

# Cultural Daily

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## Mimetic Evolution

Ann Haskins · Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

The fall dance season starts up with contemporary dance in the Arts District, Thousand Oaks, Laguna Beach, and Lincoln Heights; flamenco in Orange; ballet in Dominguez Hills, Camarillo, and Thousand Oaks, plus more SoCal dance, and a peek at next week (9/15 to 9/21)

### *Live This Week*

#### On their toes

Led by the host company **Kenneth Walker Dance Project**, *Balletfest* celebrates the range of ballet arts from classical to contemporary. The program includes KWDP performing choreography by Salvatore Aiello, **Contempo Ballet** in work by Jose Costas, a ballet by Jana Taylor for **CalliOpus Contemporary**, plus dance from Elizabeth Lee, Samuel Young, Emma Giselle Mertens, Kelsey Morgaine, Jeff Raschiatore, and Kenneth Walker. University Theater, Cal State University Dominguez Hills, 1000 E. Victoria, Dominguez Hills; Sat., Sept. 9, 7:30 pm, \$30. [Tix](#).



Kenneth Walker Dance Project, part of Balletfest. Photo by Michael Khoury

#### Birds of a feather

Known for its physical choreography and binary approach to partnering, the contemporary troupe **Flock** offers an early peek at this year's *Laguna Dance Festival*. Two free performances are part of this month's Laguna Artwalk. Laguna Art Museum, 307 Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach; Thurs.,

Sept. 7, 6:30 & 7 pm, free. [Laguna Dance Festival](#).



Flock. Photo courtesy of the artists

## Taking the tablao

This flamenco show from **Naranjita Flamenco** features dancer Lakshmi Basile “La Chimi,” guitarist Antonio Moya, and singers Mari Peña and Manuela Moya. Naranita Flamenco, 301 E. Katella Ave., Orange; Fri. Sept. 8, 7 p.m. \$35-\$45 advance purchase, \$50 at door. [Naranjita Flamenco](#).



Naranjita Flamenco's Lakshmi Basile "La Chimi." Photo by Bruce Bisenz

## In residence

With visceral choreography reflecting their background with Israel's Batsheva Dance Company, **Bobbi Jene Smith + Or Schreiber** continue their choreographic residence with their latest for **LA Dance Project**, the evening length *Missing Mountain*. 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

## Playing around

The former head of *Fabe*, **Mallory Fabian**, tries out some new moves she is developing for plans soon to be announced. *Playlist* at Brockus Project Space, 618B Moulton Ave., Lincoln Heights; Mon., Sept. 11, 7 pm, RSVP to [malloryfabe@gmail.com](mailto:malloryfabe@gmail.com).



Mallory Fabian. Photo by Tom E. Kelley.

## Going classical

This music concert from New West Symphony includes **Pacific Festival Ballet** performing Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*, choreographed by Kim Maselli. Bank of America Performing

Arts Center, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks; Sat., Sept. 9, 7:30 pm, \$35-\$120. Also at Rancho Campana Performing Arts Center, 4235 Mar Vista Dr., Camarillo; Sun., Sept. 10, 3 pm, \$30-\$120. [New West Symphony](#).



Pacific Festival Ballet. 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. They return to two SoCal venues 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). Bank of America Performing Arts Center, 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks; Wed., Sept. 13, 7 pm, \$35-\$104. [Bank of America Performing Arts Center](#) Also at 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



## A Peek at Next Week (September 15-21)

**7NMs| Marjani Forté-Saunders + Everett Saunders** — *Prophet: The Order of the Lyricist* at 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](#).

**Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company** with Mariachi Herencia de México at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Cal State University Los Angeles, 5151 State University Dr., E.LA; Sat., Sept. 16, 7:30 pm, \$20-\$50. [Ticketmaster](#).



Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet. Photo courtesy of the artists

**National Dance Day** at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa; Sat., Sept. 16, 1 pm, free w/reservation at [SCFTA](#).

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