

## Enriching Lives



The Commission fosters excellence, diversity, vitality, understanding and accessibility of the arts in Los Angeles County. The Commission provides leadership in cultural services for the County, including information and resources for the community, artists, educators, arts organizations and

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission** provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the most populous county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. There are more than 3,500 arts organizations and 150,000 working artists in the County, creating the largest concentration of arts activity in the United States. The area's huge pool of talent and potential audience for the arts presents the Arts Commission with myriad opportunities to enrich the lives of County residents. The Arts Commission provides staff and support for

[Arts for All](#), Los Angeles County's collaborative to restore arts into the core curriculum for all L.A. County public school students.

a [Grants Program](#) that funds more than 300 nonprofit arts organizations annually

the County's [Civic Art Program](#) for capital projects

the largest [Arts Internship Program](#) in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation programming at the [John Anson Ford Theatres](#)

[L.A. Holiday Celebration](#), broadcast nationally.

a year-round music program that funds [Free Concerts](#) in public sites

The [L.A. County Directory](#) on ExperienceLA.com

[SpaceFinderLA.org](#)— Creative Spaces For Creative People

The Arts Commission, founded in 1947, is a unit of Los Angeles County government. The Commission is an advisory group to the County Board of Supervisors and consists of up to 15 members, three members appointed by each of the five Supervisors.

Commission Members ([http://www.lacountyarts.org/commission\\_structure.html](http://www.lacountyarts.org/commission_structure.html))

Commission Staff ([http://www.lacountyarts.org/commission\\_staff.html](http://www.lacountyarts.org/commission_staff.html))

Arts Commission Profile ([http://lacountyarts.org/pubfiles/Final\\_%20Oct-28-10.pdf](http://lacountyarts.org/pubfiles/Final_%20Oct-28-10.pdf))

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# **Arts for All: All the Arts for all the students in L.A. County public schools**



**Arts For All** Artist Residency program in Montebello school district with Blue Palm

In September 2002, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted **Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education**, a strategic plan to restore arts education — in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts — to the 1.6 million students in Los Angeles County’s 81 school districts. The *Arts for All* Executive Committee, with more than 100 partners and managed by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, leads this effort. Starting in 2003-04, *Arts for All* began inviting districts to participate in the initiative. The Arts Commission provides coaching to the districts to build a strong infrastructure to sustain quality, sequential arts education including a school board-adopted policy, plan and budget as well as the hiring of a district level arts coordinator and a student to credentialed arts teacher ratio no higher than 400:1. As of October 2011 the *Arts for All* initiative is working with 49 school districts representing 560,465 students. *Arts for All* coaching assistance to school districts is supported by the *Arts for All* Pooled Fund, comprised of contributions from the entertainment industry, foundations and corporations and helmed by lead partner Sony Pictures Entertainment. For more information visit [www.lacountyartsforall.org](http://www.lacountyartsforall.org).

## **NEWS**

[Applications open for Arts Education Service Providers To be Included In ARTS FOR ALL'S Programs For Students Directory](#)

December 15, 2011

[The Inner City Education Foundation \(ICEF\), Sulfur Springs United and Rowland Unified Join Arts For All](#)

September 13, 2011

[13 Arts For All Districts Receive \\$100,800 For Artist Residencies](#)

September 13, 2011

[L.A. County Arts Education Collaborative Singled Out as Best in the Country](#)

June 16, 2011

[The National Endowment For The Arts Recognizes Arts For All Model For Arts Education With An \\$80,000 Grant.](#)

May 17, 2011

[Arts for All releases monograph on school district leadership in L.A. County](#)

March 10, 2011

[Arts for All introduces system for measuring quality and access to arts education](#)

February 9, 2011

[Arts for All: LA County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education Brochure](#)

[www.LAArtsEd.org](http://www.LAArtsEd.org) is the home of *Arts for All's* Resources for Schools and Communities, including a searchable directory of arts education service providers, an arts education professional development handbook and a library of arts education tools and resources.

# Grants & Professional Development



The Art of Elysium's grant supports the free, weekly arts experiences they bring to medically disabled youth directly in medical settings

The **Organizational Grant Program** awards grants to 300 Los Angeles County-based arts organizations each year. Arts Commission grantees reach audiences totaling 10 million persons annually. More than half of grantee programs are admission free.

Grantees can also take advantage of scholarships for courses and workshops relating to the organizations' needs. Human resources workshops are offered to grantees whose awards are for staff support. All artists and arts organizations are welcome to **Arts Tune-Ups**, informal round-robins in which participants visit a table focusing on a specific topic and spend 25 minutes with an expert discussing the topic; after 25 minutes participants move to a different table to discuss another topic.

