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HEROIC FOOD SERVED

Written by Luellen Renn & Photographed by Katie Hayden

A concept by chef Eric Park and Jonathan Kim, the team behind Silver Lake's Black Hogg, ROOTS and Sopressata – Hero Shop's sensibility merges impeccable flavors and accessibility, offering thoughtfully crafted bánh mì style heroes and rice bowls served at the convenience of a friendly neighborhood deli.

Decadently tasty, high quality meats like fatty brisket, BBQ pork, headcheese, chorizo or blood sausage are joined with crisp, vinegary carrots and daikon to deliver complete balance. It's all brought together with a slather of mayo, cilantro and jalapeño on a fresh French baguette.

Los Angeles native and New Yorktrained chef Park sees NYC as his mistress and appreciates the disparities and similarities of both his beloved cities. "Downtown LA is being infused with so much life and culture, and it seems like it is happening at light speed," says Park. "It feels so much like NYC when you walk down certain streets."

In New York, Park trained at famed restaurants the Spotted Pig and Eleven Madison Park; here he also acquired a love for street cart-style food, especially the "53rd and 6th Halal Lamb & Rice." Park felt LA's 6th Street also needed someone cooking up this food under its skyscrapers, so Wednesday through Saturday evenings everyone is welcome to taste NYC in DTLA at Hero Shop.

"When you look down 6th or Los Angeles Street you can tell there was so much history to this area, there's still so much going on now and it's very exciting to be a part of it," says Park. And seeing the old and new side by side, one might agree that while originals will always be adored, it sure is nice to have some new options to fall in love with.

To find out more, go to: heroshopla.com









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BAR JACKALOPE

THE WHISKEY DRINKER'S WHISKEY BAR

Written by Cleo Tobbi & Photographed by Alyse Gilbert

A group of five surround a small, black table in a corner booth of Bar Jackalope. Covering the table are two Sazeracs, two Old Fashioneds, a Japanese Highball, a few tulip glasses for tasting, and a box of Le Nez du Whisky. This aroma training tool, comprised of fifty-four tiny vials of concentrated scents, is worth a pretty penny and members of the group eagerly reach for various aromas to sniff. The group did not arrive at the bar bearing the box made for the aspiring whiskey connoisseur; Jackalope provides the tool for any customer wishing to train their olfactory senses.

"We focus on whiskey and education," says one of the only two bartenders of the intimate bar. Bar Jackalope is not the easiest bar to find in Downtown LA. People either stumble upon Jackalope or they learn of its secluded location from a friend.

The friend would have told them about Seven Grand, the cocktail bar above Mas Malo in the Jewelry District. They would have then instructed them to grab a quick drink or play some free pool in Seven Grand's taxidermy-denof-a-bar before making their way toward the back hall to find the inconspicuous entrance to Bar Jackalope. Finally, the friend would tell them to press the button located to the left of the humble doorframe and wait.

If the bar hasn't reached capacity, one of the bartenders will open the door to allow small parties to enter. The room holds no more than fifteen guests and many come to stay, sipping their amber-colored liquor until the tonic warms them. Entering Bar Jackalope is like discovering where the bar owner keeps his secret whiskey

stash. Brands ranging from Maker's Mark, to Elmer T. Lee, to Pappy Van Winkle line the bar containing over one hundred various bottles of nothing but bourbon, scotch and Irish and Japanese whiskey. The bar even carries a bottle of Yamazaki 25, which is one of ten bottles available in the US.

"WE FOCUS ON WHISKEY AND EDUCATION."

For guests who find themselves frequenting the clandestine LA bar, Jackalope offers the option of purchasing a bottle onsite and reserving it for their consumption only. This unique bottle service feature only further instills the intimacy of the place.

On nights where Seven Grand hosts live music, the sounds pipe through to Bar Jackalope. When the entertainment ends their set, artists like Miles Davis tune in to fill the void.

