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IN LOS ANGELES 2024

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WHAT'S POPPING UP

A Philippe's Pizza and Sticky Ribs From BBQ Queen Winnie Yee

BY MICHELE STUEVEN

Local BBQ goddess Chef Winnie Yee has teamed up with Lee Kum Kee, the Asian sauce and condiment maker, to debut a limited-time holiday BBQ dish, Sticky Pork Ribs with Chili Crisp Cranberry Glaze. Featuring a bold fusion of smoky barbecue and Asian-inspired flavor, the fall-off-the-bone ribs pack a fiery punch with Lee Kum Kee's Chili Crisp Oil and a tangy sweetness of traditional holiday cranberry glaze. The limited-time menu creation will be exclusively available through the end of the year at Smoke Queen Barbecue in Garden Grove at \$24 for a half rack.

For December, LaSorted's in Chinatown is collaborating with neighborhood pals at Philippe's on a special pizza, a round, thick-crust Sicilian dough topped with mozzarella, provolone, parmesan,

and Philippe's legendary roast beef and mustard, plus their au jus for dipping. It's the same special pizza served exclusively at the Family Style Food Festival, available for both dine-in and take-out, at \$8 per slice and \$48 for a whole pie (8 slices). LaSorted's will be closed Christmas and Christmas Eve and open New Year's Day.

Lucky Strike has opened at the Beverly Center with 22 bowling lanes, more than 60 arcade games, and a chic ambience that blends Old Hollywood glamour with a modern twist. The venue also features an elevated food and beverage menu created in partnership with the popular Mike's Hot Honey brand that includes Mike's Hot Honey Chicken Sandwich, Mike's Hot Honey Pepperoni Pizza, Firecracker Shrimp Bao Buns, and Moroccan Steak Bowls as well as a colorful cocktail lineup. [A]

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Chef Winnie Yee

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LaSorteds Chinatown Philippes Collab Pie Slice

COURTESY TOMMY BROCKERT

HOLIDAY EVENT GUIDE 2024

BY ERIN MAXWELL

While Los Angeles might not have all of the fun winter activities that most of the country has to offer like wintry weather, snowy sports, and seasonal depression, that doesn't mean it can't keep up when it comes to celebrating the holiday season. From sweet holiday puppet shows for the wee ones to freaky Xmas-themed productions for the weird ones, the City of Angels has a little something for everyone during the Yuletide season. Here are but a few suggestions one can do with family, friends, and partners in the upcoming weeks.



COURTESY BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER

BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER PRESENTS: HOLIDAY ON STRINGS

Take the little ones for a spectacular tour of the holidays throughout the galaxy as the wonderful folks at Bob Baker Marionette Theater use their enchanted puppets to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and everything the joyous holiday season has to offer. Featuring a bevy of unusual and imaginative stringed creations in an hour-long interactive show, Bob Baker's troupe of musical marionettes will delight the family with a magical, seasonal holiday joyride. A unique Los Angeles tradition from the longest running puppet theater in the country, Bob Baker's musical marionettes always makes the season a bit more merry.

4949 York Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90042

bobbakermarionettetheater.com

Open now until Jan. 12. Tickets are \$25+. Ages 2 and under get in for free. Check the website for times and dates. A sensory-friendly version of the show is available.

HOLIDAYS AT THE ORIGINAL FARMERS MARKET



COURTESY THE ORIGINAL FARMERS MARKET

Since 1934, the Original Farmers Market has been a focal point of Los Angeles, and during the holidays, there is a little something for everyone at this shopping mecca. The landmark where your bubbe once shopped for apples offers fun events for every family throughout December, including a Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree holiday celebration, a Chanukah Celebration on the Market Plaza, traditional Yuletide Caroling, Menorah lighting, and more. Get your holiday shopping done early for once while enjoying the sights and sounds of the season, provided by the good folks of the Original Farmers Market.

6333 W. Third Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90036

farmersmarketla.com/events

Free to all. 90-minute parking validation provided with merchant purchase. Please check the website for the schedule of events.