## NEWS

[Grantees develop videos as part of Engage: A New Media Intensive](#)

December 2011

[California Report interview on "Arts Organizations in a Down Economy."](#)

October 21, 2011

[2011 Grantee Reception photo album](#)

October 18, 2011

[Workshops On How To Apply For Funding Through The Organizational Grant Program \(OGP\) Start September 26.](#)

September 7, 2011

[184 LA County arts groups split \\$4 million in grants— 89.3 KPCC](#)

July 5, 2011

[\\$4.1 million in L.A. County arts grants Ok'd by supervisors—LA Times](#)

July 5, 2011

[OGP Grantees 2011-13 Photo Album](#)

[Los Angeles County Arts Commission Awards \\$4,118,000 In Grants To 184 County Arts Groups](#)

July 7, 2011

More information about Grants: <http://www.lacountyarts.org/grants.html>

More information about Professional Development: <http://www.lacountyarts.org/>

# Civic Art



Photo of Cliff Garten's public art in South L.A.

In December 2004, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the County's first Civic Art Policy that allocates one percent of design and construction costs on new County capital projects to a Civic Art Special Fund. Civic Art provides leadership in the development of high quality civic spaces by integrating artists into the planning and design process at the earliest possible opportunity; encouraging innovative approaches to civic art; and providing access to artistic experiences of the highest caliber for the residents of Los Angeles County. The Civic Art Program has commissioned work for more than 50 County capital projects including public libraries, parks, pool houses, community centers, sheriff stations, prisons, and health centers. It has also undertaken a comprehensive inventory of County-owned public art, hired art conservators to examine artworks, and initiated restoration activities.

## NEWS

[Mural unveiled at dedication of San Pedro Service Center](#)

October 19, 2011

[Margaret Bruning Named Director of Civic Art Program for Los Angeles County Arts Commission](#)

October 12, 2011

[South LA Gets New Public Art By Cliff Garten](#) —CA Home + Design

October 6, 2011

[Sculptor Cliff Garten Completed Commission For A New Public Health Facility In South Los Angeles](#)

October 6, 2011

[Los Angeles County Arts Commission Civic Art Program Receives Our Town Grant From The National Endowment for the Arts](#)

August 15, 2011

[Olive View Psychiatric Urgent Care Dedication](#)

August 10, 2011

[Youth Create Silent Films in W.S. Hart Park](#)—L.A. Now video

August 6, 2011

[Civic Art Program Annual Report](#)

More information: <http://www.lacountyarts.org/civcart.htm>

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# Internships



The 2011 L.A. County Arts Interns.  
*Photo: Derek Hanchi*

In conjunction with the Getty Foundation, the Arts Commission funds the largest arts internship program in the country. The Commission's program is the performing arts parallel to the Getty's visual arts program. Each summer non-profit performing, literary and municipal arts organizations, using Commission grants, offer paid internships to college undergraduates. The program, which also includes educational components for the interns, is designed to familiarize students with arts administration career opportunities and the arts community as a whole.

## NEWS

[Interns in the Arts Community 1](#) (video)

[Interns in the Arts Community 2](#) (video)

[LA County Interns Graduate to the Workforce](#) (video)

[Applications Open for Grants for Nonprofit Arts Organizations to Hire Summer Interns](#)  
October 26, 2011

[Arts Internship Program 2011—Arts Summit Day](#)

[74 Paid Summer Internships for College Students Available through Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program](#)  
April 5, 2011

[Applications Open for Grants for Nonprofit Arts Organizations to Hire Summer Interns](#)  
November 10, 2010

[Internship Arts Summit Videos](#)  
July 1, 2010

More information: <http://www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html>  
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# John Anson Ford Theatres



Ford Amphitheatre stage at night  
*Photo: Paul Antico*

The Arts Commission programs the John Anson Ford Theatres in Hollywood: the 1,200-seat outdoor **Ford Amphitheatre** and the 87-seat indoor **[Inside] the Ford**. The Ford Amphitheatre presents 100 events, including music, dance, film, theatre and family fare, each year May through October. The [Inside] the Ford November through April season is devoted to new plays. Most of the events on the Amphitheatre season and all the plays on the [Inside] season are co-presented with Los Angeles County-based arts organizations chosen through a competitive application process. These partnership arts organizations receive free or discounted rent, a season marketing campaign, a tech package, front of house services and technical assistance in the marketing and production areas and the lion's share of box office revenue.

