

Ford Amphitheatre

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FORD AMPHITHEATRE SEASON, OPENING MAY 30, CELEBRATES GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Record-setting schedule encompasses 75 performances over 22 weeks.

LOS ANGELES — The 2003 summer offerings at the historic outdoor Ford Amphitheatre mirror Los Angeles County as a mecca for artists from a myriad of cultures. The season extends over 22 weeks, from May 30 to November 1, and encompasses 75 performances of 63 different events embracing world culture, dance, theatre, classical music, jazz, bluegrass, cabaret, film and family fare.

Complete 2003 season information and tickets are available by calling the Ford box office, 323 GO 1-FORD (461-3673), or by logging onto the bilingual (English/Spanish) Ford web site, www.fordamphitheatre.org. The Ford Amphitheatre season is a program of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and is produced in collaboration with Los Angeles County-based arts organizations. Univision KMEX Channel 34 and TeleFutura KFTR Channel 46 are television media sponsors for the 2003 season.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, in whose Third District the Ford resides, said "This year's Ford summer season is a virtual showcase of international talent. We're very proud once again to highlight the County of Los Angeles as a hub of global culture and artistic creativity."

Highlights of the Ford's 2003 season include:

- Four United States premiere productions: The Ford stops of the film-theatre-music event *El automóvil gris/The Grey Automobile* by the National Theatre Company of México (June 16), the one-woman theatre piece *La virgen triste / The Sad Virgin* by Vivian Acosta of Galiano 108 (June 23-25 in the 87-seat [Inside] the Ford), Compañía Marta Carrasco's performance art work *Aiguardent/Firewater* (June 27), and El Ciervo Encantado's *Un elefante ocupa mucho espacio / An Elephant Takes Up a Lot of Space* (June 28, 10 a.m. family show) are all part of U.S. premiere tours.

- Eight **world premieres**: Choreographers unveiling new works include **Michael Mizerany** (*The Man Clan*, MizeranyDance!, July 11), **Naomi Goldberg** (*Frozen/Spring* and *Possessed*, Naomi Goldberg's L.A. Modern Dance & Ballet, July 25), **Laura Gorenstein Miller** (*The Quickening*, Helios Dance Theater, August 1) and **Adriana Astorga Gainey** (*Tonantzin The Little Brown Virgin*, Pacifico Dance Company, August 30). **Praxis Project's** evening of works developed in their annual workshop (October 10) will feature a number of world premieres as well.
Bilingual Foundation of the Arts and Danza Floricanto/USA present ***Solamente una vez / You Belong To My Heart – Agustín Lara***, the life of Lara, the "Cole Porter of México," told through his perennially popular melodies, from "Granada" to the title song (September 13-14). **Jenny Rivera**, the "Diva of Banda," introduces a brand new show at the Ford (July 6). Elvis Schoenberg's Orchestre Surreal introduces ***Symphony of the Absurd*** (September 19).
- Two **West Coast/L.A. debuts**: **Fundo de Quintal**, with roots in one of Rio's greatest samba schools, Imperatriz Leopoldinense, makes its West Coast debut as headliner of the Brazilian Summer Festival celebrating its 10th year at the Ford (July 26). The Cuban ensemble **Orquesta La Moderna Tradición** makes its first L.A. appearance (August 7).
- Two West Coast premieres: Choreographer **Naomi Goldberg** offers the first West Coast performances of *Fugitive Star and Eagle at Sunrise* and *Her Story* (L.A. Modern Dance & Ballet, July 25).
- **Ballet Folklórico Panameño de Elisa de Céspedes**, Panamá's official dance company, visits L.A. for the first time in decades to mark the country's centennial (August 15).
- The Eighth Annual **Red Nation Celebration** opens the season May 30. The showcase of contemporary and traditional American Indian entertainment will be seen in Los Angeles for the first time in the full-blown form that made it a "must-see" event in Santa Fe. The Ford welcomes the 2003 edition, titled "Native Women in Music," as the first American Indian event in the 11-year history of the Ford Amphitheatre summer season. Artists include **Joy Harjo** and **The Real Revolution, RedHawk, Sage, Thais, Star Nayea, Martha Redbone** and **The Mankillers**.
- The Latin fusion band **Quetzal** celebrates its 10th anniversary at the Ford (May 31).
- Two extraordinarily well-received theatre works will be revived. **Celebration Theatre's *Pinafore!*** (September 28), a multi-award-winning sendup of Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* updated and set in a separate-but-equal gay Navy, is adapted for the larger Ford stage and reinforced by the 85 voices of the **Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles**. **About Productions' *By the Hand of the Father*** (June 29), a blending of music, video and spoken word to tell the poignant immigrant story of Mexican-American fathers, has toured the country to acclaim and been broadcast on PBS since its L.A. premiere.
- World music and dance programs have doubled in number over last season. **Fifteen world music events** embrace Native American, Persian, *banda*, *son jarocho*, samba, African rumba, Cuban *danzon*, mariachi, *boleros* and fusion sounds galore. Dance fans can rejoice in **thirteen dance events** encompassing ballet, modern, performance art and world dance. (See "Breakdown by Discipline," page 6 for more details.)
- **Big!World!Fun! family programs**, sponsored by Robinsons-May and free for children (adults pay \$5), have expanded from 10 to **15 performances**. "Travel the World" is the series theme and children will be issued Big!World!Fun! passports for their exploration of the cultures of Central Asia, Cuba, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, México, the Middle East, Panamá, Perú and the United States.

