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Festivals and Fireworks

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Contemporary dance festival's final sparks in West LA; a hip-hop Underground Railroad to Mexico arrives in Pasadena; clowns pas de deux in Atwater Village; fireworks dance across SoCal skylines this week, plus a peek at next week.

Live Dance This Week (thru July 9)

Odyssey Dance Festival #1

Launching the final weekend of the Dance at the Odyssey Summer Edition, **Maggie Ogle** tackles the emotional and sensory landscape of neurodivergent experiences in a two part work. *Shelf Life* considers the suppression of self to fit neurotypical norms, while processes that help neurodivergent individuals flourish take their turn in *Is This Okay?* A Q&A follows the performance. At the Dance at the Odyssey Summer Edition, Odyssey Theater Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Thurs., July 2, 8 pm, \$25 (\$3 credit card fee). [Dance at the Odyssey](#).



Maggie Ogle. Photo by Gregory Crosby

Odyssey Dance Festival #2

In *Gambiarra: Imaginary Solutions for Love*, choreographer **Cora Laszlo** has dancers explore the territory between improvisation and *gambiarra*, a Portuguese word for inventive solutions to problems. Part of Dance at the Odyssey Summer Edition, Odyssey Theater Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Fri., July 3, 8pm, \$25 (\$3 credit card fee). [Dance at the Odyssey](#).



Tanz Tanz Revolution. Photo by Natasha Tilly

Odyssey Dance Festival #3

The finale event in this summer's edition of *Dance at the Odyssey Festiva* concludes with a shared concert. Emily O'Rourke and Eva Silverton, co-founders of **Tanz Tanz Revolution** bring *Sonder*,

roughly defined as the realization that others have lives as complex as our own. Choreographer **Katie Tuchi** ponders how what is precious is yet impermanent in *Doubting Thomas*. Dance at the Odyssey Summer Edition, Odyssey Theater Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Sun., July 5, 2 pm, \$25 (\$3 credit card fee). [Dance at the Odyssey](#).

Send in the clowns

Created and directed by Hank Jacobs, who also acts as the “ringmaster,” **The Great Clown Bank Show** is described as a “burlesque on income inequality in 15 circus acts.” Promising a blend of dance and circus, including a clown pas de deux, the show will include a weekly guest circus act. At the Open Fist Theater Company @ the Atwater Village Theater, 3269 Casitas Ave., Atwater Village; Fri., 9 pm, Sat., 8 pm (except Sat., July 4, 5 pm), Sun., 7 pm, thru Sat., Aug. 1, \$35.25, \$31.25 seniors, \$22.25 students. [The Great Clown Bank Show](#).



Mexodus. Photo by Thomas Mundell

Southbound escaping

Choreographer **Tony Thomas** provides the moves as the award-winning hip-hop musical *Mexodus* unearths the story of a southbound Underground Railroad that led 4,000 to 10,000 enslaved people to seek freedom in Mexico. The two-person show began at Berkeley Repertory Theater which also nurtured the hit Motown musical *Ain't Too Proud* about The Temptations. *Mexodus* moved east including its recent highly successful, off-Broadway run. Thomas is the choreography part of the artistic team led by creators/performers Brian Quijada and Nygel D. Robinson and director David Mendizábal. At the Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave., Pasadena; opens Wed., July 8, 8 pm, then Thurs.-Fri., 8 pm, Sat., 2 & 8 pm, Sun. 2 pm (beginning July 19, thru Sun., Aug. 2, \$40-\$127. [Mexodus](#).

Sign of summer

Part public performance, part participatory dance party, and free! The outdoor **Tuesday Night Dance** series hosts the first of two Tuesdays devoted to Bollywood dance. Next Tuesday, Bollywood part 2. See the website for dance styles coming up on Tuesdays thru Aug. 25. Line Dance Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Argyros Plaza, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Tues., July 7, 6:30 pm. free. [Tuesday Night Dance](#).

A Peek at Next Week (July 10-16)

OC Tap Festival Concert — *A Night in Time* at Shorebreak Resort, 500 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach; Sun., July 12, 8 pm, \$25-\$45. [OC Tap Festival Concert](#).

Carole Kim — *Sqrm* at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Sat., July 11, 3 pm, Sat., July 18, 3:30 pm, \$16.74. [Carole Kim](#).

Sanchita Sharma — *Routing* at the Daredevil Arts Festival, Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave.,

Venice; Sat., July 11, 4:30 pm, Sun., July 12, 2 pm, \$16.74. [Sanchita Sharma](#).

Kick Boom Theater — *Anatomy of a Back* at the Daredevil Arts Festival, Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Sun., July 12, 3:30 pm, Fri., July 17, 9 pm, \$16.74. [Kick Boom Theater](#).

Hannah Ponturo — *1518: The Dancing Plague* at the Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Sat., July 11, 6:30 pm, Sun., July 19, 2 pm, \$16.74. [Hannah Ponturo](#).



G?R Collective. Photo courtesy of the artists

G?R Collective — *Lot Vol. II* at location in NorthEast LA, address provided with ticket reservation; Sun., July 12, 8 pm, \$15. [GER Collective](#).

Indigenous Dance — *Journey Through Cahuenga* at the Ford Theatre, 2850 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Hollywood; Sun., July 12, 11:30 pm, \$13 (+\$2 fee). [Journey Through Cahuenga](#).

Dance DTLA — *Salsa* at the Music Center, Jerry Moss Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown LA; Fri., July 10, 17, 24 & 31, Aug. 7 & 14, 7-11pm, free. [Dance DTLA](#).

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