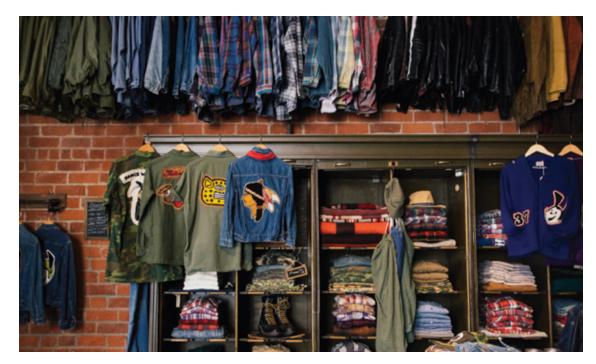
Naturally, where there is whiskey, there are cigars. Adding to the collection of whiskey and travel books in the center of the room, Bar Jackalope displays a column of cigars behind a glass case. Patrons can puff at their cigars outside on a private patio that overlooks Downtown. Here, even on a chilly night, the quality whiskey and intimate atmosphere warm the novice and aficionado alike.

To find out more, call (213) 614-0736 or go to: sevengrandbars.com



















LOT, STOCK & BARREL

IN STITCHES

Written by Janica De Guzman & Photographed by Alyse Gilbert

Lot, Stock & Barrel is a rad uncle's closet. From vintage concert t-shirts to letterman jackets, it's a marriage of car culture and vintage pieces sourced from East LA, Colorado, New Mexico or wherever co-owners Benjamin Phillips and Florence Tang can get first dibs on second hand items.

Directly across from The Pie Hole on Traction Ave, their industrial facade is easy to miss and often walked passed, but the intrepid downtowner can find themselves discovering a vintage clothing gem in the heart of the Arts District. Letterman jackets are displayed in dusty hues of oranges, yellows and navies across the wall — each jacket is restored with original buttons and branded with a striking chain stitch patch.

Each patch is designed and crafted by The Chain Gang whose members consist of East LA residents, OG Tommy D, Tul and Ed. With their experiences deeply rooted in car and bike culture, these men take pride in embellishing a jacket with chain-stitched emblems that represent a member's identity loyalty to their bike crew — these patches are not stitched for the sake of decor but rightfully earned. The Chain Gang uses 1940s Singer sewing machines whose hand crank and foot pedal technology hasn't changed since first being introduced in the early 1900s.

Always at the ready with a fridge full of beer, Lot, Stock & Barrel has a great vibe to shop for one of a kind, hand crafted fashion. Find them in the Arts District, hiding in plain sight.

To find out more, go to: lotstockandbarrel.com

LITTLE BEAR

A BELGIAN BEER CAFE

Written by Janica De Guzman & Photographed by Eslee

Little Bear brings American comfort to a Belgian bar. "We are the unofficial sports bar of the Art's District," says general manager, Pete Carrillo "during the World Cup, heads were peeking in through the window to get a glimpse of thegame — it was nuts."

Specializing in Belgian beer, dozens of bottles and taps line the illuminated bar making it a hoppy shrine of sovereignty. Four flat screen TVs hang above the fully stocked bar — and for European standards, that's taboo. The low-key atmosphere allows customer's eyes to volley between television sports highlights and casual conversation. The bar top is cluttered with amber colored beer in their respective glassware because local and imported Belgian style beers is the milk and honey of Little Bear. Serving an extensive selection of craft beers and a hearty menu of overindulgence, patrons leave in a tipsy food coma.

Sunday brunches are their busiest days.

Glorified chicken & waffles and gravy-drenched short ribs accompanied by a pint of St Archer White Ale, Sundays are suddenly a dieter's "cheat" day. But do not fear, in true DTLA artisanal fashion, "everything is made in house, everything except the ketchup and mustard," says Carillo.

Little Bear is a refined neighborhood bar that encompasses casual comfort with modern European flair. Bring a date, a buddy and a big appetite.

