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**WHAT'S UP, DOWNTOWN
MEDIA CALENDAR
December 2000**

Following are highlights of the many events occurring this month in Downtown Los Angeles that may be of interest to the media. For a more exhaustive list, see www.downtownla.com or www.downtownnews.com.

THEATER & MUSIC

MARK TAPER FORUM

135 N. Grand Ave. 213-628-2772

www.taperahmanson.com

1-10

Closer

Directed by Robert Egan and winner of the 1999 Lawrence Olivier Award for Best New Play, "Closer" is a thrilling, intimate, caustically funny love story. Two men and two women, all strangers, are thrown together by chance and connect, disconnect, and reconnect in bewildering combinations as they keep trying to get closer.

15-24

For Here or to Go?

Directed by Bill Rauch and set in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Chanukah, Kwanzaa and Christmas, "For Here or to Go?" is a wildly comic musical tale of lost love, feuding families and fast food.

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1-31

AHMANSON THEATRE

135 N. Grand Ave. 213-628-2772

www.taperahmanson.com

Swing

Directed and choreographed by Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Swing is an all-dancing, all-singing, over-the-top celebration of swing and the craze that's sweeping the country. Currently a sensation on Broadway, the show features world-class dancers, a hot contemporary band, and acclaimed jazz/pop singers, cutting loose to a mix of new and classic swing songs.

2,5,8,10,13,16,19,21

DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILLION

135 N. Grand Avenue 213-972-8001

www.laopera.org

La Boheme

If ever a composer knew how to penetrate the heart with a single musical arrow it was Giacomo Puccini. La Boheme takes us on an emotional roller coaster through the bustling streets, sidewalk cafes and chilly attics of Paris.

MUSEUMS

1-31

MOCA

250 S. Grand Ave. 213-621-2166

www.moca.org

Flight Patterns

The exhibition explores landscape representation through work by 23 artists working in the Pacific Rim where issues of landscape, urbanism, and the relationship of cities and land have impacted the region.

1-31

2000 BC: THE BRUCE CONNER STORY II

Spanning Conner's varied artistic production from 1954 to 1998, the exhibition includes assemblage, film, painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, printmaking and photography.

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1-31

Paul McCarthy

Paul McCarthy is the first U.S. survey of the work of this pioneering Los Angeles based artist. Spanning over 30 years of the artist's varied artistic production, the exhibition will highlight McCarthy's fusion of sculpture and performance.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

630 W. 5th St. 213-228-7287

www.lapl.org

1-31

A Century of Oz

The Wicked Witch's hourglass from the classic film "The Wizard of Oz," rare turn-of-the-century wallpaper illustrated with Oz characters, and the finest-known copy of the first Oz book are the highlights from more than 400 Oz-related items on display in the exhibition. The exhibition presents the greatest number and breadth of Oz materials ever publicly displayed.

1-10

Skeletons at the Feast

More than 50 illustrations by the renowned Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada depicting the saints and sinners of turn-of-the-century Mexican culture are on display in "Skeletons at the Feast."

SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT & CONVENTIONS

STAPLES CENTER

1111 Figueroa 213-365-6300

www.staplescenter.com

1,3,5,8,10,12,15,25

Los Angeles Lakers basketball

2,7,14,16,19,26

Los Angeles Kings ice hockey

1-31

PERSHING SQUARE

532 Olive St. 213-847-4970

LA Kings Downtown on Ice

Outdoor ice-skating rink open Monday through Thursdays, from noon until 9 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. From Dec. 16 to Dec. 31, the rink will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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15 Tons of Snow

Radio Disney AM 710 and the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID) will make 15 tons of snow in which youngsters can play and make snowmen. The free event will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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KinderVision Safety Fair

K-EARTH 101 FM Radio will host this free event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments will educate children and parents on child safety techniques.

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L.A. County Holiday Celebration

Continuing a Los Angeles Christmas Eve tradition, the Performing Arts Center, the L.A. Board of Supervisors and KCET-TV welcome all area residents to the 41 st Annual celebration from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free to the public.

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CALIFORNIA PLAZA

350 S. Grand Ave. 213-687-2159

Tree of Life & Festival of Lights

Join celebrity guests include Lisa Gay Hamilton of "The Practice," "Ally McBeal's" singing sensation Vonda Shepard, the Los Angeles Kings and many others starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from donations made at the event will benefit the Children's Cancer Research fund.

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