COURTESY ANDREA D'AGOSTO



WEST HOLLYWOOD'S SUNSET MARQUIS HOTEL & VILLAS: HOLIDAY OFFERINGS AT CAVATINA

Sunset Marquis Hotel & Villas welcomes weary travelers, merry locals and festive food enthusiasts looking to celebrate the holiday with a scintillating array of food and drink. Executive Chef Luis Morales shares a special curated menu of delicious dishes and creative cocktails available at the Marquis's signature restaurant Cavatina on Christmas Day. The fine dining feast is offered with a selection of special wine pairings and gourmet upgrades for those who wish to enhance the culinary experience. Don't let the frenzied anxiety of cooking ruin your holiday experience. Sit, unwind and enjoy the holiday while indulging the senses with a haute cuisine from Executive Chef Luis Morales and the Sunset Marquis.

Book now for reservations on Dec. 25: opentable.com/cavatina-at-sunset-marquis. Or call for reservations at 10.358.3759. Available on Dec. 25 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. Prices start at \$125 for adults and \$65 for children 12 and under. **Reservations are required.**

1200 Alta Loma Rd, West Hollywood, CA 90069 | sunsetmarquis.com/cavatina-restaurant/christmas-day



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ENCHANTED FOREST OF LIGHT AT THE DESCANSO GARDENS

It might not snow in the City of Angels, but it certainly shines thanks to the Descanso Gardens and their annual Enchanted Forest of Light. At night, the iconic garden transforms into a shimmering, glittery garden of breathtaking luminous beauty as light and music are used to create imaginative installations that turn every corner into radiant art. Featuring brilliant displays that dazzle as well as imaginative interactive activities and a full menu of mouthwatering morsels to fuel any traveler, the Enchanted Forest of Light is an annual tradition that continues to light up the night and the lives of Angelenos.

1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011 | descansogardens.org

Open now until Jan. 5. Open 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., closed Dec. 24 and 25. Ticket pricing is dynamic and will vary based on the day, time and membership level. Adult ticket prices are \$22 to \$45 (non-members). Children's ticket prices (ages 2-12) \$17- to \$30 (non-members).

HOLIDAY ROAD IN CALABASAS

Hit the road with the Holiday Road, an immersive holiday experience featuring larger than life installations that aim to impress and astonish. The holidays come alive in brilliant light displays that recreate touching, nostalgic moments from the past and gorgeous lantern art that depict brilliant exhibits of electric art. Also featuring a walking trail of dazzling lights, a chance to meet Santa and his crew, food trucks a plenty, and dozens upon dozens of picture perfect opportunities to share with friends, the Holiday Road celebrates the season the only way Los Angeles knows how: in a glittery, eye-catching extravaganza of fun.

King Gillette Ranch, 26800 West Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302

holidayroadusa.com

Open now until Dec. 28 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Designated time slots for entry start at 5 p.m. for every 30 minutes and end at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$24.99. Prices vary depending on day and time. Children 2 years and under are free. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly recommended. Please check the website for availability and details.

PERSHING SQUARE HOLIDAY ICE SKATING RINK

Just moved from the East Coast and miss cold weather activities? No worries. We got you covered. If wintertime just isn't wintertime without a few quality hours on the ice, then perhaps an hour or two at the Pershing Square Holiday Ice Skating Rink will help. Featuring outdoor ice skating in the beating heart of downtown Los Angeles, this seasonal hotspot (coldspot?) is not just the chance to show off your flip jumps, but also offers special events such as Wicked Wednesdays for musical lovers, DJ spotlight skates on Thursdays, classical music on Sundays, and limited "Learn to Curl" sessions hosted by the Hollywood Curling Club! In a city where shorts and t-shirts are perfectly acceptable attire in the middle of December, it's nice to know that outdoor winter activities such as ice skating still can become an annual family tradition.



COURTESY RED APPLE PHOTOGRAPHY

532 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013 | holidayicerinkdowntownla.com

Open now until Jan. 12; General admission is \$20; prices include skate rental. Curling sessions are \$25 per person; availability is limited. Hours and times vary by day and are subject to change. Please check the website for times and dates.