To find out more, go to: littlebearla.com







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THE PIE HOLE

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130 E 6th St heroshopla.com





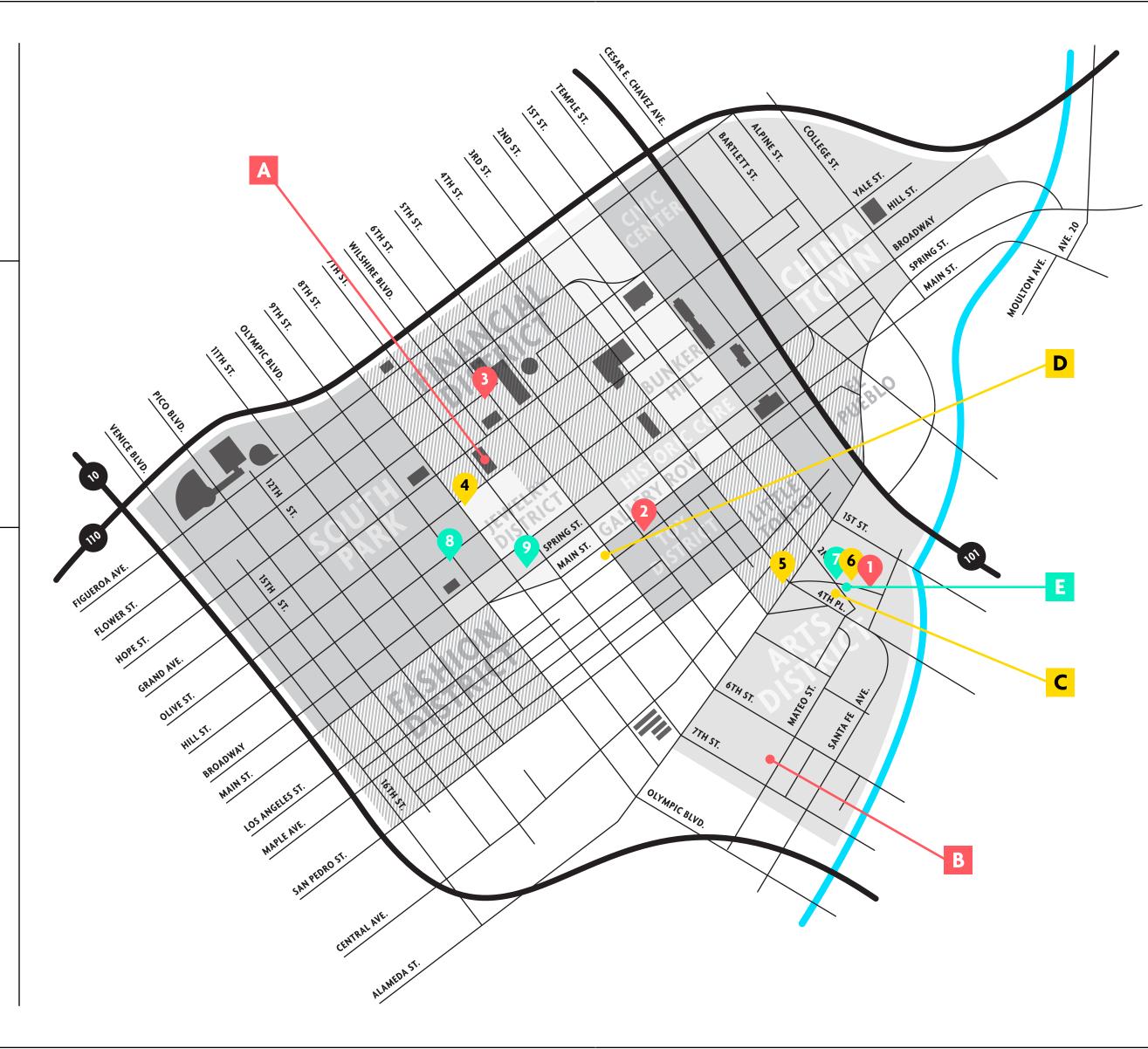
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DOWNTOWN FAVORITES



EAT DRINK AMERICANO

923 E 3rd S — eatdrinkamericano.com

Date night for foodies. New American gastropub serving a seasonal and locally grown menu. Juicy oxtail burgers, soft shell crab sandwiches, domestic artisan cheese accompanied with local beer and wine on tap.



KING EDDY'S

131 E 5th St — kingeddysaloon.com

Rubbing elbows with skid row, a trip to King Eddy's marks the beginning of an adventurous night. Was once Charles Bukowski's old stomping grounds where confessional prose was fueled by \$5 well drinks. King Eddy's Saloon is now revamped while keeping it's original 1970s grit.



LIBRARY BAR

630 W 6th St — librarybarla.com

The locals go-to gastropub for after work drinks, library voices discouraged. Books, booze and burgers check off the list for a chill night — and in a city as gourmet as DTLA, Library Bar serves up a competitive burger.



COLORI KITCHEN

429 W 8th St — colorikitchen.com

True hole in the wall Italian restaurant. Serving homemade tagliatelle, eggplant Parmesan and calamari steak - it's like going to an Italian mom's house for Sunday dinner. Make a reservation and BYOB, no corkage fee.