- Ten events during the first month of the season comprise the **Latino Arts Festival International** featuring artists from Cuba, Mexico, Spain and the United States. Eleven events scheduled in the last two months of the season, a period which includes Mexican Independence Day, constitute the **Latino Heritage Celebration**. Capping the season is a **Day of the Dead Celebration** (November 1) produced by Rodri Entertainment Group. In all the season is studded with a total of **41 performances featuring Latino artists**, the result of the Ford's three-year Latino Arts Initiative started in 2002 and funded by the James Irvine Foundation.

Prices for evening events range from \$15 to \$45. Those who purchase tickets to **3 or more evening events** receive a **20% discount**. Discounts for groups of 15 or more are also available.

The Ford Amphitheatre is located at 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, off the 101 (Hollywood) across the freeway from the Hollywood Bowl and south of Universal Studios. The Ford is disabled accessible. Portable wireless listening devices are available upon request. The Ford offers a number of dining options: a variety of food and beverages is available on site and box dinners for evening events may be ordered through Tasteful Creations, 310 652-3797. Picnicking is encouraged.

On-site, stacked parking costs \$5 per vehicle for evening shows and \$3 per vehicle for morning family shows. **Free shuttles** to the Ford service the following locations at performance times:

- the Cherokee parking structure at 1718 North Cherokee just north of Hollywood Blvd. 1.3 miles south of the Ford; non-stacked parking costs \$3 per vehicle with validation available at the Ford (evening performances only)
- the Hollywood/Vine Red Line Metro Station
- the Universal City Red Line Metro Station



The Los Angeles County Arts Commission, headed by Executive Director Laura Zucker, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission, in addition to its grants program that funds more than 200 nonprofit arts organizations annually, funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Trust and programs the John Anson Ford Theatres. The Commission recently published a regional blueprint for arts education. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally and a year-round music program that funds more than 100 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2003-2004 President of the Arts Commission is Laurel Karabian.

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PLEASE NOTE:

- A season calendar is on pages 4-5 of this release.
- A breakdown of events by discipline is on page 6 of this release.
- A brochure containing complete season information is enclosed in this mailing.
- Photos are available on request.

FORD AMPHITHEATRE 2003 SEASON

Key: **BWF**= Big!World!Fun! family show **LAFI**= Latino Arts Festival International event **LHC**= Latino Heritage Celebration event

MAY

Fri	30	7 pm	Red Nation Celebration / <i>Native Women in Music</i>
Sat	31	10 am	Celtic Spring / <i>Music & Dance of Ireland</i> BWF
Sat	31	8 pm	Quetzal LAFI

JUNE

Sun	1	8 pm	San Fernando Valley Master Chorale / <i>A Prayer for Peace</i>
Fri-Sat	6-7	7 pm	Mexican Divas Night Live Series featuring Jaramar, Magos Herrera, Iraida Noriega, Lysa Flores LAFI
Sat	7	10 am	East L.A. Classic Theatre / <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> BWF LAFI
Sun	8	8 pm	Arohi & Liän Ensembles / <i>Axis of Love</i>
Fri-Sun	13-15	8:30 pm	Los Angeles Film Festival
Mon	16	8:30 pm	National Theatre Company of Mexico / <i>El automóvil gris / The Grey Automobile</i> LAFI
Fri-Sun	20-22	8:30 pm	Sonidos Gitanos / <i>Gypsy Flamenco</i> featuring Maria Bermudez LAFI
Sat	21	10 am	Musicantica / <i>Italian Strepiti</i> BWF
Mon-Wed	23-25	8:30 pm	Galiano 108 / Vivian Acosta / <i>La virgen triste/The Sad Virgin</i> LAFI
Fri	27	8:30 pm	Compañía Marta Carrasco / <i>Aiguarent/Firewater</i> LAFI
Sat	28	10 am	El Ciervo Encantado / <i>Un elefante ocupa mucho espacio / An Elephant Takes Up a Lot of Space</i> BWF LAFI
Sat	28	6:30 pm	Tribute to Maria Irene Fornes LAFI
Sun	29	8:30 pm	About Productions / <i>By the Hand of the Father</i> LAFI

