



JULY 2012

SUMMER Part II

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# Los Angeles County's "Grand Park" Unveils Civic Dedication

*Thousands Joined in Participatory Dance Experience for All*

The County of Los Angeles and The Music Center announced a series of special events that officially opened the first two blocks of Los Angeles County's Grand Park, located in downtown Los Angeles. Festivities began with a civic dedication on Thursday, July 26, 2012, followed by a public inaugural event on Saturday, July 28, 2012, in conjunction with National Dance Day.

The dedication of the first two blocks of Grand Park included music and dance artists along with a procession of young people representing the cultural quilt of Los Angeles. The event culminated with a distinctive ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring key dignitaries at the restored Arthur J. Will Memorial Fountain.

Blocks one and two (from Grand Avenue to Hill Street) of Grand Park opened to the public on July 28, 2012 with the West coast's flagship National Dance Day Celebration presented by The Music Center and The Dizzy Feet Foundation. The event invited all park visitors, young and old, to participate in the arts with a free, interactive dance experience. Conceived originally by executive producer and co-creator of "So You Think You Can Dance" (SYTYCD), Nigel Lythgoe, and acknowledged by Congress in 2010, National Dance Day is a nationwide grassroots initiative that promotes the joy and benefits of dance for everyone.



(Courtesy: CEO Photo Unit)

Each year, in honor of National Dance Day, The Dizzy Feet Foundation, of which Lythgoe is a founder and co-president, produces one or more official dance routines and makes them available for everyone to learn in preparation for National Dance Day. This year's videos can be found at [www.dizzyfeetfoundation.org](http://www.dizzyfeetfoundation.org). On July 28, 2012, Lauren Gottlieb, SYTYCD Season 3 finalist and Season 7 All-Star, and Gina Grant from Zumba led the public at Grand Park in the two dance routines in celebration of National Dance Day. Park visitors also enjoyed free community dance classes and performances, a special performance by IRIS from Cirque du Soleil, other family-friendly activities and a number of food trucks on-site. The weekend's public celebration continued on Sunday, July 29, 2012, with inaugural musical events, featuring regional musical performers presented by Grand Performances in partnership with The Music Center.

For more information, visit <http://grandpark.lacounty.gov>.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Natural History Museum**  
900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007  
(213) 763-DINO

[www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)

Now open – New Dinosaur Hall and Fin Whale Passage  
Through September 3 – Butterfly Pavilion

**LACMA**  
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(323) 857-6010

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

Ongoing – Levitated Mass  
Ongoing – Metropolis II

**Center Theatre Group**  
[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)

**Mark Taper Forum**  
August 1 through September 9 – Red

**Kirk Douglas Theatre**  
August 3 and 4 – Radiate  
August 22 through September 16 – Elephant Room

**Ford Theatres**  
2580 Cahuenga Boulevard, East, Hollywood 90068  
(323) 461-3673

[www.fordtheatres.org](http://www.fordtheatres.org)

August 4 – Kilohana Performing Arts Company  
August 4 – Mandrill, Live in Concert with Lowrider Band  
August 5 – Seven Paintings, a Story in Performance  
August 6 – Lindy Hop Dance

**Center Theatre Group**  
[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)

**Ahmanson Theatre**  
August 9 through September 2 – Mary Poppins

**Countywide Fitness Challenge**  
August 25 – Hollywood Bowl

**Center Theatre Group**  
[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)  
**Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**  
September 15 through October 9 – Verdi's The Two Foscari  
September 22 through October 14 – Mozart's Don Giovanni

**Walt Disney Concert Hall**  
October 21 – Organ Extravaganza  
November 18 – Monteverdi Vespers

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## Public Health Launches “Healthy Summer” Campaign

Summer is here!

With longer days and more hours of sunshine, this season offers more time to enjoy outdoor activities and get-togethers with family and friends. But it’s not all fun and games. Summer is also the peak season for sun-related and outdoor injuries.

To remind County employees, residents, and visitors about important summer health and safety tips, the Department of Public Health has launched its fresh and inviting “Healthy Summer” campaign on the department’s website at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/summer](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/summer).

The campaign, filled with short and easy-to-read tips, features six information sheets on a variety of topics: Recreational Water Safety, Backyard Pool and Spa Safety, Grilling Safety, Fireworks Safety, Healthy Summertime Beverages, and Avoiding Foodborne Illness. In addition to the main text, sidebar boxes include a recipe for a fresh summer salad, how to obtain the latest pool and beach inspection reports, and other useful information.

Further, last year’s summer campaign “Healthy Fun Under the Sun,” is still available on the website. This campaign, targeted at children ages six through 10, consists of five activity sheets, each focusing on a different safety topic: sun safety, water safety, preventing germs, healthy foods, and pet safety. These sheets offer activities, such as word scramble and a matching game, to capture kids’ attention while providing health and safety tips along the way.

Los Angeles County staff is encouraged to share these summer campaign materials with friends and family, as well as direct clients and partners to these timely resources.



## Happy Birthday County of Los Angeles Public Library

On September 5, 2012, the County of Los Angeles Public Library will officially be 100 years old! To celebrate this momentous occasion, there are several new features on its website at [colapublib.org](http://colapublib.org).