HONDA YA IZAKAYA

333 S Alameda St Ste 314 — izakayahondaya.com Yakitori is the heart and soul of Honda Ya Izakaya. Gather friends and use your hands to gnaw on savory skewers of grilled meats and seafood. Share a pitcher of beer, drop sake bombs in unison and watch meal time get a little more rowdy.



BLACKTOP COFFEE

826 E 3rd St — blacktop.la

Cold brew done right. Encouraged not to add sugar or cream, take it as it is and go about conquering the day. With a streamlined beverage menu, Blacktop Coffee quickly serves a solid cup of coffee and a revolving selection of baked goods.



APOLIS

806 3rd Street — apolisglobal.com

Shop in Zen. Equal parts fashion and social advocacy; stylish clothing and accessories fill the gallery-like space. Each piece tells their story, shining light onto the textile maker or it's sustainability. Regularly hosts keynote speakers and film screenings.



AUSTERE GALLERY 912 S Hill St — austere co

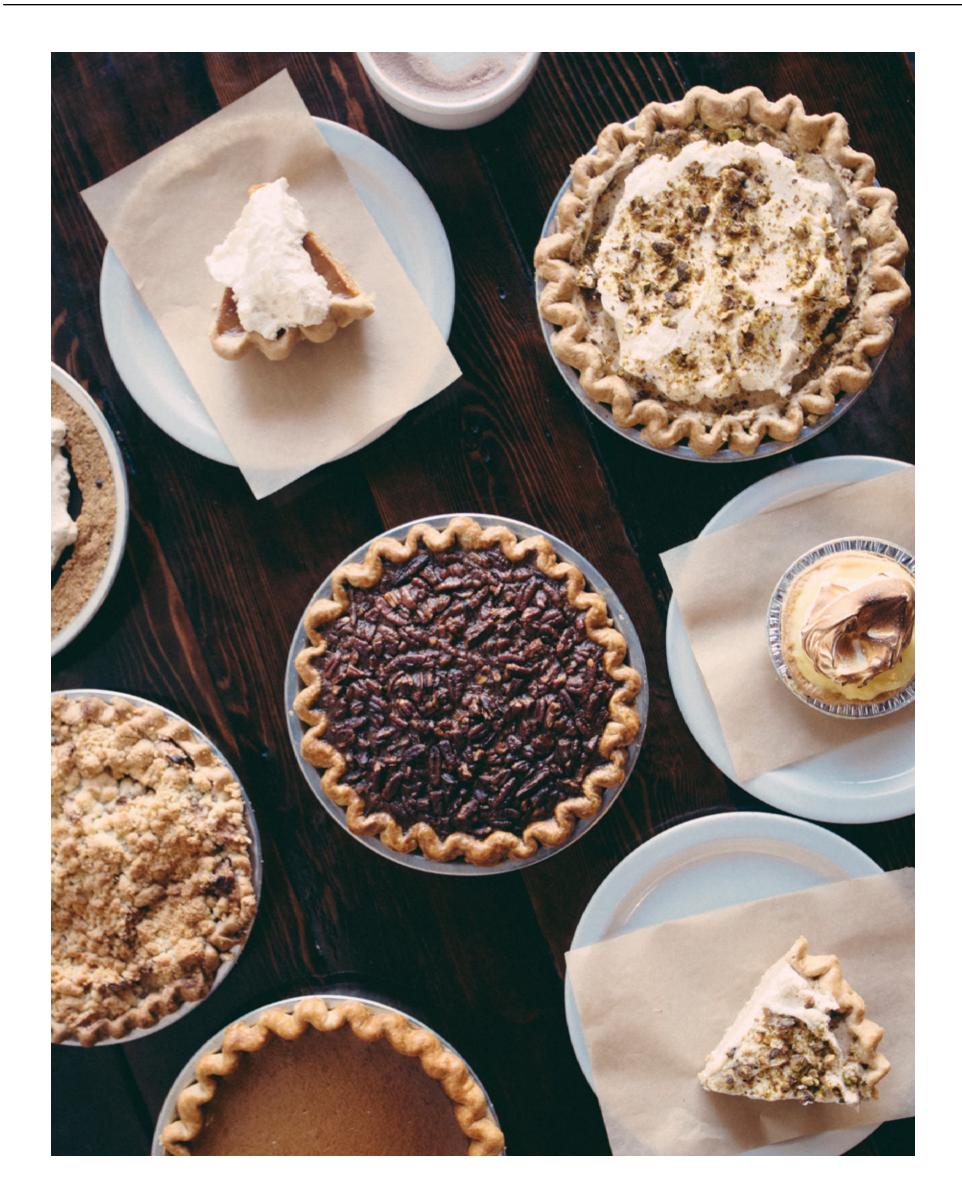
Scandinavia knows design. Part store and showroom that brings high gloss design magazine to life. From clothing, books, housewares and furniture — swoon over cutting edge and simple design.



