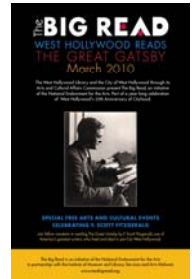


Featured Event

The **Big Read**, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, is an exercise in building community and expanding literacy through the arts with the community reading of a selected book. Throughout **March 2010**, a series of special events and book discussions are scheduled around *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, an author who lived and died in West Hollywood.

The Big Read is one of West Hollywood's 25th Anniversary of Cityhood Celebration events. Visit www.colapublib.org/libraries/whollywood for the complete schedule and more information.



The Big Read Events



Anything Can Happen: Reading *The Great Gatsby* in the Age of Terror
Join Dr. Joseph Dimuro, UCLA Department of Education for this lecture discussing the implications of reading *The Great Gatsby* in today's world, **Sunday, March 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m.** at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood.

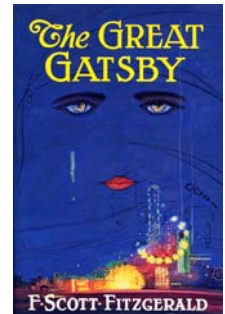
Book Discussions

— **March 15, 2010, 2:30 p.m.**—Senior Center, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. Conversation Café (Russian speakers discussing the book in English)

—**March 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**—Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood. Led by Judith Palarz

Fitzgerald's Women

A reading from the works of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Sheila Graham and others, presented by Classical Theatre Lab on **Sunday, March 21, 2010, 4:00 p.m.** at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood.



This Week's Events

Salam Shalom

Witness the journey of a love affair that is trying to survive all taboos. As ethnic hatred gives way to personal love, **Salam Shalom** demonstrates not only the importance of communication in relationships, but also of respect, love and determination among people. Through **April 16, 2010** at the **Greenway Court Theatre, 544 N. Fairfax Blvd., West Hollywood**. Tickets can be purchased online at www.salamshalomtheplay.com and visit www.greenwayartsalliance.org for more information.



Haram Iran

Based on true events, *Haram Iran* is a coming of age tale about two boys, struggling to find their place as Arab Iranians in a modern world, whose lives change in an instant when they are caught in a compromising position. The story follows the boys' passions—one for literature and the other for sports—as they navigate their new relationship, the intricacies of the Iranian legal system and discover what it means to sacrifice oneself for love. Runs through **April 4, 2010**. This event is sponsored in part with a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant. For tickets and information visit www.celebrationtheatre.com. Celebration Theatre, 7051 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

This Week's Events Continued

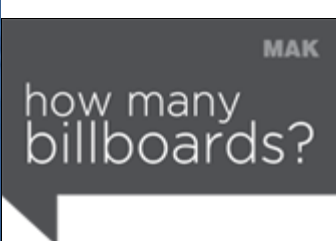


THE BLVD

Mad About the Boy Productions and Macha Theatre/Films present **THE BLVD**. What happens when egos collide in a comic parody of two classic films, *Sunset Blvd.*, and *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane*? Opens **March 11, 2010** and runs through **April 18, 2010** at the **Macha Theatre, 1107 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood**. Visit www.plays411.net/blvd or call 323-960-1055 for tickets and information.

Jenifer Lewis's Hot Flash! - EXTENDED

Presented by The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Lily Tomlin/Jane Wagner Cultural Arts Center. Iconic actress and entertainer Jenifer Lewis has the unique distinction of having scored an unprecedented string of sold out shows at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Renberg Theatre with her brilliant performances in *Getting It Off My Chest* and *BiPolar, Bath & Beyond*. Now the celebrated diva returns to the Renberg stage with her latest original one-woman show, *Jenifer Lewis's Hot Flash!* **Saturday only performances on March 13 and 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at The Renberg Theatre, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles**. Benefiting the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. For more information visit www.lagaycenter.org.



The MAK Center for Art and Architecture at the Schindler House Presents

How Many Billboards? Art in Stead

An event **funded in part by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program**, this large-scale urban exhibition debuts 21 newly commissioned works by leading contemporary artists, presented simultaneously on billboards in West Hollywood and Los Angeles throughout March 2010. Visit the overview exhibit and orientation station at the **Schindler House, 835 North Kings Road in West Hollywood**. Public hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is available at the public structure at the northeast corner of Kings Road and Santa Monica Boulevard. For further information, contact <http://www.MAKcenter.org> or call (323) 651-1510 or visit <http://www.howmanybillboards.org>

Kharmful Charms of Danill Kharms

A "Theatrical Incident with Curious Music, Unfamiliar Singing and Improbable Dancing," devised by ARTEL (American Russian Theatre Ensemble Laboratory). **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. through March 20, 2010 Artworks Theatre, 6567 Santa Monica Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90038**. If purchasing tickets online, use the code word "circus" for a discount. For more information visit www.kharmful.com.



