

Upcoming Art Events

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What's New?



Trafficking in Broken Hearts: A gritty urban love story that revolves around Papo, a tough talking Puerto Rican hustler from the Bronx; Brian, a sexually confused lawyer from the Midwest; and Bobby, a 17-year old runaway. Written by Edwin Sanchez and directed by Efrain Schunior. Showing through **June 28th** at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Show times are Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. General admission is \$20. For more information visit www.celebrationtheatre.com



Out There: Los Angeles Art Association & the City of West Hollywood are proud to announce *Out There*, a very special exhibition celebrating the LGBT experience during West Hollywood's Pride Month Festivities. The show dates are **June 11 through June 17**. Opening reception will be held on June 12th from 6-9pm. *Out There* is made possible by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program. More info at www.laaa.org.



Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles at Fairfax High School: On **Thursday, June 11** a one hour free community program will feature selections from the Gay Men's Chorus summer concert which will be performed later in the month. Performance begins at 6:30 pm. Fairfax High School Band opens at 6:45 pm and GMCLA takes the stage from 7 – 8 pm. Fairfax High School is located at 7850 Melrose Ave Los Angeles, CA 90046. For more information visit www.gmcla.org or call 1-800-MENSING. This performance is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program.



Body Mechanique: The L.A. Contemporary Dance Company (LACDC) collaborates with L.A.-based playwright Aaron Henne to create an original dance theatre performance where bodies moving in space and rhythmic monologues collide, animating the voice and soul of everyday objects. How do we, like the inanimate items surrounding our lives, fulfill our purpose and avoid becoming obsolete? Funded in part through a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant, the company performs at The Glass Garage Gallery at 418 N Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, on **June 11, 13 and 14 and June 18-21** at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25. For more information or to reserve tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/56707> or 800-838-3006.



Upright Cabaret presents Shoshana Bean—Happening at the Ford: On Thursday, **June 11th** at 8:30pm, witness the evolution of a diva in this two-part concert event under the stars at the Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 Cahuenga Blvd, 90068, as former *Wicked* star Shoshana Bean begins the night signing the legendary hits of Barbara Streisand in "*Shoshana Sings Streisand*," ending with "*My Name is Shoshana*." The performance will also feature songs from Bean's debut album *Superhero*. Bean starred in the original Broadway cast of *Wicked* and *Hairspray*, and the acclaimed 2004 Off-Broadway revival of *Godspell*. She has also appeared alongside Brian McKnight at the Lady of Soul Train Awards honoring Aretha Franklin. *Shoshana Bean: A Happening at the Ford* has been selected as the official "Pride Night Out" kick-off event for Los Angeles Pride 2009. Advanced tickets can be purchased online for \$35-75 at www.uprightcabaret.com/events or by calling (323) 461-3673.



America's Top Bottom—Cycle Four: The fourth installment of the comedy competition. Show starts at 10:30pm on **Friday and Saturday, June 12th and 13th** at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. General admission is \$10. For more information, call (323) 957-1884.

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Dyke March: The Lesbian Visibility Committee of the City of West Hollywood and Christopher Street West present a rally featuring honorary speakers that represent the West Hollywood community. WeHo Dyke March is held on the Friday evening before the Christopher Street West Gay Pride Festival and Parade and is co-sponsored by CSW. The March Rally will commence on San Vicente Boulevard just south of Santa Monica Boulevard, at 7:30pm on Friday, **June 12th**. For more information please call the City of West Hollywood at (323) 848-6510 or TTY for the hearing impaired (323) 858-6496. Visit the website at www.weholvc.com and www.myspace.com/wehodykemarch.



Upright Cabaret presents Back to Broadway: During this half-hour concert, on Saturday, **June 13th**, L.A.'s famed *Upright Cabaret* shows-off of some of the hottest talent working on Broadway today. *Performances by:* Tony nominee Valarie Pettiford (Broadway: *Fosse*), Eden Espinosa (Broadway: *Wicked*, *Brooklyn*, *Rent*), Chad Kimball (Broadway: *Lennon*, *Into the Woods*), Michael Arden (Broadway: *Times They Are a Changin'*), Billy Porter (Broadway: *Miss Saigon*, *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Grease*) and singer/songwriter Audra Mae with Upright Cabaret Music Director Chris Bratten. This special concert is part of the Los Angeles LGBT PRIDE Celebration's Saturday line-up at the Gay Pride Festival. The concert will be held on the LA PRIDE Main Stage from 3:20-3:50pm. For more information visit www.uprightcabaret.com.



United Arts Academy presents *Having Your Cake* by Jimmy Brunelle, a music fairy tale for children and adults, produced and directed by Mark Zisman; and a "Day of Improvisation and Works in Progress," produced and directed by Michael Heit and Gary Maxwell. **Sunday, June 14** at 2 pm at Fiesta Hall in West Hollywood, 1200 N. Vista Avenue. Admission is free. This performance is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program. Information: (323) 436-2993 or marzisman@gmail.com.