SKINGRAFT

758 Spring St — skingraftdesigns.com
Behold the flagship store for bad ass leather goods. Tailored for men and women, Skingraft creates leather works of art. Their edgy and provocative collection ranges from trench coats to dresses.

Come by for a custom made piece and get draped villainous avant-grade apparel.



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THE PIE HOLE

GIVES THANKS TO DOWNTOWN

Written by Rayna Jensen & Photographed by Alyse Gilbert

Pie, like Thanksgiving, is a movable feast. It's formidable for a baked good, able to anchor strangers, small children, and entire families around a single table. One look around The Pie Hole, the Arts District's by-the-slice shop, is a testament to the pie's command: in line are kids in soccer jerseys, artists and actors and businessmen, all gathering for the same thing.

For shop founder Matt Heffner and his mother, Becky, they built their shop on a foundation of family tradition. Becky has won the New Jersey state fair seven times and her family has claim to a giant, multi-generational pie recipe book. If you want a peek at the family secret — sorry, it's locked in a safety deposit box in Switzerland. But you can still have a bite.

"THERE'S THIS TRANSFORMATIVE THING ABOUT PIE, IT JUST MAKES PEOPLES' DAYS BETTER."

One of the most-loved slices is the Maple Custard

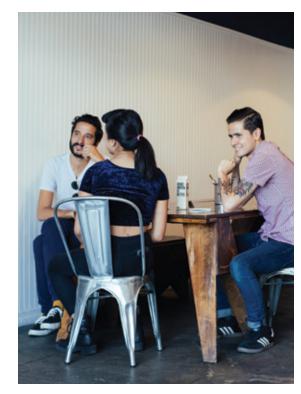
— a rich, creamy pie with a crisp sweetness that
tastes like the season LA always seems to skip.

Another to try, even if you've surpassed your pumpkin-flavored-everything quota by now, is Moe's Pumpkin, baked according to Matt's great-great grandmother's recipe. Despite its classic approach, The Pie Hole is far from basic — all the head chefs come from a fine dining background, and what you find here, you won't find anywhere else. Like the Mexican Chocolate, an almost-traditional pie warmed up with pasilla peppers, cinnamon and nutmeg, and topped with espresso whipped cream. Or the Earl Grey Pie, a bergamot-infused mousse atop a thin layer of dark chocolate, sprinkled with toasted pistachios. But the Pie Hole isn't just about sweet: they've also got hand pies, quiche, and savory pies.

"We've realized that there's this transformative thing about pie," Brennan says. "It just makes peoples' days better." Proof: the Pie Hole sold clean out of pies every single day the first six months they were open.

So stop by for a slice. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your impressive Instagram following. It's pie, so it goes without saying: everyone is welcome.

To find out more, go to: thepieholela.com





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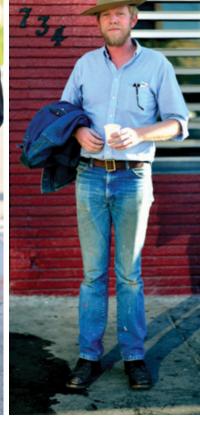
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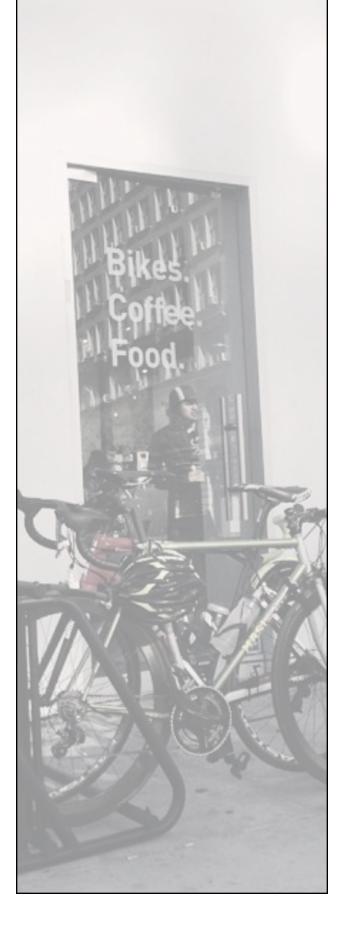
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LA DEPICTED:

