

## MOVIE NIGHTS WITH THE STARS!

The DCBID's Walk-In Movie Series, in partnership with Grand Performances, began with record crowds. More than 7,000 people gathered in California Plaza on June 24 to see "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary about Al Gore's lifelong commitment to reversing the effects of global climate change. Before the movie Al Gore addressed the crowd, followed by a brief performance by special guests Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora. "An Inconvenient Truth" was presented in association with Paramount Classics and the Los Angeles Film Festival.

The movie series continues in August at California Plaza at 350 S. Grand:

### Friday, August 4 @ 8 PM MOOG

Opens with Moog virtuoso Arlan Schierbaum and dream-funk percussionist Marcus Joseph. There will be a short Q & A with the film's producer, Ryan Page and director, Hans Fjellestad after the screening.

### Saturday, August 5 @ 8 PM DANCE CAMERA WEST: New Visions for Dance

Opens with LA filmmaker/performance artist Mitchell Rose who will engage the audience with a series of interactive crowd pieces. Called the dance world's Woody Allen by The New York Times, Rose is a graduate of the American Film Institute whose films have won numerous awards at film festivals, including the Grand Prize for Short Film at Sundance.

### Sunday, August 6 @ 8 PM STRANGE FRUIT

Some of LA's best poets and wordsmiths will open the evening.

On-site parking at California Plaza garage is \$5 after 5 pm on weekdays and all day on weekends.

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



*Al Gore addresses crowd at screening of "An Inconvenient Truth."*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now – September 4  
**MARVEL SUPER HEROES  
SCIENCE EXHIBIT**  
California Science Center  
213.744.7400  
casciencectr.org

Now – September 4  
**ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG  
COMBINES**  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Grand Avenue  
213.626.6222  
moca.org

Now – September 9  
**THE OUTSTANDING ART OF  
TELEVISION COSTUME DESIGN**  
Fashion Institute of Design &  
Merchandising  
213.624.1200  
fidm.edu

Now – October 15  
**GRAND PERFORMANCES  
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
California Plaza  
213.687.2159  
grandperformances.org

Now – October 21  
**NEON CRUISE**  
Museum of Neon Art  
213.489.9918  
neonmona.org

July 21, 28 & August 4  
**FREE LIVE JAZZ**  
7+FIG  
213.955.7150  
7fig.com

July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 @ 8 pm  
**THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF  
VERONA**  
Shakespeare Festival/LA at the  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels  
213.975.9891  
shakespearefestivalla.org

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July 27 – September 17

## WATER & POWER

Music Center's Mark Taper Forum

213.628.2772

CenterTheatreGroup.com

July 25 – September 10

## CURTAINS

Music Center's Ahmanson Theatre

213.628.2772

CenterTheatreGroup.com

Ongoing

## ALoud

Los Angeles Central Library

213.228.7025

lapl.org

Ongoing

## COLBURN SCHOOL FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Colburn School

213.621.2200

colburnschool.edu

Ongoing

## COMMON GROUND

Japanese American National Museum

213.625.0414

janm.org

Ongoing

## MUSIC, ART, FILM & DANCE

REDCAT

213.237.2800

redcat.org

Every Wednesday

## CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET

5th and Grand Streets

ccfm.com

Every Wednesday in August @ 5:30 pm

## "DOWNTOWN AT SUNSET"

## WALKING TOUR

LA Conservancy

213.623.2489

laconservancy.org

Preparation and planning continues for the Third Annual Grand Avenue Festival and Taste of Downtown on Saturday, October 7 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Downtown's leading cultural and arts organizations are joining together to present free activities and performances for the entire family.

Grand Avenue from Temple to 4th Streets will be closed for the Taste of Downtown, Gallery Row's Art Fair, drum circle, dance and musical performances.

There will also be free musical, theatrical and dance performances taking place at the Music Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Central Library, REDCAT, and Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Other participants include Grand Performances, The Colburn School, and the Museum of Contemporary Art to mention just a few.

Most performances and events are free; tickets may be required for some venues. Complete information will be available soon at [downtownla.com](http://downtownla.com).

Sponsors to date include KCRW, Los Angeles Times, Univision, Jack FM, KUSC, La Opinion, Los Angeles Downtown News, Metro and Performances Magazine.

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



## WOLFGANG PUCK GOURMET EXPRESS OPENS!

Thanks to the DCBID's efforts to recruit new businesses to Downtown, Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express opened its doors to enthusiastic customers. Located on the ground floor of the soon-to-open Library Court condominiums at the corner of 6th and Hope streets, restaurateur Wolfgang Puck, Council Member Jan Perry, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa attended the grand opening and helped welcome the new restaurant to the Downtown community.

The menu features Wolfgang Puck's hand-crafted gourmet pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, soups, fresh salads, and Wolfgang's classics, such as ginger salmon and rosemary rotisserie chicken with garlic mashed potatoes.

Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express is open Monday-Friday 7am-9pm, and Saturday 10am-3pm and also offers take-out and delivery service. For more information, call 213.614.1900 or visit [wolfgangpuck.com](http://wolfgangpuck.com).



*Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Wolfgang Puck and Council Member Jan Perry at the Wolfgang Puck Gourmet Express grand opening.*

## PURPLE PATROL UPDATE

The DCBID's Purple Patrol accomplishments for June 2006 include:

- Council Member Jan Perry presented a resolution from the City of Los Angeles to the DCBID on Friday, May 19 in honor of a job well done! The DCBID's Maintenance team makes sure the sidewalks are clean and the district is free of trash and graffiti, while the DCBID Safety Officers help to keep our city safe from crime. DCBID Outreach Officers aid the homeless community by providing essential services, and the DCBID Ambassadors assist visitors and hand out maps brochures and provide directions. City Council Members congratulated the DCBID for making Downtown LA a welcome place to live, work and play.
- The DCBID's Purple Patrol has been in high demand. During the month of June, the DCBID received 958 calls for safety services, 432 BID Outreach calls, 248 calls for maintenance services and collected over 9,800 bags of trash.
- The new DCBID Academy is expected to begin in August. The result will be the best-trained DCBID safety officers in the nation, and the benefits will be reflected in the quality of service to the Downtown community.

For more information, please contact Chris Antoniadis, Director of Operations at 213.624.2425.

## TELEVISION'S COSTUME DESIGNS ON DISPLAY AT FIDM!

View over 125 costumes from TV westerns, sci-fi, primetime soaps, classic sitcoms, comedy and variety series, miniseries and movies of the week on display at The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM). The free exhibition, "The Outstanding Art of Television Costume Design," is made possible with the cooperation of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the FIDM Museum & Galleries. The FIDM Museum & Galleries are located at 919 S. Grand on the first level. The show runs through September 9 and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call 213.624.1200 x2224 or visit [fidm.edu](http://fidm.edu).



*Iconic costume created by costume designer, Bob Mackie in 1971 for The Carol Burnett Show...worn by Carol Burnett as "Miss Starlett," in a spoof on Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind."*

## VERBUM DEI NEEDS OFFICE SPACE

Verbum Dei, a college preparatory high school serving South Los Angeles, is looking for office space with free or very low office rent for two years. Verbum Dei has proudly served South Los Angeles for over 40 years but has been continually challenged with funding a college prep education program while educating a student body that is predominantly low-income. 99 percent of Verbum Dei students graduate and continue on to pursue a college degree.

Verbum Dei needs your support to sustain and expand this life changing opportunity. For more information, please contact Rosemary Anaya, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at 213.624.2146 or [ranaya@downtownla.com](mailto:ranaya@downtownla.com).

## DLANC DONATES "DEELANC" TO LAPD

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) and Downtown community attended a press conference on Thursday, June 22 on the South Lawn of the Los Angeles City Hall to welcome a new "officer" to the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Equestrian Unit.

"DeeLANC," a 6-year-old police horse was honored with a special engraved plaque for his stall door to commemorate his acquisition for the LAPD Equestrian Unit by the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council.

Working closely with Lt. Phil Tingirides of the Equestrian Unit and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, DLANC's Transportation and Public Works Committee arranged the purchase. According to Lt. Tingirides, the Equestrian Unit spends nearly 80% of their field duty time in the LAPD central area. With several horses out on retirement, the Equestrian Unit was searching for replacement horses with the calm temperament suitable for police work. DeeLANC is one of those special horses.



*DeeLANC the police horse and his partner, Officer Donna Shoates.*

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# DCBID RENEWAL NEWS

The DCBID continues its second renewal process so we can continue to provide essential services such as safety, maintenance, marketing and business recruitment and retention programs to the district. Currently, the renewal committee is determining program budgets and assessment formulas with input and guidance from property owners within the district. In the next few months, property owners will be asked to attend a series of meetings designed to provide details of the DCBID's programs for the following 5 years.

We look forward to an overwhelming positive renewal vote YES, so we can continue to deliver more incredible results from our outstanding programs.

For more information about the DCBID Renewal, please contact Rosemary Anaya, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at 213.624.2146 or ranaya@downtownla.com.

# MISS UNIVERSE CONTESTANTS ARRIVE DOWNTOWN

Eighty of the most beautiful women from countries around the world are staying at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles in preparation for the Miss Universe pageant being held on Sunday, July 23 at the Shrine Auditorium. This is the first time since 1998 that the pageant has been held in the United States, and the second time that it has been held in Los Angeles. The pageant will be broadcast internationally live on NBC.

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



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

**AUGUST 2, 8 AM**  
Board of Directors Meeting

**AUGUST 14, 2 PM**  
Marketing Committee Meeting

*Property owners are always welcome to attend committee meetings. All committee meetings take place at the DCBID office.*