

Ford Amphitheatre

THE 2004 SEASON MAY 29 - OCTOBER 31

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EDITORS AND WRITERS PLEASE NOTE:

This is the season overview release. Separate releases about programming news in the Classical & Pops, Dance, Jazz and Theatre disciplines are also enclosed, as well as full and pocket size 2004 Ford Amphitheatre Summer Season brochures.

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FORD AMPHITHEATRE 2004 SUMMER SEASON, OPENING MAY 29, FEATURES LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TALENT AND EMBRACES THE CULTURES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

LOS ANGELES — The historic open air Ford Amphitheatre hosts an impressive range of premier local and international performing arts, film and family events that will appeal to the urban adventurer and diverse Los Angeles audiences this 2004 season. The line-up features performances rooted in cultures from Korea to Peru, from Los Angeles to Ireland, from Appalachia to the Middle East, and spotlights major talent in both U.S. and world premieres.

The season, which runs from May 29 to October 31, encompasses 87 performances of 76 different events over 22 weeks. (Full season listing and discipline breakdowns are on pages 3-5 of this release.) This season's opening event is "Brazil, Women Sing For Life" (May 29), a powerful music benefit for battered women in Brazil featuring **Grammy nominee Flora Purim**. The season will culminate with **Ecuador's Malayerba Theatre Company** in the West Coast Premiere of "De Como Moria Y Resucitaba Lazaro, El Lazarillo / Of The Deaths And Resurrections Of Lazarus, The Lazarillo" (October 28-31).

Complete 2004 season information and tickets are available at the bilingual (English/Spanish) Ford web site, www.fordamphitheatre.org or the Ford box office, **323 GO 1-FORD** (461-3673).

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, in whose Third District the Ford resides, said, "This year's Ford Summer Season is one the most varied and exciting performance programs we've ever offered – a virtual grand tour of the world, in the comfort of our most intimate outdoor concert venue."

New additions to programming this year include: a series of three concerts by the **Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra**, "Best Big Band 2003" – "Downbeat Magazine" (June 27, Aug 22 & Sept 19); an evening of Celtic music presented by the **Celtic Arts Center** and headlined by **Solas** (Sept 10); an homage to baseball and the Dodgers presented by Baseball Reliquary and emceed by **Elayne Boosler** (Aug 15); evenings based in the traditional cultures of India, Japan and Korea (**Rangoli Foundation for Art and Culture** Sept 11; **Rei Aoo's Dance Planet** and **Satori Daiko** Aug 28; **Kim, Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy** and **Samulnori** Oct 8); a piano recital by Van Cliburn

Competition winner **Jon Nakamatsu** (Aug 27); the dance film festival **Dance Camera West** ("The Red Shoes" June 16); and a group of films devoted to the work of "Cantinflas," the "Mexican Charlie Chaplin" (Sept. 1-3). The three Cantinflas films together with the live performance of the theatre piece "Cantinflas" by Culture Clash's Herbert Siguenza (Sept. 4), forms a Cantinflas Festival.

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 season is a program of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and is produced in collaboration with Los Angeles County-based arts organizations. TeleFutura KFTR Channel 46 is television sponsor for the 2004 season.

The Ford Amphitheatre is located at 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, off the 101 Hollywood Freeway across 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 in advance. Picnicking is encouraged.

On-site, stacked parking costs \$5 per vehicle for evening shows and \$3 per vehicle for morning family shows. **Satellite parking serviced by FREE shuttles to the Ford is available at**

- Universal City Metro Station at Lankershim Blvd. and Campo de Cahuenga in the "kiss and ride" area. Parking is free in the Metro Station lot.
- Cherokee parking structure at 1718 North Cherokee, just north of Hollywood Blvd., 1.3 miles from the Ford. Parking costs \$3 with validation available at the Ford.

Enriching Lives



The Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities, and provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*. The Arts Commission, in addition to its grants program that funds more than 250 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 also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2003-2004 President of the Arts Commission is Laurel Karabian.