THE ISLAND

Written by Cleo Tobbi & Illustrated by Christopher Chan

Public transportation is not Downtown's strong suit. While we have buses and a metro system, neither merit any noteworthiness about town. We clamor on about how the city's transportation should improve but little space allows such a rejuvenation. Perhaps the architects and city planners of Downtown would be wise to look upon Michael Bay's imagination in his 2005 sci-fi film, *The Island*.

The film begins its way to the climax when Lincoln Six Echo (Ewan McGregor) and Jordan Two Delta (Scarlett Johansson) flee their incubator of fantastical medical advancement and into the gritty and wild embrace of Downtown LA. While the statements made about society and our obsession with vanity and youth shine through the fictional world, the real take-away

from a Downtowner's perspective is found in one futuristic detail: suspended railways.

Forget the giant iPad desks, hovering motorcycles and mastery of cloning in Bay's 2019 utopia; Downtown LA gets a functional train system. Downtown can hardly fit the buses and amalgam of cars packing the streets so why not look to the skies for mobility? Outside of the brilliant rail system, Downtown LA does not see much else improvement in Bay's film. As the year 2019 approaches, the city actually has some time to get the suspended railway system in motion. Sure, it would cost billions of dollars, would be fairly dangerous to construct and would be years before anyone utilizes the inventive transportation, but damn if the idea doesn't tickle a Downtowner's imagination.

