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Heat from Spain

Ann Haskins · Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

Atomic aftermath considered in Little Tokyo, Rumba at sunset downtown, flamenco fest in Santa Barbara, contemporary dance in Orange, more SoCal dance this week (August 4 to 10) and a peek at next week.

Live This Week

Stomping it

Multiple events are part of this year's *Flamenco Arts Festival*. The centerpiece is *Espacio Creativo*, the 7:30 pm show by **Alfonso Losa Flamenco** from Madrid, Spain. The pre-concert reception at 6 pm (free to ticket holders) includes dancer Mizuho Sato and guitarist Jesse Torre who perform as *Sol y Lunares*. The evening concludes with an optional catered after party (separately ticketed). Lobero Theatre 33 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara; Fri., Aug 4, reception at 6 pm, show at 7:30 pm, \$51-\$106. Afterparty \$36. Info and tickets at [Lobero Theatre](#)



Mizuho Sato. Photo by Gennia Cui

An Oppenheimer aftermath

Set in 1950's post war Japan, *Peace on Your Wings* is based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki and her 1000 paper cranes. When the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Sadako was two years old and less than a mile from the blast's epicenter. She survived the bombing but was among the many survivors who developed cancer from the radiation exposure. Sadako's crafting of 1000 origami paper cranes before her death at age 12 has become a symbolic plea for peace. Choreographer Dani Hannah Bensky provided the moves to the musical presented by **Ohana Arts** that runs for three performances here in preparation for performances in Japan starting in September. While Sasaki worked with schoolmates solo, starting at noon, a public origami folding outside the theater aims to create 1000 paper cranes in the two hours before the show and the day before the anniversary of the bombing. JACCC's Aratani Theatre, 244 San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; Sat., Aug. 5, 2 & 7:30 pm, Sun., Aug. 6, 2 pm, \$20- \$75. [JACCC](#).



Peace on Your Wings. Photo courtesy of the artists

Glad to meet you

At this open house event, **Layla Dance Collective** offers an intro to Kathak dance from India with works in progress and a chance to meet the dancers. Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Sun., Aug. 6, 3 pm, free w/reservation at [Eventbrite](#).



Leela Dance Collective. Photo courtesy of artists

Everyone onstage!

Closing out a summer workshop, **Backhausdance** presents Backhaus' *Deconstructed: One Continuous Line* with company members joined by summer intensive participants. Waltmar Theater, Chapman University, 315 E. Palm Ave., Orange; Fri., Aug. 4, 6 pm, \$40, \$30 students. [Brown Paper Tickets](#).



Backhausdance. Photo courtesy of the artist

Medicine and dance

Among the physicians and medical teams providing needed eye and surgical care through LIGA aka Flying Doctors are Dr. Richard Villasenor and surgical nurse Maribel Aja-Villasenor. She also is an accomplished flamenco dancer and featured in this **2023 Flamenco Benefit for Flying Doctors**. The event provides funding for an eye clinic in Sinaloa, Mexico where patients walk for miles just to get on the waiting list to see the LIGA physicians and their flamenco dancer surgical nurse. Warner Brothers Performing Arts Center, Burbank; Sat.-Sun., Aug. 5-6, time & email for ticket price to twoeyedancer@aol.com.

Summer showcase #1

This summer showcase from **Lula Washington Dance Theatre** offers a family-friendly program of energized dance. Lula Washington Dance Theatre, 3773 Crenshaw Blvd., Mid-City; Sat., Aug. 5, 1 pm, \$10-\$20. [Brown Paper Tickets](#).



Lula Washington Dance Theatre. Photo courtesy of the artists

Summer showcase #2

Previously presented as an in-studio event, this year the **Westside Ballet Adult Summer Showcase** moves to the Moss Theater, New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica; Sat. Aug 5, 1 & 3 pm, tickets \$25 available at Westside Ballet Studios, 1709 Stewart St, Santa Monica, 310-828-2018.



Dance DTLA. Photo by Javier Guillen

Next dance, next chance

Part participatory, part performance, the free, al fresco summer series **Dance DTLA** continues, this week showcasing Afro-Cuban Rumba and Cuban Rhythms. A (beginner or refresher) 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., Aug. 4, 7 pm, free. [Music Center](#).



Max 10. Photo courtesy of the artists

Another ten

The mostly monthly program **Max 10** gives ten performers ten minutes each onstage. Hosted by venue director Joel Shapiro and curated by the staff, the line up of performances often includes dance. A post-show reception gives a chance to chat with the artists. Electric Lodge, Scott Kelman Theater, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Mon., Aug. 7, 7:30 pm, \$10. [Electric Lodge](#).

A Peek at Next Week (Aug. 11-17)

Tuixén Benet, Jordi & Cade & Ironstone, JOJO ABOT — *REDCAT Week 1* at REDCAT, Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 17-19, 8:30 pm, \$25 single tickets, \$50 festival pass. [REDCAT](#).

Raiford Rogers Modern Ballet — *Etudes* at Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Cal State LA, 5151 State University Dr., East LA; Sat., Aug. 12, 8 pm, \$20-\$50, [Ticketmaster](#).



Raiford Rogers Modern Ballet. Photo courtesy of the artists

Psychopomp Dance Theater — *Chaos!* At Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica; Fri. Aug. 11, 8 pm, \$35-\$50. [Highways Performance Space](#).

American Ballet Theatre's Hee Seo & Joo Won Ahn — *Harmony for the Future* at Walt Disney Hall, 111 St. Grand Ave., downtown; Fri., Aug. 11, 7:30 pm, tickets by lottery. [KCCLA](#).

Dance DTLA — *Disco* at the Music Center, Jerry Moss Plaza, 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown; Fri., Aug. 11, 7 pm, free. [Music Center](#).

Notes

LA's Afro-Brazilian dance company **Viver Brasil** leaves for and leads a two week plus immersion program Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

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