

## MOVIE NIGHTS UNDER THE STARS!

The DCBID's Walk-In Movie Series, in partnership with Grand Performances, got off to a great start on June 24 with the screening of Paramount Classics' Mad Hot Ballroom. More than 2,000 people gathered in California Plaza to see the charming documentary about NYC public school kids' journey into the world of competitive ballroom dancing.

The goals of the movie series are twofold: to give Downtown residents a reason to gather together in their own backyard to meet and be entertained; and secondly to provide the DCBID with an opportunity to share our message about the Purple Patrol and the services we provide to ensure that Downtown continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

The movie series continues in July:

**Saturday,  
July 16 @ 8 PM  
LES CHORISTES**

A 2004 Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, this French movie is an irresistible, inspirational tale that celebrates the redemptive power of music.



*Downtown residents gather for screening of Mad Hot Ballroom.*

Before the movie, hear the Los Angeles Children's Chorus perform masterworks from their current repertoire.

**Friday, July 22 @ 8 PM  
THEREMIN: AN ELECTRONIC ODYSSEY**

Leon Theremin was the secret link between sci-fi films, the Beach Boys and Carnegie Hall. His electronic musical instrument took the world by storm in the 1920s and '30s. Winner of the Sundance Filmmakers Trophy, this fascinating documentary includes an interview with Robert Moog as well as clips from movies such as *The Day the Earth Stood Still*.

Before the movie, hear two of the city's finest thereminists, Sukho Lee and Charlie Lester demonstrate the instrument's ethereal and compelling music.

**Saturday, July 23 @ 8 PM  
BASQUIAT**

In 1981, unknown 19-year-old graffiti writer Jean-Michel Basquiat was catapulted into the international spotlight to become one of the most successful, controversial, glamorous artists in the world. *Basquiat*, featuring David Bowie and Dennis Hopper, is based on the artist's turbulent, talented life. This screening honors MOCA's exhibit of the artist's works July 17 – October 10.

For more information, contact Mindy Rosen, Director of Marketing at 213.624.2146.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now – July 17

**STUFF HAPPENS**

Mark Taper Forum at the Music Center  
213.628.2772  
[www.taperahmanson.com](http://www.taperahmanson.com)

Now – July 24

**LASTING BEAUTY: MISS JAMISON**

**AND THE STUDENT MURALISTS**

Japanese American National Museum  
213.625.0414  
[www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org)

Now – August 28

**L.A. NEIGHBORHOODS**

Photography by Gary Leonard  
Central Library  
213.228.7500  
[www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)

Now – September

Every Friday, Noon – 2 pm

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

7+FIG @ Ernst & Young Plaza  
213.955.7150  
[www.7FIG.com](http://www.7FIG.com)

Now – October 8

**GRAND PERFORMANCES  
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

California Plaza  
213.687.2159  
[www.grandperformances.org](http://www.grandperformances.org)

July 3 – October 10

**THE BLAKE BYRNE COLLECTION**

Museum of Contemporary Art  
Grand Avenue  
213.626.6222  
[www.moca.org](http://www.moca.org)

July 16, 22 & 23

**WALK-IN MOVIE SERIES**

Produced by DCBID

California Plaza  
213.624.2146  
[www.downtownla.com](http://www.downtownla.com)

July 17 – October 10

**BASQUIAT**

Museum of Contemporary Art  
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October 6 – 12  
**EDGEFEST**  
Los Angeles Theatre Center  
310.281.7920  
www.edgefest.org

October 8  
**GRAND AVENUE FESTIVAL & TASTE OF DOWNTOWN**  
Grand Avenue  
213.624.2146  
www.downtownla.com

Ongoing  
**ALOUD**  
Los Angeles Central Library  
213.228.7025  
www.lapl.org

Ongoing  
**MUSIC, ART, FILM & DANCE**  
REDCAT Theater  
213.237.2800  
www.redcat.org

Ongoing  
**COLBURN SCHOOL FREE CONCERT SERIES**  
Colburn School Of Performing Arts  
213.621.2200  
www.colburnschool.edu

Every Thursday at Noon  
**MATCH MADE IN HELL**  
TheatrExpresso  
310.452.5567  
www.theatrexpresso.com

Every Saturday at 10am  
**DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS**  
LA Conservancy  
213.623.2489  
www.laconservancy.org

First Saturday of each month  
Noon – 12:45 pm  
**KIDS CLUB**  
Macy's Plaza  
213.624.2891  
www.macysplaza.com

**P**atience and persistence are the hallmarks of the DCBID's outreach to the Downtown homeless population. Led by Sergeant Natasha Stephens, the BID A.C.T.I.O.N. (Ambassador Community Training for Intervention, Wellness, Outreach and Networking) team meets daily with the homeless with the goal of moving them off the streets and into shelters and other assistance programs.

