

Upcoming Art Events

6/18/09

This Week



PERFORMING ARTS

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 28** 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



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, **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.



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.

Opens June 19, plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm and 7 pm through August 9. Theater Asylum, 6320 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038. Tickets are \$25 (discounted tickets available at online outlets).



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.



GAYLARIOUS! An Evening of Lesbian and Gay Comedy: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission present an evening of Lesbian and Gay Comedy with Suzanne Westenhoefer, The Gay Mafia and Sandra Valls. Have a hilarious time seeing some of the funniest gay and lesbian comics. **Wednesday, June 24**, reception at 7 pm, show at 7:30pm. Located at the MACHA Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood 90069. **FREE**. Reservations: (323) 848-6471.



He Asked for It: Erik Patterson's new play is a "timely and gripping portrait of gay relationships in the 21st century [showing] boundless potential as a watershed gay drama [with] a haunting lead performance by Joe Egender" (Frontiers Magazine). Playing at the MACHA Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood, **through July 19**. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays 7 pm. Reservations: (323)375-2400 or www.brownpapertickets.com.

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ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, and FAMILIES



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 20 and July 11** from 1-4 pm at MCCLA Fellowship Hall, 4953 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, 90027. For more information visit www.riseupandshout.org



Join SHINE! LA's Youth Theatre for *Robin Hood: The Musical*, an upbeat and raucous musical adventure adapted from the medieval legends. Robin Hood whisks viewers from the downtrodden streets of Nottingham to the mystery of Sherwood Forest in a fun filled romp that will delight the entire family. Join Robin, Will, Tuck, Little John and Marion as they fight to make Nottingham a place they can truly call home. Saturday **June 20** at 6 pm, Sunday June 21 at 6 pm, Saturday June 27 at 3 pm and 6 pm, and Sunday June 28 at 6 pm at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium (647 N. San Vicente, Los Angeles, CA 90069). \$10 suggested donation. Suitable for children ages 4 and up.



West Hollywood Library presents its Summer Reading Kick-Off on Monday, June 22 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. All kids and their families are invited to "Get Creative @ Your Library" with this year's Summer Reading Program. The kick off party includes an animal show with cuddly, furry animals presented by Parties Fantastic. West Hollywood Library is located at 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard. For more information call (310) 830-0231.

Coming Attractions

Coming Soon to **West Hollywood Library, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard:**



- **Saturday, June 27** - Alternate Routes' Woodworking Bus, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Education on Wheels has been teaching kids the lost art of creative woodworking (on a bus) since 1997. They have served over 10,000 kids ages 5-11 and up! Alternate Routes' goal is to teach children how to use tools safely and effectively. The workshop will give kids an early working knowledge of real tools, materials manipulation, and other processes usually reserved for adult artists. The program is free, but space is limited. Please call the library that week to reserve a spot - (310) 830-0231. Closed toed shoes required!
- **Monday, June 29** - Mariachi Magicians, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Rafael and Katia return to the library with their amazing Mariachi Magic Show.



James Baldwin *Down from the Mountain*: Saturday, June 27 at the Village at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles 90038. Pre-performance reception at 7pm, performance at 8pm. **FREE** (donations accepted to support arts and cultural programming at the Center). Presented by the City of West Hollywood and the LA Gay & Lesbian Center, this highly acclaimed solo play, written and performed by Tony Award nominee Calvin Levels, chronicles the rich and fervent life of the esteemed writer and human rights activist, James Baldwin. Reservations: (323) 848-6354.



Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles presents *Jennifer Holliday in Broadway*: Saturday, June 27 at 3pm and 8pm, **Sunday, June 28** at 3pm. The Tony Award and two-time Grammy Award winning actress Jennifer Holliday joins the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles in a very special engagement consisting of both classic and recent musical numbers that have defined the boards of the Great White Way. Concert will be held at the Alex Theater, 216 North Brand Boulevard, Glendale, 91203. For tickets visit www.gmcla.org or call (800) MENSING.



Summer Sounds Concerts: The City of West Hollywood's Summer Sounds concert series takes place on select Sundays throughout the summer. Next up, DMG Music under the direction of Gregory Cherninsky features a selection of classics and contemporary works including Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, Scott Joplin's *Maple Leaf Rag*, and Freddie Mercury's *Don't Stop Me Now*. **Sunday, June 28** at 4 pm at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood. Chairs will be set up under the shade, and you can also bring a blanket and sit on the lawn. **Admission is free.**