HOLIDAY NIGHTMARE FUEL

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@ZombieJoes & @UrbanDeath_ZJU
ZombieJoes.com
\$20 Tix at ZombieJoes.Tix.Com
\$25 at the Door

COURTESY ZOMBIE JOE'S UNDERGROUND THEATRE

L.A. ZOO LIGHTS: ANIMALS AGLOW

A magical nighttime event for animals of all shapes, sizes and ages, the Los Angeles Zoo opens its doors to dazzle and delight Angelenos with its immersive landscape of lantern sculptures. Featuring all-new displays to thrill the senses, the event features fun themed nights including Ugly Holiday Sweater Happy Hour with a special cocktail menu, Pride Night, and Holiday Pajama Weekend, just to name a few. Bring family and friends to celebrate the season with favorite nocturnal creatures, human and otherwise.

5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027

lazoo.org/plan-your-visit/special-experiences/zoolights

Open now until Jan. 5. Closed on Dec. 24 and 25. Open 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$29 for adults (non-members), \$18 for children (non-members). Prices may vary depending on date and event. A sensory-friendly version of the show and free parking is available. Please check the website for details, including VIP pricing, membership information, discounts, and availability.



COURTESY JAMIE PHAM/GLAZA

LOS ANGELES BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER



COURTESY CHERYL MANN PHOTOGRAPHY

Join young Clara as she journeys to the Land of Snow and the Palace of the Dolls in the Los Angeles Ballet rendition of the classic holiday performance of The Nutcracker. The dance troupe will perform Tchaikovsky's celebrated seasonal favorite at assorted venues across Los Angeles and the surrounding areas, giving music lovers of all ages the chance to witness the magic of the Toy Soldiers as they come to life to battle the Mouse King. As dancers glide to a musical score that has delighted Christmas audiences for over 100 years, now is the time to make The Nutcracker an annual part of your family's holiday tradition.

Los Angeles Ballet's The Nutcracker will tour to assorted venues across Los Angeles, including the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Royce Hall at UCLA and the Dolby Theatre, where they will perform with the Los Angeles Ballet Orchestra.

losangelesballet.org/2024-2025-season/the-nutcracker

Performances begin Dec. 6 until Dec. 28. Prices of tickets vary due to date, venue and seating. Availability and pricing are subject to change. Please check the website for details.

WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR HOLLYWOOD – HOLIDAYS MADE HERE

Gilmore Girls fans have a reason to rejoice as the quaint little town of Stars Hollow gets a holiday makeover as part of a new annual Christmas tradition in the Warner Bros. Studio Tour. Nab a hot cup of coffee from Luke's Diner as you walk across the town center, retracing the steps of Lorelai and Rory as you visit the town's storybook gazebo and landmark business such as Kim's Antiques and Doose's Market. You can even say hello to the iconic Bjork Snowman. A holiday tribute to the show on its 25th anniversary, *Gilmore Girls* fans can also partake in costume meetups in front of Stars Hollow High School, trivia games, cookie decorating and more. Holidays Made Here event is part of any tour ticket, which also includes an extensive tour of the historic backlot, a chance to get up close to props from famous films, and visits to the sets of *Friends*, as well as beloved Christmas movies, *Batman Returns* and *Gremlins*. (Yes. Those count as Christmas movies.)



COURTESY WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR HOLLYWOOD

3400 Warner Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505

wbstudiotour.com/tickets

Holidays Made Here is part of the WB Studio tour from Dec. 18 through Jan. 5, 2025; Tour is closed on Christmas Day. Tours start from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. Ticket prices start at \$73 for adult, non-residents. Please check the website for prices, various packages, and availability.

KNOTT'S MERRY FARM

Knott's Berry Farm wants you to have a "berry, merry Christmas" by offering their special offering of down-home food, shows, and attractions that celebrates the Yuletide season and the holiday spirit. Inspired by winter wonderland decor, the entire park is turned into a wonderland as sounds of Christmas music fills the airwaves and smells of holiday goodies tickle the senses. The town of Calico is given a Christmas makeover as vendors sell their seasonal wares while guests catch a glimpse of Saint Nick at home. After sundown, the entire park partakes in a nightly Christmas tree lighting ceremony to welcome the winter season.



COURTESY KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

8039 Beach Boulevard,
Buena Park, CA 90620

knotts.com/events/merry-farm

Open now until Jan. 5; 10 am until 10 pm. Ticket pricing is dynamic and will vary based on the day of admission. Average ticket price is \$79.99 for a single day admission. Check the website for various deals and packages.

