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Festive Finales

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Fireworks dance across SoCal night skies; a summer dance fest wraps in West LA; tap dancers congregate in Huntington Beach, *al fresco* dance downtown; more SoCal dance this week, and a peek at what's coming next week.

Live This Week

Odyssey Fest #1

This summer's *Dance at the Odyssey* festival winds down with four shows. Leading off, the project based company **TORRENT** brings three works from choreographer **Caitlin Javech** under the banner *Currents of the Mind*. Odyssey Theatre Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Wed.-Thurs., July 2-3, 8 pm, \$25, \$60 festival pass. [Odyssey Theatre Ensemble](#).



TORRENT. Photo by Natalie Deryn Johnson

Odyssey fest #2

Moving among dance, theater, and film, *Last Resort* choreographer **Maya Billig** conjures up an abandoned beach vacation spot, promising to explore “the absurdity of late-stage capitalism and cultural decay.” Part of the *Dance at the Odyssey* festival. Odyssey Theatre Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Sat., July 5, 8 pm, \$25, \$60 festival pass. [Odyssey Theatre Ensemble](#).



Corina Kinnear. Photo by John Lamm

Odyssey fest #3 & #4

A shared concert marks the close of this summer’s *Dance at the Odyssey* festival. In *Forgotten Time*, **Corina Kinnear and Company** consider how time is perceived, then later recalled through memory. For the duet, *The Shadow Poems*, choreographer **Jordan Saenz** pairs with **Ariana Daub** to mull vulnerability, fear, surrender, and compassion. Odyssey Theatre Ensemble, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., West LA; Sun., July 6, 5 pm, \$25, \$60 festival pass. [Odyssey Theatre Ensemble](#).



Jordan Saenz. Photo by Stefano Altamura

Step in time

In addition to workshops and chance to socialize with other tappers, the **Orange County Tap Fest**

has a Thursday jam session, a student showcase on Friday, and two performances with an impressive line up of pros on Saturday and Sunday. Details on performers, time and prices at the website. Shorebreak Hotel, 500 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach; Wed., July 9-Sun., July 13, various times and price. [OCTA Festival](#).



Sarah Reich. Photo courtesy of Sillar Management

Summer dancing

Part performance, part participatory event, the free, al fresco summer series **Dance DTLA**

continues its weekly summer season with *Salsa* with **Leslie Ferreira**. A beginner/refreshers lesson at 7 pm is followed by a chance to dance or just watch and enjoy until 11 pm. If this week is not your style, the full line up of upcoming dance options is at the website. Music Center, Jerry Moss Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown; Fri., July 11, 7 pm, free. [Music Center](#).



Dance DTLA. Photo courtesy of the Music Center

Shakespeare moves

Adapter, director and choreographer **John Farmanesh-Bocca** returns with *Lear Redux: A Quantum Fantasia*, the latest in his “Redux” series boldly reconsidering the classics. The event also reunites him with choreographic collaborators **Not Man Apart-Physical Theatre Ensemble** along with New American Theatre and the Odyssey Theatre Ensemble. Jack Stehlin tackles the part of King Lear, surrounded by Eve Danzeisen, Dennis Gersten, Dash Pepin, Jade Sealey, Ahkei Togun, and Emily Yetter. The Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., WLA; Fri.-Sat., 8 pm, Sun., 2 pm, thru Sun., July 13, \$20-\$43. [Odyssey Theatre Ensemble](#).

A Peek at Next Week: (July 11-17)

Reborn Arts — *Fundraising Gala for Dance for Peace* at Academy of Dance, 2431 N. Tustin Ave., #Q, Santa Ana; Sat., July 12, 7 pm, \$75. [Reborn Arts](#).

Leigh Purtil Ballet Company — *Circus of Worldly Wonders, a Steampunk Ballet* at Landerman, Auditorium, 4491 Cornishon Ave., La Canada-Flintridge; Sat., July 12, 7 pm, Sun., July 13, 4 pm, \$33.85-\$44.52. [Eventbrite](#).



Pyschopomp. Photo courtesy of the artists

Daredevil Arts Festival — multiple dance performers at Electric Lodge, 1614 Electric Ave., Venice; Sat.-Sun., July 12-13, various times, \$16.74 or \$99 festival pass. [Daredevil Arts Festival](#).

Brian Henson Presents — *Puppet Up! Uncensored* at Center Theatre Group, Kirk Douglas Theatre, 9820 Washington Blvd., Culver City; opens Wed., July 16, then Wed-Fri., 8 pm, Sat., 4 & 8 pm, Sun., 3 & 7 pm thru Sun., July 27. \$40.25-\$176. [CTG](#).

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