JULY

Sat	5	8:30 pm	Viver Brasil Dance Company / <i>Bahia: Land of Magic</i>
Sun	6	7 pm	Jenny Rivera, the Diva of Banda
Fri	11	8:30 pm	MizeranyDance! / <i>The Man Clan</i>
Sat	12	10 am	Los Angeles Korean Dance Academy / <i>Korean Traditional Dance</i> BWF
Sat	12	8 pm	Santa Cecilia Orchestra / <i>Vivaldi & Piazzolla: The Eight Seasons</i>
Sun	13	7 pm	Jarocho Jam featuring Conjunto Hueyepan and Conjunto Jardin
Wed-Sat	16-19	8:30 pm	OUTFEST
Sun	20	7:30 pm	OUTFEST Awards Ceremony & Screening
Mon	21	8 pm	Chamber Music Under the Stars / Brahms Piano Trio
Fri	25	8:30 pm	Naomi Goldberg's L.A. Modern Dance & Ballet / <i>Immediate States</i>
Sat	26	10 am	Satori Daiko of the Taiko Center of Los Angeles / Taiko Drumming: Japanese-American Rhythms BWF
Sat	26	7 pm	Brazilian Summer Festival Celebrates 10 Years, featuring Fundo de Quintal

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AUGUST

Fri	1	8:30 pm	Helios Dance Theater / <i>The Quickening</i>
Sat	2	10 am	Gulistan Dance Theater / <i>Dance & Music of Central Asia & the Middle East</i> BWF
Sat	2	8:30 pm	West Hollywood Orchestra with guest Jason Graae / <i>Movie Music Madness</i>
Sun	3	7:30 pm	Musica Angelica / <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
Thu	7	8 pm	Orquesta La Moderna Tradición
Sat	9	10 am	Music & Stories of Africa with Storyteller Asha's Baba / <i>Anansi's Antics</i> BWF
Sat	9	7 pm	Instrumental Women / <i>Lady Jazz</i>
Sun	10	7 pm	African Village Music Festival featuring Sam Mangwana
Fri	15	8:30 pm	Ballet Folklórico Panameño de Elisa de Céspedes / <i>Panamá: Folklore, Fantasy & Tradition</i>
Sat	16	10 am	Ballet Folklórico Panameño de Elisa de Céspedes / <i>Folk Dance & Music of Panamá</i> BWF
Sat	16	8:30 pm	This Is Belly Dance!
Sun	17	7 pm	Bluegrass at the Ford / Lynn Morris Band and Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen
Thu	21	8 pm	Ay! Flamenco featuring Yaelisa & Caminos Flamencos and Spain's Domingo Ortega
Fri	22	8:30 pm	Lula Washington Dance Theatre
Sat	23	10 am	Inca: The Peruvian Ensemble / Music & Dance of Perú BWF
Sat	23	8 pm	Ay! Flamenco featuring Yaelisa & Caminos Flamencos and Spain's Domingo Ortega
Sun	24	8 pm	Amanda McBroom & Steve Ross
Mon	25	8 pm	Chamber Music Under the Stars / Calder Quartet & Friends
Sat	30	10 am	Pacífico Dance Company / <i>Games and Dances of México</i> BWF
Sat	30	8 pm	Pacífico Dance Company / <i>México: Alma y Corazón</i>