YULETIDE CINEMALAND: A HOLIDAY SERIES AT HERITAGE SQUARE

Christmas movies, food trucks, and sing-alongs, oh my! This holiday season, Street Food Cinema and TIL Events help raise spirits with their Yuletide Cinemaland, a winter wonderland for cinephiles that offers a holiday double feature along with a half a dozen of festive activities at the historic Heritage Square Museum. Set among the many Victorian homes, food trucks overwhelm the senses with edible delights as festive activities include outdoor vendors, photo ops, ugly holiday sweater contests, Christmas cocktails for the over-21 kids, and a chance to meet Santa for the wee ones. End the night with a double feature of holiday favorites. Combine your love of movies with the holiday season for a joyful night out under the stars.



COURTESY JAMIE PHAM/GLAZA

3545 Pasadena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90031

streetfoodcinema.com/schedule/yuletide-cinemaland-2024

Open now until Dec. 23. Tickets are \$34 for adults, \$18 for children. Free for children age 5 and younger. General admission parking is \$22.99 per car, VIP parking is \$32.99 per car. Please check the website for the full schedule of films, food trucks and vendors.

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Whether you're searching for the perfect present or simply looking to treat yourself, we've curated a selection of unique finds to make your season merry and bright. From bee-inspired treasures to state-of-the-art coffee makers, this guide has something for everyone on your list. Plus, explore creative job opportunities to keep your holiday budget merry and bright. Unwrap the best of the season and make this holiday unforgettable!

COMPAGNIE DE PROVENCE

Lather up in style! To celebrate 25 years of iconic French suds, Compagnie de Provence is back with a limited-edition collection that's très chic. A mini spa day in a bottle that smells as good as it looks.

Limited Edition Marseille Soaps, \$33

cieluxe.com



IT'S ALL ABOUT BEES

From the hive to your home, this third-generation, family-owned store in Nebraska brings you everything bee. With over 25 honey varieties, skin-loving bee-based skincare, clean-burning beeswax candles, and specialty foods like honey mustard and BBQ sauce, they've got your honey-covered needs. Perfect for the nature lover who values sustainability and natural ingredients.

Bee-Based Goodies, starting at \$5

itsallaboutbees.com



WABILOGIC

If you're tired of everything, this is one hell of a way to wake up! Easily the prettiest coffee maker we've ever seen, Wabilogic is the end-all-be-all of kitchen gadgets in terms of use and aesthetic. Created for versatility and convenience, it has everything from settings for adjustable coffee strength, dual heating systems, a 180° swivel dashboard to make it fit anywhere you need it to, and the signature Melitta Vision 12-cup borosilicate glass carafe and lid.

Melitta Vision 12-Cup Coffee Maker
- \$309.99
(currently on sale for \$199.99)

wabilogic.com

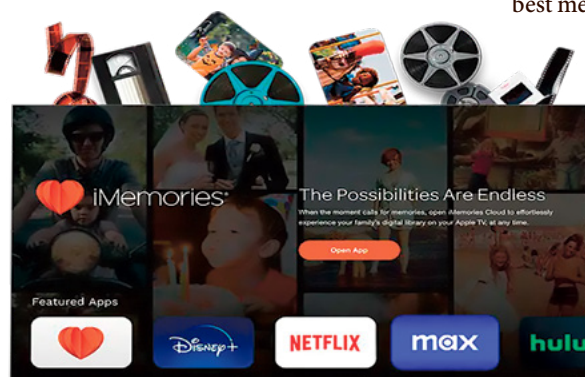


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Sexyjobs offers many work from home gigs in the SoCal area and beyond. Many of the jobs on Sexyjobs pay weekly so you can start earning money right away.

Sexyjobs is always FREE for Jobseekers!

Are you short staffed this holiday season and need to hire? Sexyjobs has the best deals on the web! From Beautiful promo models, Bar and Club staff for holiday parties to Dancers and Mainstream gigs. If



you're an employer you'll find comfort for your hiring budget and joy for your staffing needs. Check out the original alternative job board since 1998, Sexyjobs.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! | sexyjobs.com.com

CULTURE

THE BEST PARTIES IN LOS ANGELES 2024

BY MARK STEFANOS

When the temperature drops and early afternoon shadows creep longer this time of year, we're reminded that LA can be a cold and lonely place. But shorter days mean longer nights, and crisp air makes a sweaty dancefloor all the more inviting. This was a landmark year for the best parties in Los Angeles — these boogies can turn a sprawling, anti-social megacity into one brimming with community and energy. Sometimes you just need bass shaking your brain and some nerd dancing too hard next to you to really feel something.

