

# Cultural Daily

Independent Voices, New Perspectives

## En-Gendering

Ann Haskins · Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

Hip-hop history downtown, gender explorations in Lincoln Heights, Mexican folkloric dance in East LA, mountain searches in the Arts District, contemporary ballet in Costa Mesa, more SoCal dance, and a peek at next week.

***Live This Week (Sept. 9-15)***

### In residence

The visceral choreography of **Bobbi Jene Smith + Or Schreiber** reflects their background with Israel's Batsheva Dance Company, extensive international choreography credits, and a productive, ongoing relationship with **LA Dance Project**. With their latest, the evening-length *Missing Mountain*, they continue their choreographic residence with LADP and its dancers. Catch a preview at [LA Dance Project](#). The dancing is at LA Dance Project, 2245 E. Washington Blvd., Arts District; Thurs-Sat., Sept. 14-16, & 28-30, \$45, \$35 seniors & under 35, \$25 students. [LA Dance Project tickets](#).



Bobbi Jene Smith + Or Schreiber. Photo by Josh Rose

## Gender on stage

Two days of performance by six LA-based companies and choreographers are the culminating events of *Gender View*, a multi-day exploration of dance choreography inspired by gender identity representation in different artistic genres and different cultures. The classes and workshops examine and consider visual and written work drawn from Russia, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas for insights into how gender in art reflects and is reflected in the dominant culture and its undercurrents. The two performances include work derived from those explorations. Participating choreographers include Grethcin Ackerman/Alejandro Perez, Seda Abay with her Kybele Dance Theatre, Andrea Burr/Jules Mara/Himerria Wortham, Brian Frette, Charlotte Katherine and Co., and Deborah Brockus, event producer and artistic director of the host company **BrockusRED**. A 6:30 pm talk with the artists precedes both shows. Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park, 1166 N Vista St, West Hollywood; Fri.-Sat., Sept. 15-16, 7 pm, \$15 at door or Venmo @brockusprojectstudios.



Kybele Dance Theater. Photo courtesy of the artist

## The folks with the words

Paying tribute to the life of the hip-hop emcee/lyricist, **7NMS / Marjani Forté-Saunders** and **Everett Saunders** bring their latest, *Prophet: The Order of the Lyricist*. Forté-Saunders is the choreographer/performer and Saunders is the composer/sound designer. Developed over four years of research, the project also produced a film version commissioned by Jacob's Pillow that involved D. Sabela Grimes as movement composer/sound archivist, Meena Murugesan as filmmaker/media designer, and photographer Marc Winston. Friday's performance includes a post-performance talk with the 7NMS creative team moderated by hip-hop musicologist Rahaman "Kil" Kilpatrick. REDCAT at Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 21-22, 8:30 pm, Sat., Sept. 23, 1 pm, \$30, \$24 students. [REDCAT](#).



7NMS / Marjani Forté-Saunders and Everett Saunders. Photo by Whitney Browne

## The mariachis have it

Los Angeles-based folklórico group **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company** joins grammy-award winning Mariachi Herencia de México in *Herederos*, honoring the past and celebrating the future of mariachi music. Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Cal State University Los Angeles, 5151 State University Dr., East LA Sat., Sept. 16, 7:30 pm, \$20-\$50. [Ticketmaster](#).



Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company. Photo courtesy of the artists

## On tour

Choreographer Dwight Rhoden and dancer Desmond Richardson, co-founders of **Complexions Contemporary Ballet** are back again after successful Music Center performances this past June. This time the company is at a different venue with a different program: *Choke* (2006), *Elegy* (2020), *Untitled* (2023), *Snatched Back from the Edges* (2021), *The ENDGAME/LOVE ONE* (2022) and an excerpt from *Hissy Fits* (2006). Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Sat., Sept. 16, 7:30 pm, \$29-\$99. [SCFTA](#).



Complexions Contemporary Ballet. Photo by Rachel Neville

## Everybody dance

Live performances and the chance to learn this year's **National Dance Day** routine are among the scheduled highlights. Look for workshops and performances from Lauren Lim Jackson, ballet folklorico Alianza Tanslatinx, Arts School for All Abilities, students from American Ballet Theatre's school, Ballet Academy & Movement, Luis Aragon, Kaba Modern, and Miss Clair Voyance. Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Argyros Plaza, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Sat., Sept. 16, 1 to 5 pm, Free with reservation. Full schedule and details at [SCFTA](#).





National Dance Day Photo courtesy of the artists

### ***A Peek at Next Week (Sept. 22-28)***

**Invertigo Dance Theatre** — *Walk the Walk* at LA Dance Project, 2245 E. Washington Blvd., Downtown Arts District; Fri.-Sat., Sept. 22-23, 8 pm, \$15-\$50, [Inverting Dance Theater](#).

**Danza Floricanto/USA** — *Mujer: Ayer, Hoy Y Siempre-Woman: Yesterday, Today and Always*, at Floricanto Center For The Performing Arts, 2900 Calle Pedro Infante, Boyle Heights; Sat., Sept. 23, 7:30 pm, \$45. [Danza Floricanto/USA](#).



Danza Floricanto/USA. Photo courtesy of the artists

**San Pedro ? Festival of the Arts 2023** at Peck Park, 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro; Sat., Sept. 23, 1-4 pm, free. [San Pedro ? Festival of the Arts 2023](#).

**LA Opera** – *Don Giovanni (aka Don Juan)* at the Music Center Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown; Sat., Sept. 23, 6 pm, Sun., Oct. 1 & 15, 2 pm, Wed., Oct. 4, Sat., Oct. 7, & Thurs., Oct. 12, 7:30 pm, \$24-\$349. [LA Opera](#).

**Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre** — *A BALLET SPECTACULAR* at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Sun., Sept. 24, 5 pm, \$55-\$100. [Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre](#) or [Alex Theatre](#).





Pacific Ballet Dance Theater. Photo by Tom Pease

**Abriel and Kearian** – *Peony Picnic* at Highways Performance Space, 1651 18<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Monica; Fri.-Sat., Sept. 22-23, 8:30 pm, \$15. [Highways Performance Space](#).

**KOLO Dance Show:** *The Spirit of Modern Ukraine* at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, Sat., Sept. 23, 5 pm, \$55-\$165. [Alex Theatre](#).



Heidi Duckler Dance. Photo courtesy of the artists

**Heidi Duckler Dance** — *Ebb & Flow@The Creek* at Ballona Creek at the base of the Julian Dixon Library, 4975 Overland Ave., Culver City; Sat., Sept. 23, 9:30 am (clean-up with Heal the Bay Coastal Clean Up Day), performances at 10 & 11 am, free with reservation at [Heidi Duckler Dance](#).

**Inland Pacific Ballet** — *Fall Dance Fest* at Inland Pacific Ballet Academy, 9061 Central Avenue, Montclair; Fri.-Sat., Sept. 22-23, 6 pm, \$110. [Inland Pacific Ballet](#).

**Lineage Performing Arts** — *Gala Party* at private residence, address provided with reservation; Sat., Sept. 23, \$150+. Information & ticket options at [Lineage Performing Arts](#).

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