## NEWS

["Romance of Magno Rubio" Illuminates Filipino experience](#) (video)  
Nov—Dec, 2011

[Live @ the Ford Series on KCET](#)  
Fall 2011

[PAE Live! Presents Lonnie Carter's OBIE Award-winning play \*The Romance of Magno Rubio\*](#)  
October 5, 2011

[\[Inside\] the Ford announces 2011-12 Season](#)  
September 15, 2011

[The Ford Theatres Is Open To Local Artists!](#) — *LA Weekly*  
August 23, 2011

[New Ford Signage Photo Album](#)

[Ford Amphitheatre 2011 Summer Season Opens June 4](#)

[\[Inside\] The Ford Winter Partnership Program Now Open To Theatre Companies With Permanent Venues](#)  
February 1, 2011

[Levin & Associates Architects To Develop Master Plan For Ford Theatres](#)  
May 6, 2010

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Ford Theatres News & Press Room (<http://fordtheatres.org/en/about/news>) including articles and reviews, season brochure, press kit with history and downloadable photos

More information: [www.FordTheatres.org](http://www.FordTheatres.org)

# Holiday Celebration



Dream Dance II was among the groups featured in the national broadcast of Holiday Celebration on PBS in 2010.

Each December 24 the Arts Commission produces the L.A. County Holiday Celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. The Holiday Celebration celebrated its 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary in December 2010. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has sponsored an admission-free holiday-themed show as a gift to the people of the County since 1960. Today, the live presentation, featuring music and dance groups, shows how the myriad cultures of the region mark the holiday season. The largest holiday show in the region, last year drew 5,134 people to the Music Center and 1 million households watched via the live telecast on KCET.

The first annual free Holiday Celebration — then called the Christmas Program — took place at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. In 1964 Holiday Celebration moved to the just-opened Music Center. The KCET live telecasts began in 1965. The late Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor of the Second Los Angeles County District from 1952 to 1992, was the father of Holiday Celebration. Kenneth Hahn cared deeply about the accessibility of the arts to everyone. He personally helmed fundraising for the first show. When Dorothy 'Buffy' Chandler came to him seeking his support for the proposed Music Center, he told her that he would support it if he could be sure that the Music Center would be open free to the residents of the County at least one day each year.

## NEWS

[How do you celebrate the holidays in your community?](#) (video)

[A few of our favorite things...](#) (video)

[52nd Annual Free L.A. County Holiday Celebration](#)

November 10, 2011

[Join in L.A. County Holiday Celebration While You Wrap, Cook or Decorate!](#)

November 19, 2010

[51st Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration Seeks Short Films On Childhood Holiday Memories](#)

September 28, 2010

[L.A. Holiday Celebration 2010](#)

September 2010

[LA Holiday Celebration Turns 50, Los Angeles Times](#)

December 22, 2009

# Free Concerts & Musicians Roster



ADAWE is one of the L.A. County music groups available to perform through the free concerts in public sites program.

The Commission produces a year-round music program that funds 40 free concerts each year in public sites such as parks, libraries and community centers. The performing groups are chosen from the Musicians Roster, a directory of Los Angeles County-based music groups from a wide range of genres that has been vetted by a panel of music industry professionals. The roster, accessed through [www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org), incorporates audio and video samples and contact information for the groups and is available to members of the public looking for quality musicians.

## NEWS

[70 Free Summer Concerts Sponsored by Los Angeles County announced](#)  
June 9, 2011

[78 Free Summer Concerts Sponsored by Los Angeles County announced](#)  
June 29, 2010

[Spring and Summer Free Concerts Sponsored By Los Angeles County Announced](#)  
May 21, 2009

*Free Concerts Schedule:* <http://www.lacountyarts.org/free.html>

# L.A. County Cultural Directory on ExperienceLA.com

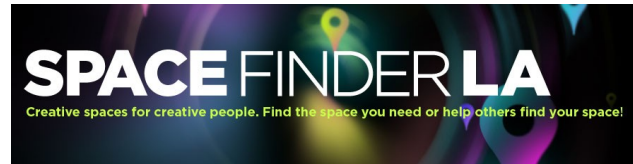


The L.A. County Cultural Directory (<http://www.experiencela.com/Calendar/>) on [www.ExperienceLA.com](http://www.ExperienceLA.com) provides a database of information from 2000 regional cultural organizations searchable by area of interest, neighborhood and date and linked to public transit information. ExperienceLA.com is the L.A. area's leading cultural and recreational portal designed to serve both residents and visitors.

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# SpaceFinderLA.org



The Arts Commission supports **SpaceFinderLA** (<http://www.SpaceFinderLA.org>) – **Creative Spaces for Creative People**, a program of LA Stage Alliance. This searchable database of regional sites serves arts organizations and artists who have spaces to rent or are looking for spaces to rehearse or perform. The general public can also find places for parties, weddings and special events.

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