DOWNTOWN EVENT CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CHARLES CURTIS PERFORMS ALVIN LUCIER MOCA 250 S Grand Ave 3PM Curtis performs Slices, for cello and pre-recorded orchestra.	INDUSTRY NIGHT Spin Standard 550 South Flower St 8PM — 2AM ATTN local DTLA Industry folk! Mix and mingle over drink specials and share insider stories with your neighbors.	TUESDAY WINE TASTING SOCIAL Urban Radish 661 Imperial St 6PM — 9PM Meet your neighbor with over 300 hand picked wines at one of Downtown's best organic markets. (weekly)	Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave 12PM — 1PM Free yoga sessions designed to rejuvenate, and reenergize. Retreat into Grand Park bliss. (weekdays)	MARK MOTHERSBAUGH & MUTATO MUZIKA Rooftop at the Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 9PM — 2AM An evening of tableside magic to accompany Mothersbaugh's Musik For Insomniaks.	THE DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL The Regent Theater 448 S Main St 7PM An all star 2-day line up as the long-awaited Regent Theater finally opens it's walls to the public. Featuring Yacht and more!	SCREENING: WILDNESS MOCA 250 S Grand Ave 3PM Documentary set at the Silver Platter, home to Latin & LGBT immigrant communities since 1963.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SINFUL SUNDAYS The Varnish 118 E 6th St 9PM Speak easy, and she'll sing hard. Niki Lindgren sings cheeky songs from the '20s, '30s and '40s, with Ben Bromfield on the ivories. (weekly)	BLUE13 DANCE RESIDENCY PERFORMANCE Grand Park 200 North Grand Ave 12PM — 1PM A free, site-specific, interactive performance of Indian dance theater. (Playing until the 14th)	TURN TABLE TENNIS Spin Standard 550 South Flower St 9PM Doubles format, high stakes, winners get tickets to next year's Sasquatch Music Festival! By Red Bull Sound Select.	PINTS & PUNS COMEDY SHOW Angel City Brewery 216 S Alameda St 8PM — 10PM What did the local craft beer say to the not so local comic? (weekly)	THE ORIGINAL DRINK AND DRAW SOCIAL CLUB Casey's Irish Pub 613 S Grand Ave 8PM — CLOSE Confront your confounding creative block with a pen, paper, and pints. (weekly)	AERIALISTS W/ DJ JONNY ABRAHAMS The Edison 108 W 2nd St #101 9PM Aerialists dance through the heights of The Edison's Industrial Cathedral to a blend of yesterday's funk and soul.	ARTISTS & FLEAS 647 Mateo Street 11AM — 6PM Brooklyn flair in an LA Flea. This New York market rocks DTLA with a mash-up of vintage dealers, fresh designers and awesome food.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BABY KETTEN KARAOKE Rooftop at the Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 8PM From Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin to Beach House and 2 Chainz, this is karaoke that doesn't suck.	MUSTACHE MONDAYS La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St 9PM — 2AM Quirky local flavor and LGBTQ talent? It's going to be a late night. (weekly)	30 DAYS IN LA FEAT. REAL ESTATE The Belasco Theater 1050 S Hill St 8PM — 12AM Real Estate headlines one epic night curated by Red Bull Sound Select.	SAND BABES, THE VIOLET MINDFIELD AND THE VERUNA Ham n Eggs Tavern 216 S Alameda St 9PM — 2AM The hippest local show of the month with 3 of LA's most treasured bands.	Caña Rum Bar 714 W Olympic Blvd 9PM KCRW's Anthony Valadez spins Cumbia, Dub, Afrobeat, and just about anything else with heavy, unrelenting bass. Bring your dancing shoes. (weekly)	FKA TWIGS The Regent Theater 448 S Main St 7PM Engage the past and embrace the future as one of Pop's strongest new voices graces the stage of the recently restored Regent Theater.	KIDS CLUB THANKSGIVING MOSAIC WORKSHOP FIGat7th 735 S Figueroa St 2PM — 4PM Use ceramic bisque tile, beads, jewels and stones to create a bountiful design for your Thanksgiving table. Free!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
ODD MARKET Casa Vertigo 1828 Oak St 12PM — 5PM A stomping ground for unique handmade pieces from the world of Fashion, Jewelry, Art, Food & Music. (weekly)	MUSTACHE MONDAYS La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St 9PM — 2AM Quirky local flavor and LGBTQ talent? It's going to be a late night. (weekly)	TUESDAY WINE TASTING SOCIAL Urban Radish 661 Imperial St 6PM — 9PM Meet your neighbor with over 300 hand picked wines at one of Downtown's most chic organic markets. (weekly)	ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER Millennium Biltmore Hotel 506 S Grand Ave 12PM — 8PM Warm up and cherish your friends beneath the carved wood ceilings of the Rendezvous court.	THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER Fred Jordan Missions 455 Towne Ave 6:30AM — 11AM Roll up your sleeves and give to the less fortunate at one of DTLA's most treasured missions. Sign up online at www.fjm.org	ANGRY HOUR La Cita Bar 336 S Hill Street 4PM — 9PM Punk rock, cheap booze, and bad vibes! \$5 cover and free pizza. (weekly)	FOOD CLUSTER TRUCK Angel City Brewery 216 S Alameda St Five treasured food trucks are pitted against each other, who will be the Cluster Truck Champion? Either way you win! (monthly)
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DUBLAB VIBING TIME Rooftop at the Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 1PM Rooftop DJ Sets every Sunday Funday. Oh, and it's free. (weekly).	MUSTACHE MONDAYS La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St 9PM — 2AM Quirky local flavor and LGBTQ talent? It's going to be a late night. (weekly)	THE MAKERS IMPROVISED JAZZ Seven Grand 515 W 7th Street, #2 10PM Instrumental and Synth Jam Session (weekly)	PERISHING SQUARE FARMER'S MARKET 532 Olive Street 11:30AM — 2PM Produce, flowers, baked goods, good people and a calming atmosphere (weekly)	THE ORIGINAL DRINK AND DRAW SOCIAL CLUB Casey's Irish Pub 613 S Grand Ave 8PM — CLOSE Confront your confounding creative block with a pen, paper, and pints. (weekly)	ANGRY HOUR La Cita Bar 336 S Hill Street 4PM — 9PM Punk Rock, Cheap Booze, and Bad vibes! \$5 cover and free pizza. (weekly)	ARTS DISTRICT FLEA MARKET 453 Colyton Street 11AM — 7PM Etsy in real life! (Open Friday, Saturday, & Sunday weekly)







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