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FORD AMPHITHEATRE 2004 SEASON

2004 EVENT LISTINGS BY MONTH

NOTE:

BWF= Big! World! Fun! family shows

* event is in the 87-seat [Inside] the Ford

MAY

29 BRAZIL, WOMEN FOR LIFE

JUNE

5 BWF- ENOCH TRAIN "Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Trains" (10AM)
5 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
5 NANNETTE BRODIE DANCE & ENOCH TRAIN "Heartland: The Immigrant Experience"
11&12 FLORICANTO DANCE THEATRE & QUETZAL "Fandango Without Borders"
12 BWF – DANIEL SLOSBERG "Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along The Lewis And Clark Trail" (10AM)
12 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
13 AL-ANDALUS TO JERUSALEM: LEVANTINE FESTIVAL
16 DANCE CAMERA WEST "The Red Shoes"
18-20 LOS ANGELES FILM FESTIVAL
19 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
25 MARTA CARRASCO "Blanc d'Ombra/White in the Shadow"
26 BWF – RAZZLE BAM BOOM "The Wright Brothers: A Two-Man Musical" (10AM)
26 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
26 VIVER BRASIL DANCE CO. "Legends Of Brazil"
27 CLAYTON-HAMILTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA "Just Jazz" Concert #1

JULY

2 JAZZ TAP ENSEMBLE
3 BWF JAZZ TAP ENSEMBLE & JTE CARAVAN PROJECT (10AM)
3 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
3 BLUEGRASS AT THE FORD
10 BWF – MASANGA MARIMBA ENSEMBLE (10AM)
10 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
10 I AM CUBA
11 LOS ANGELES JEWISH SYMPHONY "Two Streams In The Desert"
12 ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET
14-18 OUTFEST 2004 UNDER THE STARS
17 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
24 BWF – RANGOLI FOUNDATION FOR ART AND CULTURE "The Ten Incarnations Of Vishnu" (10AM)
24 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
24 WEST HOLLYWOOD ORCHESTRA "More Movie Music Madness"
31 BWF – INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE "Belly Dance" (10AM)
31 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
31 PACIFICO DANCE COMPANY "Salon Mexico"

Event Listings cont'd

AUGUST

- 1 OPERA NOVA & THE VERDI CHORUS "Living Legends Of Latin Music"
- 6 REGINA KLENJOSKI DANCE COMPANY "Love Lies Waiting"
- 7 LATINO TENORS
- 7 BWF – KIM, EUNG HWA "Korean Traditional Dance" (10AM)
- 7 LATINO PLAYREADING SERIES (1PM)*
- 8 INSTRUMENTAL WOMEN "Lady Jazz"
- 9 BLAHA-TAYLOR-LEONARD PIANO TRIO
- 14 BWF – NATHAN STEIN "A Fisherman Out Of Water" (10AM)
- 14 ABOUT PRODUCTIONS "They Shoot Mexicans, Don't They?" (1PM)*
- 14 THIS IS BELLY DANCE!
- 15 LEGACIES: BASEBALL FROM FLATBUSH TO THE CITY OF ANGELS
- 20 FIESTA PERU Inca and Cambalache Negro
- 21 BWF – BREATHING FIRE PRODUCTIONS "The Adventures Of Mr. Coconut And The Flying Papaya Mobile" (10AM)
- 21 ABOUT PRODUCTIONS "They Shoot Mexicans, Don't They?" (1PM)*
- 21 JAZZ PILGRIMAGE 2004 Tribute to Alex Acuna
- 22 CLAYTON-HAMILTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA "Just Jazz" Concert #2
- 27 JON NAKAMATSU IN RECITAL
- 28 BWF – THE CHAMELEONS – "Adventures In Space" (10 AM)
- 28 REI AOO'S DANCE PLANET & SATORI DAIKO "Origins"
- 29 ORQUESTA LA MODERN TRADICION "To Havana with Love"

SEPTEMBER

CANTINFLAS FESTIVAL

- 1 Cantinflas film TBA
- 2 Cantinflas film TBA
- 3 "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956)
- 4 HERBERT SIGUENZA "Cantinflas"