Summer Sounds Opening Concert: The first concert of the City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds program will take place on **Sunday, June 14** at 4 pm at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood, featuring Star Search winner and vocalist Catte Adams performing the songs of gay composers and artists. Catte Adams, a West Hollywood resident, first came to recognition nationally with her winning of Star Search with Ed MacMahon, as vocalist, in its second and most viewed season. She has toured internationally with Michael Bolton, Natalie Cole, Yanni, Chaka Khan and Tracy Chapman as a band member and has provided vocals for a who's who of performers including Michael McDonald, Phoebe Snow, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, and many others. **Admission is free.**



Gay Day at KPFK: A Time Capsule Radio Broadcast: KPFK Radio 90.7FM and the Pacifica Radio Archives in partnership with Christopher Street West/LA Pride present a program featuring LGBT personal stories, live broadcast from the parade, history, music, commentaries, news, art, literature, youth and poetry. Sunday, **June 14th**, 9am to midnight on 90.7 FM or www.kpfk.org.



Lesbian and Gay Play Reading Festival: The Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights (ALAP), supported by a West Hollywood Arts Participation Grant and in partnership with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board present "Unspeakable Acts" by Mary F. Casey, at Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90046, on **June 17th**. Casey received the 2008 Jane Chambers Playwriting Award for *Unspeakable Acts*. Reading will begin at 7:30pm. **Admission is free.** For more information call 323.957.4752 or email info@laplaywrights.org.

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Christopher Street West Festival (LA PRIDE): All are invited to come out Saturday and Sunday, **June 13th and 14th**, and show their Pride at one of the most exciting PRIDE celebrations in the country. Thousands of festival attendees are expected in the heart of West Hollywood to revel amongst world-class headlining entertainment. In addition to lively dance pavilions with music spun by some of the hottest DJ's in the country, a new layout of festival grounds boasts food, drink, socialization, community programming and unique exhibitors, all hosting a diverse spectrum of activities to entice the entire LGBT family. Produced by Christopher Street West (CSW, a nonprofit organization), the annual three-day event is one of the largest Pride Celebrations in the United States and occurs annually in West Hollywood, a city that celebrates pride daily and is home to Southern California's largest gay and lesbian population. Since its incorporation in 1984, the City of West Hollywood is continually recognized as a leader in gay and lesbian rights. Saturday, 12 noon to 12 midnight, Sunday, 11am-10pm. Festival admission, inclusive of entertainment venues and dance pavilions, is still just \$20 per day or \$15 per day with advance purchase from www.LAPRIDE.org.



LA PRIDE Christopher Street West Parade: On Sunday, **June 14th**, attend this historic and time-honored tradition as more than 400,000 people are expected to attend the largest gathering of the LGBT community in Southern California at this annual event in West Hollywood. As part of the parade, there will be a Silent Celebration at exactly 12 noon. For one full minute, all are invited to quietly remember those who are no longer with us, to honor those who cannot be with us today and celebrate those who are oppressed and continue fighting for Pride and the freedom we will achieve. Parade steps-off at 11am at Crescent Heights and extends past the Grand Bandstand viewing area at the Veterans Triangle on Holloway to its final completion at Robertson Boulevard. For those unable to attend in person, the LA PRIDE Parade Live Broadcast will air on City Channel 10 on Time Warner Cable in West Hollywood and will be streamed on the web at www.LAPRIDE.org/webcast. For more information, contact the Christopher Street West office at (323) 969-8302 or visit www.lapride.org.



So Hard: Written and performed by Derek Ringold and directed by theatre veteran Michael Kearns and made possible by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program, the play is subtitled *A Black Gay Man Navigates West Hollywood in a New America* and is a collage of monologues, dance, and video images that illuminate why it's "so hard" to be gay and black in a changing and challenging world. This multi-media theatre piece will play Wednesday evenings at the Zephyr Theatre at 8 pm on **June 17th and 24th**. The Zephyr Theatre is located at 7456 Melrose Ave. Tickets are \$12 and available at the box office, one-half hour before each performance or to reserve tickets call (323) 623-9036. More info at www.derekringold.webs.com.

Coming Attractions



Auditions for Rise Up & Shout: Voices of the Next Gay Generation: Are you and LGBTQ singer? Poet? Dancer? Rapper? Performance artist? Musician? Comedian? (age 16-26) We want you! Be part of a part of an evening of unique performance, song and dance by gay/lesbian youth. Auditions will be held **June 20th and July 11th** from 1-4pm at MCCLA Fellowship Hall, 4953 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, 90027. For more information visit www.riseupandshout.org



Vox Femina Los Angeles will be doing an "open reading and presentation" in conjunction with honoring the history of women in West Hollywood on **Tuesday, June 23** at 7:30 pm at Congregation Kol Ami, 200 N. La Brea Avenue, West Hollywood, 90038. This project is funded in part by a grant through the City of West Hollywood's Arts Grant Program.

Arts and cultural affairs information and programming is brought to you by the City of West Hollywood through its Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. For more information on the arts in West Hollywood, visit www.weho.org/arts or call (323) 848-6883.