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Simply MOMentous

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Mother's Day dance and aerial festivities invade Topanga Canyon, Cinco de Mayo folkloric dancers celebrate in Pasadena, a contemporary dance troupe eschews the desert for Glendale, a dance fest tilts contemporary in Westminster, plus more SoCal dance this week and a peek at next week.

Live This Week

Perfect for the right kind of Mom

For an entertaining, halcyon alternative to crowded restaurants on Mother's Day, consider **MOMentum Place**. Taking over a stage that hosts summer Shakespeare under the oak trees, the mostly annual event offers an array of dancers, acrobats, aerialists, and other entertainers curated by Lexi Pearl. Bring a picnic or opt for the spring-themed brunch (additional charge). Theatricum Botanicum, 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Rd., Topanga Canyon; Sun., May 8, brunch at noon (\$30), show at 2pm, \$35 advance, \$40 at door, \$15 students, \$10 12 year & under. [Theatricum Botanicum](#).



Momentum Place. Photo courtesy of the artist

From livestream to live

Hosted by AkomiDance, **Orange County Dance Festival** gathered an impressive roster of ten professional mostly contemporary dance companies for this year's *Professional Concert* and ten college and pre-professional troupes for Friday's *Rising Artists* show. Saturday's pro line-up boasts 7th Street Dance Company, Benita Bike's DanceArt, BrockusRED, Dorcas Roman Dance Theatre, Vannia Ibarguen Dance Arts, Emergent Dance Company, Jazz Spectrum Dance Company, Kairos Dance Company, Re:borN Dance Interactive, and the host company. A Saturday post-show reception benefits future festivals. At Rose Center Theater, 14140 All American Way, Westminster; *Rising Artists* on Fri., May 6, 7pm, \$20, *Professional Concert* on Sat., May 7, 7pm, \$20, benefit reception on Sat., May 7, post-performance, \$75-\$125 [Rose Center Theater](#).



OC Dance Festival's Akomi Dance. Photo by Vytas Barauskas

An occasion for more than margaritas

After a two-year pandemic-forced hiatus, Gema Sandoval and her **Danza Floricanto/USA** are back live with its exuberantly festive *Cinco de Mayo in Pasadena*. Celebrate the occasion with folkloric dance and music at ARC (A Room to Create) Pasadena, 1158 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena; Sat., May 7, 8pm, \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, \$10 seniors & student at door only. [Danza Floricanto](#).



Danza Floricanto/USA. Photo by Frank Sandoval.

Deserting the desert

Usually one must head to Palm Springs to see choreographer Michael Nickerson-Rossi and his eponymous **Nickerson-Rossi Dance**. Over recent years, the dancemaker and his contemporary company have made the desert resort town a dance destination, hosting an international dance festival and an array of year-round educational and outreach programs. This performance and a related workshop continue the annual spring dance series at Brand Library & Art Gallery, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale; Sat., May 7, 5pm, free. [Brand Library & Art Gallery](#).



Nickerson-Rossi Dance. Photo courtesy of the artist

Marking a return

Some big name choreographers are on the program as **CalArts Dance** resumes in-person performance with *Repertory Returns!* The program includes works by Trisha Brown, Donald Byrd, Kyle Abraham, and Sidra Bell. REDCAT at Walt Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Fri-Sat., May 6-7, 8:30pm, \$15, \$20 students, livestream on Sat., May 7, 8:30pm, \$15. [OvationTix](#).

Eclectic on Electric

Dance dominates this edition of **High Voltage**, the eclectic showcase that coincides with nearby Abbot Kinney Boulevard's *First Friday* events. This month features contemporary choreography from **Rosalyn LeBlanc** and Kathak dance from **Leela Dance Collective**. Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice; Fri., May 6, 8pm, \$10. [Eventbrite](#).