- 5 BRAZILIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL 2004
- 10 CELTIC ARTS CENTER Solas
- 11 RANGOLI FOUNDATION FOR ART AND CULTURE "Planting a Sequoia"
- 12 MUSICA ANGELICA "New World Baroque"
- 13 CALDER QUARTET & CLAUDE FRANK
- 17&18 SONIDOS GITANOS/GYPSY FLAMENCO
- 19 CLAYTON-HAMILTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA "Just Jazz" Concert #3
- 24&25 BOLEROS UNDER THE STARS Trio Los Panchos
- 26 FIESTA MEXICANA

OCTOBER

- 1 & 2 AYI FLAMENCO WITH DOMINGO ORTEGA & COMPANY "Orfeo/Orpheus"
- 8 KIM, EUNG HWA KOREAN DANCE ACADEMY & SAMULNORI Traditional Korean Dance & Music
- 16 DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION
- 21-24 YUYACHKANI THEATRE COMPANY "Antigona/Antigone" *
- 28-31 MALAYERBA THEATRE COMPANY "Lazaro/Lazarus" *

Ford Amphitheatre 2004 Season
BREAKDOWN BY DISCIPLINE

N=denotes artist/organization new to the Ford

Classical Music & Pops

L.A. Jewish Symphony July 11 N
Alexander String Quartet July 12 N
West Hollywood Orchestra July 24
Opera Nova & The Verdi Chorus Aug 1 N
Blaha-Taylor-Leonard Piano Trio Aug 9 N
Latino Tenors August 7 N
Jon Nakamatsu Aug 27 N
Musica Angelica Sept 12
Calder Quartet & Claude Frank N (Frank only) Sept 13

Dance

Nannette Brodie Dance & Enoch Train June 5 N
Florincanto Dance Theatre with Quetzal June 11 & 12
Marta Carrasco June 25
Viver Brasil Dance Company June 26
Jazz Tap Ensemble July 2
I Am Cuba July 10 N
Pacifico Dance Company July 31
Regina Klenjoski Dance Company August 6 N
This Is Belly Dance! August 14
Rei Aoo's Dance Planet N (Rei Aoo only)
with Satori Daiko August 28
Rangoli Foundation for Art & Culture Sept 11
Sonidos Gitanos/Gypsy Flamenco Sept 17-18
Ay! Flamenco with Domingo Ortega & Co. Oct 1-2
Kim, Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy and Samulnori N
(Samulnori only) Oct 8

Family - Big!World!Fun! series

Enoch Train June 5 N
Journey Along the Lewis & Clark Trail June 12 N
The Wright Brothers: A Two-Man Musical June 26 N
Jazz Tap Ensemble & JTE Caravan Project July 3
Masanga Marimba Ensemble July 10 N
Ten Incarnations of Vishnu July 24
Belly Dance July 31
Traditional Korean Dance Aug 7
Fisherman Out of Water Aug 14 N
Adventures of Mr. Coconut Aug 21 N
The Chameleons Aug 28
Around the World in 80 Days (film) Sept 3

Film

Dance Camera West "The Red Shoes" June 16 N
The IFP Los Angeles Film Festival June 18-20
OUTFEST July 14-18
Cantiflas Film Festival Sept 1 - 3

Jazz

Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra June 27, Aug 22,
Sept 19 N
Instrumental Women Aug 8
Jazz Pilgrimage 2004 Aug 21

Theatre & Comedy

Latino Playreading Series June 5 – Aug 7
About Productions/ "They Shoot Mexicans." Aug 14 & 21
Legacies: Baseball from Flatbush to L.A. Aug 15 N
Herbert Siguenza "Cantiflas" Sept 4 N
Yuyachkani Company "Antigona/Antigone" Oct 21-24 N
Malayerba Company "Lazaro/Lazarus" Oct 28 – 31 N

World & Folk Music

Brazil, Women Sing for Life May 29
Quetzal with Florincanto June 5
Al-Andalus to Jerusalem: Levantine Festival June 13
Bluegrass at the Ford July 3
Fiesta Peru Aug 20
Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion Aug 29
Brazilian Summer Festival Sept 5
Celtic Arts Center with Solas Sept 10 N
Boleros Under the Stars Sept 24 & 25
Fiesta Mexicana Sept 26
Day of the Dead Celebration Oct 16