Our focus this year remains on the DIY scene, which still offers the best nightlife value you can find. It's easy to overlook the amount of effort needed to throw a DIY party, let alone a good one. Keep in mind that the DJs, artists, producers and chefs that throw them are literally hosting a giant party from scratch. By their sheer force of will, they're building thriving communities and making LA a top-tier nightlife city, brick by brick.

It would be a damn dirty shame if a city of this size and stature shut down at 2, and thankfully it doesn't. This year we included a few late-night staples of the scene that exemplify LA's unruly and entrepreneurial spirit, which help us celebrate life's finer things (read: a rumbling, sweaty warehouse). They are a bedrock of our music and party culture, and some of the most

fun you can have.

All the parties this year had that *je ne sais quoi* that made them rise from being great to ones you had to go to every time. But of the stuff we can quantify, the best ones delivered with consistency and frequency: excellent music, production, and upbeat and welcoming crowds. Our pockets are a little lighter this year, so thankfully none of these parties break the bank. And we like non-exclusive parties where anyone can go and have a good time, including your nerdy correspondent who sometimes dances a little too hard (sorry if I bumped you).

We don't have enough space to honor all the parties worth recognizing and we can only go to so many. Please let us know on Instagram which ones we missed.

Then grab your dancing shoes, your loud friends and finish your McNuggets, because the Uber's almost here — it's time to go to the best parties in Los Angeles in 2024.

Pangea Sound by Falcons, SuperNova, Joaquin and Sleepy Joe



Pangea Sound

COURTESY ANDREW VALDIVIA @DUHHHITSDREW



COURTESY LIGHTS DOWN LOW

Pangea Sound has become a cornerstone of the LA scene. The team is made up of DJs of different backgrounds who individually have been showing us how to get down for years. While our foggy memory recalls a pre-pandemic Pangea, they tell us Pangea Sound was birthed in earnest the Saturday right after LA opened from lockdown in 2021, and since then has been locked in and consistent, filling up larger and larger venues. "I think we all love to share our story through music and explore new sounds that our demographic hasn't heard yet. Disrupting the norm has been our best success!" Falcons, co-creator and DJ, tells us.

Pangea, of course, is what we call the one big supercontinent before the continental drift that split us apart hundreds of millions of years ago, and the party reflects that ethos. "Pangea is truly about inclusivity. We welcome people from all walks of life. Musically, we love different sounds that keep the energy high while giving our community something new to embrace." SuperNova, co-creator and DJ, told us. To that end, Pangea really delivers a global sound, where you can regularly hear a mish-mash of Afrobeats, Ama-

piano, Miami Bass, Jersey Club, Latin, Cumbia, Dancehall and more.

We went to several Pangea day-to-night-parties this year that featured a large, nonstop outdoor dancefloor with great DJs, and a wide warehouse with food, drinks, vendors and lounges to kick it when your feet got tired.

Looking ahead, Falcons says we can expect Pangea parties to "continue to feel like a new experience every time, crazier headlin-

ers and tons of variety in vibes. Maybe some music on the way too." SuperNova tells us to expect Pangea on bigger stages, and that he'll "continue to be a sponge: there is so much music and culture to explore and learn from."

pangeasound.co | @pangeasound

Lights Down Low by Corey Sizemore and Richie Panic

Lights Down Low has been a mainstay of the late-night scene for as far back as we can remember, and they've always put on great parties. But this year they took our fomo to a whole new level, bringing world-class DJs to the liberated warehouse scene.

We're talking — "Five nights of Jamie xx, drum and bass legend Goldie, the LA premier of everyone's favorite band Fcukers, our infamous Rave to the Grave party where Dom Dolla, Tiga, and Skream all played back to back, a free party with Caribou to celebrate their Shrine show, two of our favorite DJs DOSS and Chloé Caillet and our NYE show with Eris Drew and LSDXOXO," co-founders and DJs Corey Sizemore and Richie Panic reminded us. All at some of the best venues in the city. Holy moly.