Leela Dance Collective. Photo courtesy of the artists

Bountiful ballet

A Saturday evening benefit and a Sunday brunch matinee are offered by **Westside Ballet** along with *New Horizons*, the respected training company's spring repertory program. The benefit features alumni guest artists Adrian Blake Mitchell, Joy Womack and Lyrica Woodruff. At The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica; Sat., May 7, 7:30pm, \$75, Sun., May 8, 2pm, \$45. [Tix.](#)



Westside Ballet guest Joy Womack. Photo courtesy of Westside Ballet

Getting intimate out loud

The museum series *Fowler Out Loud* showcases the talents of UCLA students. This time the

spotlight is on graduating senior **Rebecca De La O** who draws on dance elements to share insights on being at the cusp of adult life. Fowler Museum at UCLA, 501 Charles E Young Dr. North, Westwood; Thurs., May 12, 6pm, free with registration at [Eventbrite](#).



Rebecca De La O. Photo courtesy of the artist

Last chance to put on Poussin

As part of its exhibition *Poussin and the Dance*, the Getty Center commissioned several notable LA choreographers to create dance films that respond to Poussin's art. The results, *Poussin Projected: Screening Contemporary Dance Films*, are viewable online and the Poussin artworks are viewable in person until May 8. Exhibition at the Getty Center, Harold M Williams Auditorium, 1200 Getty Center Dr., Brentwood; thru Sun., May 8. Dance films viewable at [Getty](#).



Chris Emile for “Poussin and the Dance.” Photo courtesy of the artists

Dancers in the park, drummers in the library

LA-based dance, music, and drumming ensembles offer free performances at parks and libraries throughout LA in the Music Center’s *Arts Grown LA*. Performances include folkloric troupes, Taiko drummers, and more, continuing into June. A complete list of groups, venues, and performance details at [Music Center](#).

A Peek at Next Week

Kenneth Walker Dance Project at Alvas Showroom, 1417 W 8th St., San Pedro; Sun., May 15, 2pm, \$18. [Kenneth Walker Dance Project](#), [Alvas Showroom](#).

Versa-Style Dance Company’s 17th Anniversary Hip Hop Festival at Estaban E Torres High School, 4211 Dozier St., East LA; *Main Event Jam & Battles* on Sat. May 14, noon, \$25, *Street Dance Showcase* on Sun., May 15, 5pm, suggested donation \$10. [Versa-Style Dance Company](#).



Versa Style Dance Company. Photo courtesy of the artists.

Nancy Evans Dance Theatre at ARC (A Room To Create), 1158 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena; Sat., May 14 & 21, 8pm, Sun., May 15 & 22, 4pm, \$25, \$20 seniors & students. [Nancy Evans Dance Theatre](#).

Rosanna Gamson/World Wide at Brockus Project Dance, Brewery Art Walk, 618B Moulton Ave., Lincoln Heights; Sun., May 15, 5:30pm, free with reservation at [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

Savannah Fuentes in *Eterno, El Flamenco Vive* at Zephyr Theatre, 7456 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood; Thurs., May 19, 8pm, \$12-\$55. [Eventbrite](#).

Bret Easterling in *Brecht* at LA Dance Project, 2245 E. Washington Blvd., Arts District; Fri.-Sun., May 13-15, 8pm, \$25, \$15 students. <http://ladanceproject.org/ladp-presents>



Donna Sternberg & Dancers. Photo courtesy of the artists

Donna Sternberg & Dancers in *Mending* at the Odyssey Theater, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., W.L.A; Sat., May 14, 8pm, Sun., May 15, 3pm, \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. [Donna Sternberg & Dancers](#).

Members of the Joffrey Ballet at Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Dr., Irvine; Wed., May 18, 7pm, \$30-\$85. [Irvine Barclay Theatre](#).

Rhapsody in Taps at Impact Dance Center, 5370 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos; Sun., May 15, noon – 5pm, \$35-\$80. [Rhapsody in Taps](#).

Global Motion World Dance Company at The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica; Sat.-Sun., May 14-15, 7:30pm, \$20. [The Broad Stage](#).



Ballet Folklórico Do Brasil & Pacifico Dance Company at Burton Chase Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey; Sun., May 15, 11:30am & 1:30pm, free. [Event Flier](#).

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