

# Arts Events & Information

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## KUDOS for West Hollywood Arts !



**Americans for the Arts** cited West Hollywood's temporary art installation—*Empyrean Passage* (pictured at left) by artist Dan Corson—as one of the nation's 40 best public art works of 2008 during its June conference in Seattle. Also cited was *Women in the City*—a project that brought the work of artist Barbara Kruger to the videotrons on Sunset Boulevard and the work of artist Cindy Sherman to the vertical billboard, also on Sunset. Also honored for a project she completed for the County of Los Angeles is artist

Anne Marie Karlsen, who is the project artist for West Hollywood's beautiful new Pavilions on Santa Monica and Robertson. She designed the gorgeous tile work that graces the outdoor dining alcove on Santa Monica Boulevard (pictured at right).



**On Monday, July 27th, the Los Angeles Times** featured a review of West Hollywood's own Classical Theatre Lab and their current production of *Twelfth Night* at Plummer Park (see this week's events for more info on the production). In their review, the Times cited the Fiesta Hall Courtyard as "a lovely setting to experience Shakespeare's rollicking comedy" and congratulated the cast's "impressively cogent" handling of the language and being "well-equipped to handle the challenging rhythms of Shakespeare's verse."

**And on Tuesday, July 28th, The LA Times** reviewed *sound.* at WeHo's iconic Schindler House on Kings Road. Sponsored in part by a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant, the Times congratulated the *sound.* series for "hosting experimental, improvisational and otherwise off-the-grid music, often in the sylvan, historic backyard setting of West Hollywood's proto-Modernist Schindler House/MAK Center." Sound artist Steve Roden was featured in this concert. His work is also on display in West Hollywood's fabulous new Havenhurst Park where his work "with an ear to the earth" (pictured right) is part of the City's Urban Art Collection. At the top of the hour between 10 am and 4 pm visitors to the park can sit next to the bronze gramophone horn and hear some of his subtly textured sound, as if listening to the ocean on the other side of the planet.



## This Week's Events



**The City of West Hollywood** with Classical Theatre Lab presents William Shakespeare's classic comedy *Twelfth Night or What You Will*, a beloved comedies about mistaken identity, ambition and the nature of love. Considered by many scholars to be the Bard's greatest comedy. It features Viola, the cross-dressing heroine; Orsino, the love-sick Duke of Illyria; Olivia, the beautiful but bereaved object of his passion; plus some of Shakespeare's most unforgettable comic creations: Malvolio, Sir Andrew Aguecheek and Sir Toby Belch. Fun for the entire family! **Saturdays and Sundays at 5 p.m. through August 23 at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall Courtyard.** Special performance at Kings Road Park on Sunday, August 9th at 4 p.m. (No show at Fiesta Hall this day.) For reservations and for more information, please call 323/960-5691 or visit [www.classicaltheatrelab.org](http://www.classicaltheatrelab.org) **FREE**



**Summer Sounds Concerts:** The City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds concert series takes place on select Sundays throughout the summer. Join us this **Sunday, August 2nd at 3 p.m.** in Plummer Park for a concert featuring Klezmer Juice. The concert will feature vibrant Yiddish soul music mixed with Latin American influences. Chairs will be set up under the shade, and you can also bring a blanket and sit on the lawn. **FREE.** For more information, please call 323/848-6883.

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## This Week's Events cont.

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**The Agony and the Ecstasy:** The LA Gay and Lesbian Center brings the art of renowned visual artist Mark Oberlin to its Advocate and Gochis Galleries for a solo exhibition. The pieces—in such diverse media as paintings, silk screens, drawings and sculpture—present the scope and intensity of a gay life and experience. An opening reception will take place on **Thursday, July 30th** from 7-9 pm. Admission to the galleries and the reception is **free**. The gallery is located at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N. McCadden Place, 90038.



**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. Tott has become a gay icon himself, with the posthumous publication of his one-and-only novel. There's just one problem: Gryphon says he is straight! Watch these legendary wits solve Gryphon's "identity crisis" in the show the SF Examiner calls "brilliantly funny" and SF Weekly declares "hilarious"! Advance tickets available at 310/473-LIVE or to RSVP e-mail [RSVP@carvedinstonetheplay.com](mailto:RSVP@carvedinstonetheplay.com). Plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm and 7 pm **through August 9th**. Theater Asylum, 6320 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Tickets are \$25 (discounted tickets available at online outlets).



**Celebration Theatre presents . . .**

**Altar Boyz**, the longest running new musical comedy to open in New York in years! And the critics loved it! This highly acclaimed Off-Broadway smash hit follows five small town boys-Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham-as they save the world one screaming fan at a time. **Through August 23**, Thursday - Saturday at 8pm, Sundays at 3pm. General admission is \$30.

**Five Finger Discount, Scenes We've Stolen from Ourselves.** See the fifth show from the acclaimed team that brought you four other shows. Directed by Rob Mello and Todd Milliner. Showing **through August 15th**, Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.

**Wendy Ho Live** - From New York's underground comedy scene, Wendy Ho blurs the line between music and illness. Wendy Ho works so blue it's black so no one under 18 is admitted. **Thursday, July 30th at 10:30 pm.**

**To purchase tickets or for more information on the shows:** [www.celebrationtheatre.com](http://www.celebrationtheatre.com)

Celebration Theatre is located at 7051 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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## Coming Attractions

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The **West Hollywood Film Festival (WHIFF)**, presents a four-day festival starting **Wednesday, August 5th**. For more information, please visit <http://www.whiff2008.com/>

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