Birthed in San Francisco 18 years ago, the founders got sick of the "culture clash with the tech professionals sucking the fun out of things" and eventually abandoned ship and headed south.

So what's the secret to throwing great parties for nearly two decades that only get better? Their "roving" party means they're able to tailor each one to the vibe they want to bring. And you've got to be true believers who really love it — "Our parties are a slice of hedonistic randomness fed into the open mouth of a hungry and exciting city. We are fans of all the DJs and artists and people that come out. We want to hang with them all and have the best time. We love to get lost in the music and find a respite from a city that is all at once the most beautiful place in the world but also demands a lot back. If you can lose yourself in a dance floor for a few hours a week, you can be ready for whatever life has to offer. Or you could say we love a pro-





Capicúa

COURTESY KARIM EL ALFY



COURTESY HARDLY HOME

Capicúa is a family affair. It's become a ritual for LA Caribbean hermanos, primos, tías y tios looking to enjoy authentic cuisine over a game of dominoes, have a cocktail, and move their hips to bachata, merengue, dembow, reggaeton and salsa.

Chef Vic Ramos started cooking as a youngster, eventually going to culinary school and working in restaurants before founding his catering business. Capicúa launched as a party at a park, which then blew up

and moved to The Friend in Silverlake, which also blew up and had to be turned into a larger thing, landing most often this year at the lovely indoor/outdoor High Tide downtown. They've been going strong once a month for well over two years now.

In our Instagram coverage, stressless15 wrote: "Tell em what Capicúa means Vic! It's when in the game of dominoes you have the game on both sides on lock! Which is what u got going on right now bro!" That felt just about right.

Altogether, it's one of most finely curated, warm and delicioso parties in LA. Expect bigger venues and all sorts of variations of the format looking ahead. @capicua_la

Hardly Home by Waseel

With all the sun, fun, and nice, good-looking people in this city, being Hardly

Home is an idea we can really get behind.

Launching in May 2023 at The Continental Club downtown, Hardly Home has quickly grown into an umbrella brand for massive parties, including the both-floor nighttime takeover of Los Globos called Play Hard, and a year end day-to-night block party that was one for the books, bringing out a lineup of performances from 4Batz, Smino, Buddy, P-Lo, West-side Boogie, Kal Banx, Anastazja, Chuck English and over 4,000 party goers.

With the tagline "Connecting flights through music," Hardly Home grew organically. Along with City James (rapper, director and artist), VIVALATINA (artist, video producer and DJ), KAZADI (DJ), Plexas (video producer and marketing), and Jayellz (artist and entrepreneur), founder Waseel has tapped into the moment, delivering rambunctious affairs where you can vibe to rap, RnB and all sorts of dance music with a great crowd.

Sparked by his Palestinian roots, Waseel tells us he, "started DJing when I was 13 after watching a family friend DJ in his garage during an Eid dinner party." Coming up, we can expect a broader spectrum of events, including release parties, brand activations, block parties, charity drives, and more, both locally and globally.

Waseel says, "The party is very special and important to me because it's transforming into more than just a party. It's turning into its own living thing, powered by our audience and their support. It makes me really think about what more we can do to diversify ourselves in the pursuit of bringing more people together."@hardlyeverhome

Blind Tiger's Nightshift by BINGEWATCH, Jenessa Acosta and Nicholas Troiano

"IT'S TIME TO CLOCK IN TO YOUR NIGHTSHIFT" — Yes, boss, we are ready to get cooking.

Blind Tiger is an artist collective founded in late 2020 by CEO BINGEWATCH, and later expanded into a team and larger event series by the summer of 2021. Nightshift is their nightly — yes, seven days a week — afterhours that has awesome sound, an excellent dance floor, and a consistently satisfying dark and sexy vibe. They showcase the best of underground house, defined by "a strong underlying bass groove, paired with a relentless 4x4 beat is the backbone of the whole night," and feature big-name vets, secret guests and up-and-coming DJs alike.

"It's a place to express ourselves as artists, follow our dreams, engage with our community, and work within the industry all at the same time. Music is our passion and these events give people a place to experience some of the best house music in Los Angeles and beyond," they tell us.