Sergeant Stephens is assisted by Michael Jones and Marion Barker, and together the team canvasses the district to make contact with transients and provide information about available resources from Detox programs to hotel vouchers.

Since its inception in July 2000, the team has tracked 1,437 cases, many of which have had successful outcomes. One recent case involved a homeless man who had been on the streets since December, suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. Sergeant Stephens' tireless attempts to gain his trust over the course

of several months finally resulted in his acceptance of her offers for Detox and employment services. He recently contacted Sergeant Stephens to thank her for her persistence and to announce that he had received a job promotion.



*BID A.C.T.I.O.N. team provides helpful information to visitor.*

Congratulations to Sergeant Stephens and her team. Their outreach does make a difference!

For more information about the BID A.C.T.I.O.N. team, contact Rosemary Anaya, Chief Operating Officer at 213.624.2146.

## MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – SHIRLEY WASHINGTON



**S**hirley is a skilled sweeper whose area includes Pershing Square and the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. She enjoys meeting new people and the immediate appreciation she receives while sweeping.

Shirley was chosen as the Maintenance Employee of the Month due to her careful attention to time management and her precision in operating the sweeper.

Congratulations to Shirley Washington!

## DOWNTOWN IN THE NEWS

The Downtown Center Business Improvement District and Downtown LA were recently featured in the following news articles:

Sunset Magazine, June 2005, "Free outdoor concert series around LA" featured both Pershing Square and California Plaza.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 7, 2005, "Music Reviews: LA orchestra, opera, architecture shine", featured the Music Center, Los Angeles Opera and MOCA.

Los Angeles Times, June 16, 2005, "Those playgrounds in the sky" featured residential rooftop amenities in Downtown LA.

Inman News, June 16, 2005, "King of Sprawl moves inward – a return to cities" featured the growing residential market in Downtown LA.

Los Angeles Times, June 20, 2005, "Crossroads nears in Downtown loft boom" featured the renovation of historical buildings into living quarters in Downtown LA.

If you would like copies of these articles, please contact Heidi Nixon, Marketing Manager at 213.624.2146.

## GRAND AVENUE FESTIVAL AND TASTE OF DOWNTOWN

Planning is underway for the Second Annual Grand Avenue Festival on Saturday, October 8 from 11 am to 5 pm. Along with the DCBID, eleven leading cultural and arts organizations come together to present free activities and performances for the entire family.

Grand Avenue from 1st to 4th streets will be closed to make room for the Taste of Downtown, USC's 125th anniversary celebration, art gallery displays and the Taste of Dance.

In addition, free musical, theatrical and dance performances will take place at the Music Center, REDCAT, Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels and Central Library. Other participants will include Grand Performances, Los Angeles Master Chorale, the Colburn School for Performing Arts, Los Angeles Conservancy and Los Angeles Opera. Plus, admission to the Museum of Contemporary Art will be free.

Although most performances are free, tickets may be required at some venues. Complete information will be available at [www.downtownla.com](http://www.downtownla.com).

For more information, please contact Mindy Rosen, Director of Marketing at 213.624.2146.

## MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – ROBERT JACKSON



Maintenance Employee of the month, Robert Jackson, is a skilled machine operator whose area covers 1st Street through 9th Street, and Broadway to the 110 freeway. Robert enjoys working with his co-workers and always tries to "fill in the blanks where needed". He is a team player who is grateful for the opportunity to provide a much needed service to the Downtown Center Business Improvement District.

Congratulations to Robert Jackson.



*Crowds fill the street at last year's Grand Avenue Festival.*

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*Miripolsky's colorful art piece hanging in DCBID office lobby.*

## DOWNTOWN SKYLINE ON VIEW IN DCBID OFFICE LOBBY

A brightly colored mixed media art piece is now on display in the Downtown Center Business Improvement District's lobby. Created by local artist, Andre Miripolsky, the wall art uses various tapes applied to laminated panels to create the Downtown skyline featuring famous landmark buildings such as City Hall, Staples Center and the Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Internationally known Miripolsky works from his studio located in Downtown LA. From his collaborations with Elton John to his work as one of the Absolut Vodka artists, Miripolsky always pushes the limits, creating his own brand of expression in painting, sculpture, and sets and costumes.

Please stop by the DCBID office at 626 Wilshire, Suite 200 to see this exciting art piece.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**JULY 6, 8AM**  
Board Meeting

**JULY 18, 2PM**  
Marketing Committee Meeting

**JULY 21, 8AM**  
Economic Development  
Committee Meeting

*Property owners are always  
welcome to attend committee  
meetings.*

**WWW.DOWNTOWNLA.COM**  
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