Open/Closed

The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Advocate and Gochis Galleries present a solo exhibition of photographs by cutting-edge photographer Tiger Munson. **Open/Closed** runs through **Friday, March 26, 2010**. The Galleries' hours are **Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles. Admission to the Galleries is free. For more information, visit www.lagaycenter.org.

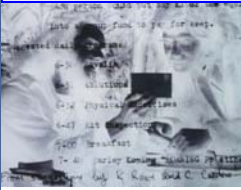
Coming Soon...

Welcome to all the PLEASURES

Glenn Carlos, Artistic Director of the *Metropolitan Master Chorale* and Mikael Avetisyan, Principal Conductor and Artistic Director of the *Glendale Philharmonic Orchestra* present **Welcome to all the PLEASURES**, supported in part by a **City of West Hollywood Arts Grant** on **Sunday, March 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol Ami 1200 N. La Brea Ave., West Hollywood, CA 90038**. (Pre-concert discussion 45 minutes prior to the concert and a reception to follow.) Parking is FREE and tickets may be purchased for General Admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and Seniors/Students/Disabled/Children: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door at www.metrosings.org.



Coming Soon...



sound. at Fiesta Hall Screens *Pilgrimage From Scattered Points*

The film, by Scottish artist Luke Fowler, takes as its subject the Scratch Orchestra, a seminal collective of artists and musicians formed in the UK by Cornelius Cardew with Howard Skempton and Michael Parsons in 1968/1969. In addition to the screening, SASSAS is presenting a panel on intersections between radicalism, collectives and experimental art and sound practices and a performance based on the Scratch Orchestra Draft Constitution. **This event is sponsored in part with a City of West Hollywood Arts Grant. Saturday, March 20, 2010—Performance, 4 p.m. Screening and Panel, 7p.m.** at Fiesta Hall, 1200 N. Vista St., West Hollywood. For more information and tickets visit www.sassas.org.

Los Angeles Doctor's Symphony Presents Young Pianists in Concert

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Join us for a concert featuring music of Kabelevsky, Chopin and Brahms at **Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood** on **Sunday, March 21, 2010** at **3:00 p.m.** Admission is free. Donations are welcome. **This event is funded in part by the City of West Hollywood Arts Grant Program.** For more information, please call 310-839-1157 or visit www.ladso.org



13th Annual Art & Design Walk

Designers, foodies, fashionistas and art enthusiasts will gather on **March 26 and 27, 2010** at The Avenues – West Hollywood's exclusive collection of more than 300 prestigious interior design showrooms, galleries, boutiques and restaurants – for the 13th Annual Art & Design Walk. A must-see event for every style conscious Angeleno, the Art & Design Walk features special receptions, new product launches, gallery shows, shopping discounts and food and entertainment hosted by individual showrooms located on Melrose Avenue and Beverly and Robertson

Boulevards. **The Avenues district will also be celebrating the city of West Hollywood's 25 years of cityhood by highlighting its "25 Favorite Things to do in the Avenues" guide.** Visit www.avenueswh.com for more information.

Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival A MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL OF WOMEN SOLO ARTISTS

Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival Presents—HeARTwork and Decolonizing the Heart

HeARTwork

This is a workshop for those interested in addressing race, identity and social justice from a heart-centered place through performance art. Take part in the workshop, **March 31, 2010** at **10:00 a.m.** at **Plummer Park, Room #5, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.** Admission is free. Donations accepted. **This event is sponsored by the City of West Hollywood.**

Decolonizing the Heart

Conversations about race can be frustrating and abstract when we speak only from a political, intellectual or academic perspective. This workshop seeks to heal that divide by re-connecting us to our personal experiences of race and our desire for racial reconciliation. Join the conversation **March 31, 2010** at **3:00 p.m.** at **Plummer Park, Room #5, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.** Admission is free. Donations accepted. **This event is sponsored by the City of West Hollywood.** For information about the Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival please call 818-760-0408 or visit www.lawtf.com.



On Route – 66 Lights

In celebration of its 25th Anniversary of Cityhood, West Hollywood celebrates its pre-Cityhood history with a display of vintage neon signs from old Route 66. The City of West Hollywood in collaboration with the Museum of Neon Art presents On Route – 66 Lights. In addition to a display of four large-scale classic neon lights in the center City near the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard & Holloway, a brochure will also be available, providing a tour of other vintage and contemporary neon in the City, as well as providing a brief look at neon, and the City's historic association with Route 66 (Santa Monica Boulevard) and the Sunset Strip.

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For more information on the arts in West Hollywood, visit www.weho.org/arts or call (323) 848-6883.