SEPTEMBER

Fri	5	8:30 pm	Francisco Martínez Dancetheatre / <i>Love, Loss and Lullabies</i> LHC
Sat	6	10 am	Michael A. Herald / <i>Aztec Stories</i> BWF LHC
Sun	7	7 pm	Fiesta Mexicana featuring Ixya, Mariachi Estrellas de México, Ballet Folklórico Ollin, Conjunto Hueyapan and Mariachi Monumental de América LHC
Mon	8	8 pm	Chamber Music Under the Stars / St. Petersburg String Quartet
Sat	13	10 am	Great Leap / <i>Stories of the Asian, Latino & African-American Experiences</i> BWF
Sat-Sun	13-14	8 pm	Bilingual Foundation for the Arts & Danza Floricanto/USA / <i>Solamente Una Vez / You Belong to My Heart - Agustín Lara</i> LHC
Fri	19	8 pm	Elvis Schoenberg's Orchestre Surreal / <i>Symphony of the Absurd</i>
Sat	20	10 am	Alex Acuña, Justo Almarío & Friends / <i>Pan-American Music</i> BWF LHC
Sat	20	8 pm	Jazz Pilgrimage 2003 / Tribute to Poncho Sanchez LHC
Fri	26	8 pm	Alvaro Torres LHC
Sat	27	10 am	Troubadour Theatre Company / <i>Funky Punks Go To Hollywood</i> BWF
Sat	27	7:30 pm	Boleros Under the Stars featuring Trio Los Panchos and Arturo & José Luis LHC
Sun	28	8 pm	Celebration Theatre & Gay Men's Chorus of L.A. / <i>Pinafore! In Concert at the Ford</i>

OCTOBER

Sat	4	7:30 pm	Lalo Guerrero LHC
Fri	10	8 pm	Praxis Project
Sat	11	8 pm	Chris Montez LHC

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	7:30 pm	Day of the Dead Celebration LHC
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Ford Amphitheatre 2003 Season
BREAKDOWN BY DISCIPLINE

Classical Music

San Fernando Valley Master Chorale 6/1
Santa Cecilia Orchestra 7/12
Brahms Piano Trio 7/ 21*
Musica Angelica 8/ 3
Calder Quartet & Friends 8/25*
St. Petersburg String Quartet 9/8*
**Monday evening "Chamber Music Under the Stars" series*

Dance

Fountain Theatre/Gypsy Flamenco 6/20-22
Compañía Marta Carrasco 6/27
Viver Brasil Dance Company 7/5
MizeranyDance! 7/11
Naomi Goldberg's L.A. Modern Dance & Ballet 7/25
Helios Dance Theater 8/1
Ballet Folklórico Panameño 8/15
This Is Belly Dance! 8/16
Ay! Flamenco with Yaelisa & Caminos Flamencos and
Domingo Ortega 8/21&23
Lula Washington Dance Theatre 8/22
Pacífico Dance Company 8/30
Francisco Martínez Dancetheatre 9/5
Praxis Project 10/10

Family

Saturday morning Big!World!Fun! series
Celtic Spring 5/31
East L.A. Classic Theatre 6/7
Musicántica 6/21
El Ciervo Encantado 6/28
Los Angeles Korean Dance Academy 7/12
Satori Daiko of the Taiko Ctr of L.A. 7/26
Gulistan Dance Theater 8/2
Music & Stories of Africa with Asha's Baba 8/9
Ballet Folklórico Panameño 8/16
Inca: The Peruvian Ensemble 8/23
Pacífico Dance Company 8/30
Michael A. Heralda 9/6
Great Leap 9/13
Alex Acuña, Justo Almario & Friends 9/20
Troubadour Theatre Company 9/27

Film

Los Angeles Film Festival 6/13-15
Nat'l Theatre Co. of México/Grey Automobile 6/16
OUTFEST 7/16-20

Jazz /Bluegrass/Cabaret

West Hollywood Orchestra with Jason Graae 8/2
Instrumental Women 8/9
Bluegrass at the Ford 8/17
Amanda McBroom & Steve Ross 8/24
Elvis Schoenberg's Orchestre Surreal 9/19
Jazz Pilgrimage/ Tribute to Poncho Sanchez 9/20

Theatre

Natl Theatre Co. of México/ *The Grey Automobile* 6/16
Galiano 108/Vivian Acosta / *The Sad Virgin* 6/23-25
Compañía Marta Carrasco / *Aiguarent/Firewater* 6/27
Tribute to Maria Irene Fornes 6/28
About Productions/ *By the Hand of the Father* 6/29
Bilingual Foundation of the Arts/
You Belong to My Heart 9/13-14
Celebration Theatre & Gay Men's Chorus of L.A./
Pinafore! 9/28

World Culture

Red Nation Celebration 5/30
Quetzal 5/31
Mexican Divas Night Live Serie 6/6-7
Arohi & Lian Ensembles 6/8
Jenny Rivera 7/6
Jarocho Jam 7/13
Brazilian Summer Festival 7/26
Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion 8/7
African Village Music Festival 8/10
Fiesta Mexicana 9/7
Alvaro Torres 9/26
Boleros Under the Stars 9/27
Lalo Guerrero 10/4
Chris Montez 10/11
Day of the Dead Celebration 11/1