

## **LACMA to Host Grand Opening Weekend, June 18–22, Welcoming All of L.A. to the New David Geffen Galleries**

**Festivities will include a day-long Block Party on Saturday, June 20, with free museum admission, art activities for all ages, live music, and the first presentation of The Art Parade in Los Angeles**

**Weekend celebrations to continue on June 21 with The Genesis Talks, featuring Thelma Golden in conversation with Michael Govan**

(Los Angeles, CA—June 4, 2026) The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announces its Grand Opening Weekend, a community celebration of the new David Geffen Galleries. On June 18–22, the museum will host an array of dynamic programming, including a free, campus-wide Block Party, The Genesis Talks: Thelma Golden in conversation with Michael Govan, and SPIRITS Summer Solstice Dance with Richie Hawtin and John Gerrard, and more.

On Saturday, June 20, the Block Party will offer free museum admission, family-friendly art activities, live music and DJ sets, and a hand-selected restaurant showcase across the museum's campus. Designed for all ages, the day-long Block Party will be capped by the first Los Angeles edition of The Art Parade, in collaboration with art dealer and curator Jeffrey Deitch, activating Wilshire Boulevard in front of the museum. The Block Party and The Art Parade are presented by East West Bank Foundation, which is committed to expanding access to arts, education, and cultural engagement.

Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director, said, “With the completion of the David Geffen Galleries and the expansion of our campus, LACMA has added acres of street-level space where we can install public artworks and engage the entire community. We felt the occasion called for a celebratory summer Block Party—and we look forward to welcoming everyone.”

The LACMA Block Party will offer:

**Free Gallery Access (10 am–7 pm)**

Free tickets to the new 110,000-square-foot David Geffen Galleries as well as the Resnick Pavilion and BCAM, where nine special exhibitions are on view, including *Fashioning Chinese Women: Empire to Modernity*, which opens on June 14.

**The Art Parade (6 pm)**

Conceived two decades ago in New York by Jeffrey Deitch, The Art Parade brings together more than 1,000 artists in a creative procession that transforms the streets into a living gallery. This first Los Angeles edition of The Art Parade, in collaboration with Deitch, will showcase mobile sculptures, costumes, banners, inflatables, music, and movement-based works that activate public space through collective artistic expression, and underscores LACMA's longstanding commitment to celebrating artists and presenting art in public spaces.

**Music (10 am–6 pm | DJ sets and music performances; 6 pm | Latin Sounds)**

Highlighting Los Angeles as a hub of world-class musical artists, the Block Party will feature live music and DJs beginning at 10 am, continuing throughout the day. As part of LACMA's Latin Sounds concert series, Los Angeles's own Roosevelt Cordova, known worldwide as "El Presidente de la Salsa," will perform at 6 pm.

**NexGenLA Zone: Art-Making Activities (10 am–3 pm)**

The whole family is invited to explore the joy of art-making through free, hands-on creative workshops and activities taking place across LACMA's campus, including a Pop-Up Workshop at the Boone Children's Gallery, located inside the W.M. Keck Education Center, LACMA's new home for hands-on learning. LACMA's Maya Mobile will also be open for tours. Families can create keepsakes, discover new ways to make art together, and take a little piece of the museum home with them.

**Food**

Los Angeles food and culture platform MAMA has curated a roster of 15 vendors for the Block Party, representing the global spectrum of L.A.'s cuisine, including Fuegos, Heng Heng Chicken Rice, Riviera Seafood Club, Bridgetown Roti, and many more.

On Sunday, June 21, LACMA will continue the weekend's events by hosting the next installment of The Genesis Talks. Thelma Golden, Studio Museum in Harlem director and chief curator, and Michael Govan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director, will discuss the role of museums in shaping public narratives and consider how exhibitions and programs can respond to the urgent issues of our time. (5 pm, \$10 / \$8 members)

At 6:30 pm, LACMA will host a free summer solstice dance party, SPIRITS Summer Solstice Dance, featuring a DJ performance by pioneering electronic artist Richie Hawtin (aka Plastikman) in celebration of the cycle of John Gerrard's solar artwork *SPIRITS*, presented by LACMA's Art+Technology Lab. The evening will include a large-scale installation and live performance of *SPIRITS*.

Other programming for the weekend includes a talk with celebrated photographer Annie Liebovitz on June 18, Jazz at LACMA on June 19, a special site-specific performance by L.A. Dance Project's *City of Dance* on June 21, soccer watch parties on June 18 and June 21, a soccer juggling and accuracy workshop on June 21, and mindfulness programs on June 22. For more information, visit [lacma.org/third-weekends](http://lacma.org/third-weekends).

Go Metro. The D Line now brings you directly to LACMA (Wilshire/Fairfax Station). Tour Metro Art at the station and explore the Metro Art Bus during the Block Party. Plan your trip at [metro.net](http://metro.net).

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**About LACMA:** Located on the Pacific Rim, LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of 155,000 objects that illuminate 6,000 years of artistic expression across the globe. Committed to showcasing a multitude of art histories, LACMA exhibits and interprets works of art from new and unexpected points of view that are informed by the region's rich cultural heritage and diverse population. LACMA's spirit of experimentation is reflected in its work with artists, technologists, and thought leaders as well as in its regional, national, and global partnerships to share collections and programs, create pioneering initiatives, and engage new audiences.

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