Although it's not at an expansive warehouse, the dancefloor is deceptively ample

fessional freak out."

Next year they'll continue to keep the playfulness alive and tell us they may have a few tricks up their sleeve. With parties like LDL in our city, you just can't help but turn into a nocturnal degenerate.

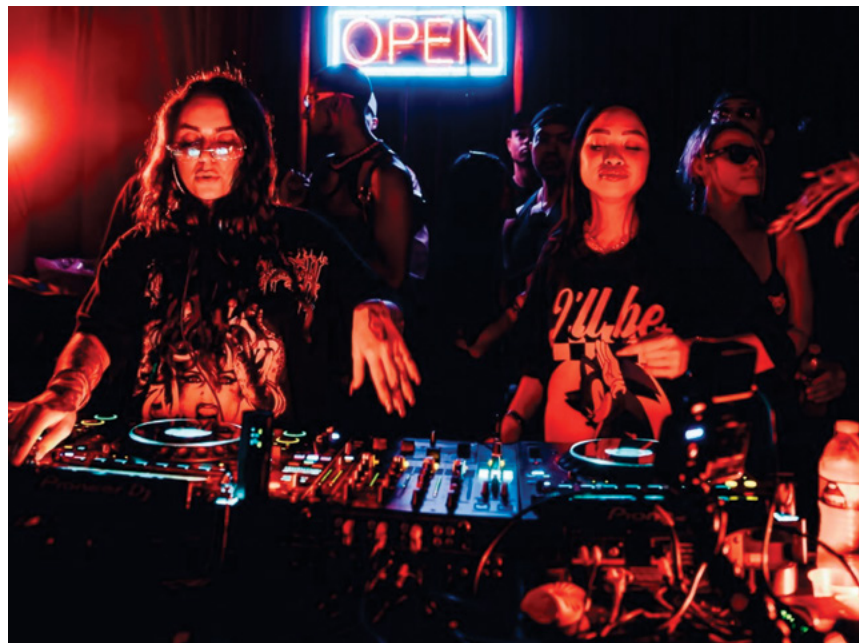
"At the end of the day Lights Down Low is a vision shared by 2 people brought to life by many, and sustained by an incredible crowd of robust party maniacs, late-night freaks, and crazy dancers," they tell us. To many of us, that sounds like home.

lightsdownlow.com | @lights_down_low

Capicúa by Chef Vic Ramos and Massiel Muñoz

Those of us who hate socializing on an empty stomach are constantly asking — how can you have a party without food? LA native Chef Vic Ramos has flipped the question on its head — why have a food event if you can't turn it into a banger party?

His answer is Capicúa: part food pop-up, part dance party, and a fulltime celebration of all things Dominican and Puerto Rican. Co-created with his cousin Massiel Muñoz,



Nightshift

COURTESY @HI.GUNPOWDER



DJs Myyuh and Carmen Sandiego of Haza Party



COURTESY JIREH DENG

Haddad of MJLS

It's crazy to think that just five years ago, consistent large-scale Arabic music parties were virtually unheard of in L.A. These days we are blessed with all kinds of Arabic celebrations that share with us why the culture cooked up in the cradle of civiliza-

COURTESY SAM BURRISS

tion is universally enjoyable.

This year two touring parties stood out as the new must-go Arabic events — Haza Party of New York and Ya Tab Tab Night from Canada. With the help of LA-based Karla Haddad of her independent promotion house MJLS, these two parties were must-gos for those looking to dance to some tabla. We love frequency, so while each party was only here twice, together they were able to keep our dabke desires satisfied (satisfied but not really full, you know? Hurry back y'all.)

"We focus on playing Arab, Asian, and African dance music. This is very much a diaspora dance party, giving a space for people to connect not only with the music that reminds them of wherever they call home, but to also connect with each other on the dance floor. We often see the same people return over and over again for this reason," DJs Myyuh and Carmen Sandiego tell us about Haza Party.

"Haza means shake, literally in Arabic, a name we chose because we wanted people to feel encouraged to express themselves through dance. The name also mirrors the meaning we hold true for ourselves with this party, being that it allows us a space to express ourselves as artists and release our own energy through our craft as DJs," the two DJs of Egyptian descent explained.

