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The Music Center Introduces Arts Grown L.A. to Expand Opportunities For Free Arts Experiences and Performances in Communities and Throughout L.A. County

Partnerships with Local Service Organizations and Artistic Collaborations Spotlight the Talent and Creativity of L.A. Artists

LOS ANGELES (March 15, 2022)--The Music Center today announced the launch of *Arts Grown L.A.*, a collaborative effort that creates a platform for the artistic expression already thriving in communities throughout Los Angeles County. Deepening and expanding the reach of free arts events and performances available to the public, *Arts Grown L.A.*, a TMC Arts program, builds on The Music Center's highly successful partnerships with community groups and local artists to create free, family-friendly performances and artmaking experiences for all ages. The program evolved from The Music Center's long-standing programs in schools; it will expand the reach of The Music Center's multidisciplinary artist roster into neighborhoods; create connections with local artists and arts organizations to produce large-scale neighborhood performances; and establish dance residencies for young people at community partner sites. From performances and concerts at parks, community centers, libraries, senior centers and civic events, to Hip Hop dance parties and youth lessons, *Arts Grown L.A.* uplifts artists and creativity in communities throughout Los Angeles and complements existing local programs to enrich and enliven neighborhoods through the arts.

Arts Grown L.A. features three areas of focus including 1) Partnerships with more than 25 community and public organizations to present local events such as Boxtales Theatre Company at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library in Long Beach on June 22 - part of a series of performances at all Long Beach Public Library locations to kick off their annual Summer Reading Program; 2) Collaborations with community partners and neighborhoods to produce performances and participatory arts workshops with area artists such as a performance in summer 2022 with Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles that will feature Music Center Performing Artists along with a performance by Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) youth; and 3) Dance residencies at community partner sites in partnership with Tiffany Bong and UniverSOUL Hip Hop to provide dance instruction for young people. One such dance residency got underway this past Saturday, with a Hip Hop dance performance at the grand opening of Little Tokyo Service Center's Terasaki Budokan space. Youth enrolled in the Mi CASA afterschool program will be able to enroll in a dance residency at the location for weekly dance instruction and an opportunity to participate in a culminating performance at The Music Center.

"L.A. County has a rich arts culture with artists whose work defines and differentiates the many pockets and neighborhoods throughout the region. It's these artists that bring our communities together, build bridges and open lines of communication through their work and remind us of what we share in common and how we can respect each other's differences," said Josephine Ramirez, executive vice president of TMC Arts for The Music Center. "*Arts Grown L.A.* was designed to embrace local artists and partner with the talent we find in the backyards of L.A. County to create arts experiences we can share with our children, friends and neighbors."

"We are excited to partner with The Music Center and UniverSOUL Hip Hop to bring their transformative, soul-centered dance education to the youth in Little Tokyo Service Center's Mi CASA afterschool program and to the Little Tokyo community," said Nancy Alcaraz, director of resident services at Little Tokyo Service Center. "We are committed to fostering a love of learning and self-actualization in every student, and this partnership will infuse joy into our youth participants by elevating their voices and artistic expressions through dance and Hip Hop. With partnerships like the one with The Music Center's *Arts Grown L.A.*, our center can connect our youth to formative experiences and enriching resources."

Upcoming *Arts Grown L.A.* events include:

Date	Program	Partner Location
March 26	TAIKOPROJECT	Buena Vista Public Library, Burbank
	Marina Culture Jam featuring INCA,	Burton Chace Park, Marina del

April 10	the Peruvian Ensemble and the Alley Cats	Rey
April 16	Breadcrumbs Along the Trail with Carl Weintraub	Linda Vista Branch Library, Pasadena
April 19	World Adventures with My Harp with Alfredo Rolando Ortiz	Hill Avenue Branch Library, Pasadena
April 23	We Tell Stories	Covina Public Library, Covina
April 27	INCA, the Peruvian Ensemble	La Pintoresca Branch Library, Pasadena
May 15	Marina Culture Jam featuring Ballet Folclorico do Brasil and Pacifico Dance Company	Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey
May 21	TAIKOPROJECT	Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, Monterey Park
May 26	TAIKOPROJECT	La Pintoresca Branch Library, Pasadena
June 22	Boxtales Theatre Company	El Dorado Neighborhood Library, Long Beach
June 26	Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA), TAIKOPROJECT and INCA, the Peruvian Ensemble	Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit musiccenter.org/artsgrownla

Situated on the ancestral and sacred land of the Tongva and many other indigenous groups who call these grounds home, The Music Center acknowledges and honors with gratitude the land itself and the First People who have been its steward throughout the generations.

About The Music Center

The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The \$70 million non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County and on a digital platform called The Music Center Offstage. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center, free and low-cost public concerts and events, as well as live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Grand Park, which comprise \$2 billion in county assets, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit musiccenter.org. Follow The Music Center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @MusicCenterLA.

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