To kick things off, the website has a timer which counts down to the Centennial birthday celebrations that each of the County libraries will host on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The public is invited to come and join in their local Centennial celebrations.

The website will also post a new fact about the County Library’s 100-year history linked with a historic photograph. The photo is linked to the centennial history page that will eventually contain 100 historical facts about the library!

By clicking on the Centennial logo or “See contests and events,” the public can follow along with the celebration. The public is encouraged to join the “100 Things Challenge.” Take a picture of 100 things, a 100 second video about 100 ways to say hello, or a picture of your favorite centenarian, post it and send us the link. There will be an adult, teen and child winner. Or give us your three favorite book titles and authors and we’ll compile a list of the top 100 favorite books in the County of Los Angeles.

So come follow along with the Library while they celebrate their first 100 years.

For more information, please call (562) 940-8559 or visit the County Library Web site at [colapublib.org](http://colapublib.org).

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*For information: Maria Melton, Manager, Children's Trust Fund - 213-736-6202*

*For tickets and or donations: Martha Delgado [delgamb@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:delgamb@dcfs.lacounty.gov)*

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[childrenstrustfund.net](http://childrenstrustfund.net)

## Free Summer Concerts

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) kicked off its series of weekly summer concerts on Thursday, July 12, 2012. The concerts, presented free to the public, are held waterside in Marina del Rey's Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way. Thursday evening classical concerts feature world class artists appearing with the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by its Musical Director Frank Fetta. On alternate weeks, Saturday evening concerts bring to the Marina internationally famed artists from the worlds of pop and jazz.

This year's Classical Thursdays began on July 12, 2012 with a concert featuring the 75-member Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, along with finalists from the famed Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition for an evening of "Opera at the Shore."

On Thursday, July 26, 2012, the Orchestra performed music from Elgar, Walton, and Delius as part of the theme of "Looking to England," which will feature popular radio personality Rich Capparella of KUSC-FM 91.5 as the narrator in Benjamin Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. Capparella also hosts all four concerts in the classical series.

On Thursday, August 9, 2012, twin duo pianists, Christina and Michelle Naughton, will perform Poulenc's Concerto in D minor for Two Pianos as they join the Orchestra's program of "Remembering France," which will also include Debussy and Ravel.

On Thursday, August 23, 2012, Maestro Fetta welcomes back Lindsay Deutsch to the Park with her artful arrangement of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, as part of the Orchestra's theme of "Russians There and Here," which will also include Serge Rachmaninov and John Adams.

Pop Saturdays opened July 21, 2012 with the co-headline show of two exciting female singer-songwriters with unique musical styles, acclaimed musicians Shelby Lynne and Lisa Loeb.

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012, six-time Grammy-award winning trumpeter, pianist and composer Arturo Sandoval performs original, as well as standard jazz compositions, in his signature style.

He will be followed on Saturday, August 18, 2012, by the Grammy-nominated rock band, Ambrosia, which will perform music and hits influenced by rhythm-and-blues and classical music.

The 2012 Marina del Rey Summer Concerts season closes on Saturday, September 1, 2012 with disco and post-disco icon Evelyn "Champagne" King singing her best-known hits.

Sponsors of the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are Supervisor Don Knabe and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Department of Beaches and Harbors, The Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey and KUSC Classical FM 91.5.

Hornblower Café in Burton Chace Park is open for sunset dining on concert nights with chairs available for rent at the concert site for a minimal fee.

Concertgoers can take the WaterBus from six Marina locations directly to and from the concert site, or catch the land-based Beach Shuttle, which will operate with special hours to and from Burton Chace Park on concert nights. Parking is available at County lot #4 and #77 on Mindanao Way or lot #5 on Bali Way.

For additional information, call the Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (310) 305-9545 or access the Beaches and Harbors website at <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov> or DBH social media sites Facebook.com/LACDBH and Twitter.com/LACDBH.

### WHO

Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre  
(formerly known as Media City Ballet Company)

### WHAT

"Dance in the USA"

### WHERE

The Ford Amphitheatre

### WHEN

Friday, August 17, 2012, 8:30 p.m.

### TICKETS

[www.FordTheatres.org](http://www.FordTheatres.org) or (323) 461-3673



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**More information about the event at:**

<http://www.ladragonboat.com/>

General Information:

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**\$26 per person.** Children age 2 & under are FREE. Price of ticket includes a \$2.01 donation to the 2012 March of Dimes/Charitable Giving Campaign. **Deadline to purchase tickets is August 31, 2012.**

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Cash or checks payable to: LAC Volunteer Fund



## RED at Mark Taper Forum

Tickets must be purchased online at [CenterTheatreGroup.org/LACounty](http://CenterTheatreGroup.org/LACounty) to receive exclusive employee discounts.

**August 1 – September 9, 2012** • Mark Taper Forum at the Music Center  
135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012



## Mary Poppins at the Ahmanson Theatre

Tickets must be purchased online at [CenterTheatreGroup.org/LACounty](http://CenterTheatreGroup.org/LACounty) to receive exclusive employee discounts.

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