd, so timely are the themes of his brilliant play. The death of innocence and loss of youth; the fear of aging and screams of loneliness; the inability to accept, let alone embrace, life as it is; the ego-driven life-style that leads inevitably to unhappiness, are as much about modern Angelenos as they are the tragic and humorous themes of the Russian souls that populate *The Seagull*. Directed by Marjo-Riikka Makela. Showing **Fridays and Saturdays, through September 12th at 8 p.m.** Additional shows Sunday August 30th at 3 p.m. and Thursday, September 10th at 8pm. Art | Works Theatre is located at 6569 Santa Monica Blvd, 90038.

Tickets available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/72768> or www.viacorpora.com. \$24 for general admission, \$17 for students and seniors. For more information, please call 323-871-8382 or visit www.viacorpora.com



Carved in Stone: Jeffrey Hartgraves' hilarious after-life literary comedy featuring Truman Capote, Oscar Wilde, Tennessee Williams & Quentin Crisp. Young writer Gryphon Tott dies, and is sent to spend eternity in the company of this sparkling group. Tickets available at 310/473-LIVE or to RSVP e-mail RSVP@carvedinstonetheplay.com. Extended through September 5th at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Theater Asylum, 6320 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Tickets are \$15 (discounted tickets available at online outlets).

Coming Attractions



Saturday, September 12, 2009: Celebrate 10 years of **sound.** concerts with SASSAS on September 12, 2009! SASSAS, the Society for the Activation of Social Space through Art and Sound serves as a catalyst for the creation, presentation, and recognition of experimental art and sound practices in the Greater Los Angeles area. The SASSAS 10th Anniversary Concert utilizes sites in 8 Los Angeles neighborhoods located along an east/west corridor and features more than 30 musicians drawn from the 10-year history of sound. for a day of concerts, presented free of charge! Concerts are from 11am - 11pm starting at the **Sylvan Amphitheater** in Eagle Rock and concluding at **Beyond Baroque** in Venice, with stops on **Chung King Road** in Chinatown, **Amoeba Music** in Hollywood and the **Schindler House** in West Hollywood among others. The performance at the Schindler House is supported in part through a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant. For more information: <http://www.sassas.org/>



The **8th Annual West Hollywood Book Fair** will take place on **Sunday, October 4th** at West Hollywood Park. The multiple award-winning West Hollywood Book Fair is one of Southern California's most eclectic literary events attracting over 20,000 readers and writers of all ages and interests. The West Hollywood Book fair featured over 300 participating authors, 12 stages with author panels and special guests, live storytelling, theater, poetry and performances and writing workshops, and over 100 exhibitors hosting activities, including local independent booksellers and literary non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit www.westhollywoodbookfair.org



The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Advocate & Gochis Galleries Present **A Life in Art: 1960-2009. A retrospective of Ivy Bottini.** Ivy Bottini is one of the undisputed heroes of the long struggle for equality and justice for women and the LGBT community. Ms. Bottini is also an acclaimed artist who began her creative work more than 55 years ago. The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center is honored to present a retrospective of Ms. Bottini's painting, drawings, and sketches, *A Life in Art: 1960-2009*, covering the entire sweep of her career from her days in the closet through her years of activism. The exhibit opens with a reception for the artist on Thursday, September 10th, and runs through October 23rd. Admission to both the reception and gallery is **FREE**. For more information, please call 323/860-7337.



REMINDER to nonprofit arts organizations: **Applications for the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program are now available at www.weho.org/arts** (click on "Arts Opportunities") *Please note: applicants must be nonprofit arts organizations.*

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