



2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument
Home of World Famous Olvera Street



LOS TRES REYES – Saturday, January 6, 2018 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

A celebration of the Epiphany of the Magi (visit of the Three Kings) on the 12th day following Christmas with music, a lively theatrical procession on Olvera Street and the serving of traditional *rosca de reyes*.

REDCAT MEMORIA SONORA PERFORMANCES – Sunday, January 14th & Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Two performances of Salvadoran artist and activist Alexia Miranda. She brings together several other festival artists and guests to perform *Memoria Sonora*. A composed score of music and spoken word is the basis for an improvised collective work, using sound as a language of vibration and a momentarily shared consciousness.

FIESTA DE LA CANDELARIA – Friday, February 2, 2018 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Traditional blessing of elaborately dressed dolls depicting the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple.

WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PANEL – Saturday, February 10, 2018 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The “Women Trailblazers” is a panel presentation with Los Angeles leaders in non-traditional careers. Come find out how these women have broken gender barriers and achieved success.

CRAFT IN AMERICA MUSIC CONCERT - Sunday, February 11, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cross cultural live music performances celebrating the rich diversity of Los Angeles. Attend and experience firsthand the diverse offerings of culture and artistic expression found in our communities.

LANTERN FESTIVAL – Saturday, March 3, 2018 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

The Chinese American Museum marks the end of the Chinese New Year festivities with this annual festival which includes lantern making workshops, crafts, entertainment, artisans, children’s activities and cultural exhibits.

“FROM HER” ART EXHIBIT – March 1-26, 2018. Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The annual exhibition in honor of National Women’s History Month features artwork reflecting women’s contributions and achievement in sports.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Saturday, March 31, 2018 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This centuries-old tradition of blessing the animals, for all the benefits they provide mankind, is celebrated with a colorful procession on Olvera Street led by the Archbishop of Los Angeles. All pets are welcome to join!

EARTH MONTH ART EXHIBIT – April 1-30, 2018. Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A spectacular photography exhibition during Earth Month highlighting our beautiful state and national parks, the environment and nature.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION – Saturday, April 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The United States Forest Service presents a special event which includes educational programs for families to learn about planting and caring for trees as well as interactive workshops about the importance of caring for our environment.

KIPP LA SCHOOLS MUSIC CONCERT – Saturday, April 21, 2018 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A special concert featuring the extraordinary musical talent of the KIPP LA students. Free afternoon family performance in the Plaza Kiosko.

CINCO DE MAYO – Saturday & Sunday, May 5-6, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., daily.

Weekend celebration of Mexico’s surprise victory over French forces in Puebla, Mexico in 1862. The festive weekend festival features popular and traditional music, exhibitor booths, cultural dancing and plenty of delicious Mexican food.

AVILA ADOBE WINE SEMINAR AND RECEPTION – Thursday, May 17, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

El Pueblo Park Association presents an enjoyable and informative evening of special guests who will share the fascinating history of wine in Los Angeles. Sample local wines, learn about different winemaking techniques and help support the park by participating in the silent auction.

LA OPERA: "VIVA LA ZARZUELA" – Sunday, May 20, 2018 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LA Opera's Zarzuela Project partners with the Mariachi Conservatory offering an afternoon of free public performances highlighting the beautiful and melodic musical theater tradition popular throughout Spain and Latin America.

ECUADOR INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL- Sunday, August 5, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Ecuadorian community of Los Angeles invites you to celebrate the independence of their homeland with a parade, traditional music, lively dancing and tasty cuisine from this beautiful South American country.

LOS ANGELES CITY BIRTHDAY / PAST & PRESENT CAR SHOW – Saturday, August 25, 2018 6:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

237th Anniversary of the founding of Los Angeles with *Los Pobladores* historic re-enactments, a civic ceremony, artisan demonstrations, entertainment and free birthday cake! Bike or walk to El Pueblo from Mission San Gabriel following the historic route of our first settlers. Also enjoy a classic collection of vintage automobiles on display at the Monument as part of the birthday celebration.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY – Saturday & Sunday, September 15-16, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., daily.

Celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain with popular and traditional entertainment, cultural activities, historic displays, food, artisan exhibits and more. ¡Viva México!

MUERTOS ART WALK – Saturday, October 6, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Unique arts and crafts and other *Día de Los Muertos* themed handiwork from local L.A. artisans are featured at this seasonal marketplace in the Plaza. Find that perfect treasure and enjoy free family entertainment throughout the day.

SACRED MEMORIES ART EXHIBIT – October 14 - November 18, 2018. Thursday - Sunday 10:00 a. m. – 3:00 p.m.

This annual exhibition examines the celebration of *Día de Los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, and features a collection of artwork reflecting contemporary and cross-cultural rituals which pay tribute to our departed ancestors.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS – Thursday & Friday, November 1-2, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Colorful, ancient Mexican ceremony in remembrance of departed loved ones with beautifully decorated altars, art exhibits and entertainment. Pre-Columbian Novenario procession and blessings each night at 7:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, October 25th through Friday, November 2nd.

EL PUEBLO TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY – Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Kick off the festive holiday season with the official lighting of the Plaza Christmas Tree! The evening includes an exciting entertainment program with folklorico dancers and mariachi singers. There will also be vintage cars on display, face painting, children's workshops, free pan dulce, champurrado and much more.

LAS POSADAS – Sunday, December 16 through Monday, December 24, 2018 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., nightly

The nine-night presentation of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem portrayed with singing, a candlelight procession on Olvera Street and a children's piñata breaking. Enjoy a free theatrical performance of the classic Mexican comedy *La Pastorela* following each evening procession.

For additional information please call (213) 485-8372 . All events are free to the public.

All listed events, dates and times are subject to change.

Additional events not listed on this schedule may be added at a later date.