Ya Tab Tab Night started in Canada, helmed by Palestinian creative director Akram Hamdan and Lebanese DJ and producer Rami Nassif. "We bonded over our shared obsession with Arabic pop culture and humor. A few years ago, the only places you would hear mainstream Arabic music was at weddings, cultural events, or restaurants but never in a club. On a personal level, we just wanted a place to dance to the music we like with our friends. So we hosted what we thought would be our



Heat Check's founders

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and dense enough to feel almost endless at peak hours.

In 2025, expect the Blind Tiger collective to deliver bigger monthly showcases, not only in L.A., but as a series of pop-up events across America and outside the country. "We plan to launch an official Blind Tiger record label and a Nightshift

Edit & Remix Sound-Cloud channel, and you can also expect a bigger merch and product line available soon." Upcoming, they will be hosting BT Garage here in LA on Dec. 28, will be at the Ocaso Festival pre-party in Costa Rica on Jan. 30, 2025, and Miami Music Week in March.

The team behind Nightshift has discovered the formula: just be really good every night and people will keep coming. Count us in, again and again and again.

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Heat Check by Jorden Smooth, Ozzy Oz & Mana Moves

We have a great late-night scene in L.A., but it's always been a bit lopsided, mostly featuring electronic music. In just about a year, Heat Check has

stepped in and filled the void with epic events featuring "Melanated Music" — a term they've coined that includes hip hop, RnB, Afrobeats, Amapiano, Latin Funk, baile, dance hall, Jersey Club, UK Garage, and many others.

But it's not just a great standard late affair — it's also an elaborate and meticu-

lously produced, fully-immersive experience. We're talking great DJs and a giant dance floor, but also vendors, fire dancers, art paintings, you name it. In basically a year, they've created a whole new layer to the scene, growing from venues with 350 capacity to ones with space for 1,500.

"It started with identifying the lack of representation of global rhythmic sound & Afro-centric celebration in the late-night space. Next, it evolved into a thirst for elevating the traditional dance party, wanting to incorporate art & culture into the production to pair with the music," founders Jorden Smooth, Ozzy Oz & Mana Moves tell us.

"Our goal was to create a safe space where nothing is bound by color or gender, a place that drives creativity and time has no construct. Your only social currency is presence and energy, there's no hierarchy of social status or financial prowess. Where no one's a VIP 'cause if you're here, you ARE a VIP."

Themed events this year included Coachella, "Art Basel in LA," Art Basel Miami, Juneteenth, Rolling Loud after party, BET Weekend and Cinco de Fuego. And we can expect a lot more coming up from their ambitious founders — more late-night events but also earlier ones, charity events, a new YouTube channel/podcast "Heat Check Radio" and other live stream experiences they plan to launch. Keep a lookout on their socials for a NYE bash.

Now that they've been established as a vital organ of our nightlife, we'll be prepping for the Heat they bring us in the new year. @heatcheckparty

Haza Party by Myyuh and Carmen Sandiego and Ya Tab Tab Night by Akram Hamdan and Rami Nassif, with production by Karla



Ya Tab Tab Night

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only event. 30 events and five cities later — here we are.”

Named after Nancy Ajram’s classic “YaTabtab Wa Dalaa,” Ya Tab Tab is focused mainly on Arabic pop, but infuses the whole of culture — fashion, dance, film, TikToks, and TV, whether it’s through performances or visuals. “The vibe is often ... chaotic, from dancing gorillas to beauty pageant shows; every show has a different energy, but it is always fun, inclusive, and tries to capture different art forms from our culture. It’s as if your Arabic ‘For You’ page was in a club.”

A tireless purveyor of culture, Karla Haddad of MJLS carried a lot of the on-the-ground load in LA, as well as the marketing, to make these parties happen.

“MJLS, derived from the Arabic word ‘Majlis,’ is an independent promoter that amplifies Middle Eastern & North African (MENA) artists and creatives through curated experiences and event activations. The community we already built through this platform helped amplify both parties’ reach as we announced their LA dates.”

“In the new year, we plan to partner with more artists, collectives, and parties globally, further supporting the talent coming out of our region and bringing the community together in unique and memorable ways,” Haddad added.

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