

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Joy and Good Cheer!

The Music Center Invites Angelenos and Visitors of All Ages to Experience Plenty of Holiday Sparkle in Downtown L.A.

LOS ANGELES (November 3, 2025) - Angelenos will find a sleighful of festive fun for the entire family in Downtown L.A. this holiday season! The Music Center's programming division TMC Arts, its resident company partners (Center Theatre Group, LA Opera, LA Phil and the Los Angeles Master Chorale) along with Gloria Molina Grand Park come together to deck the halls and spread some holiday magic across Los Angeles County.



With both free and ticketed events to make everyone's spirits shine as bright as the holiday lights--from the dazzling L.A. County Tree Lighting and joyous sing-alongs with the LA Phil and the Los Angeles Master Chorale to the epic Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA to ring in 2026--it will be the most wonderful time of the year at The Music Center!

To view the complete list, visit musiccenter.org/hohoho.

- **Now thru December 14, 2025**

The Music Center Presents Black Planetarium: Uncharted Anthologies presented by The Music Center/TMC Arts Digital Arts Space at The Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Step inside the newly launched Digital Arts Space at The Music Center to discover meditative soundscapes and a VR journey that brings centuries of African traditions, languages and dances to life. More than an exhibit, *Black Planetarium*, from L.A.-based Ethiopian American artist Kidus Hailesilassie, is a vessel for ancestral memory and a unique space for Angelenos and visitors seeking rest, connection and imagination.

- **November 13 thru December 7, 2025**
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Fridays, 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Sundays, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (No 7:00 p.m. experience on December 7)

Special Wednesday Matinee, November 26, 2:00 p.m.
Special Thursday Matinee, December 4, 2:00 p.m.

Paranormal Activity presented by Center Theatre Group
The Music Center's Ahmanson Theatre, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

James and Lou move from Chicago to London to escape the past...but they soon discover that places aren't haunted, people are. An original story set in the world of the terrifying *Paranormal Activity* film franchise, this thrilling new play is from celebrated playwright Levi Holloway (Broadway's *Grey House*) and was originally directed by Punchdrunk's Felix Barrett (*Sleep No More*) with illusions by Tony® award winner Chris Fisher (*Stranger Things: The First Shadow*, *Harry Potter & The Cursed Child*). This world premiere play will haunt Angelenos long after the lights go out.

- Saturday, November 22, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 30, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 4, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 6, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

La Bohème presented by LA Opera

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Rodolfo is a struggling poet burning his manuscripts to keep out the winter chill. Mimi is a fellow tenant with big dreams and a deadly illness. A chance meeting has them falling in love, but when you are at the bottom of Parisian society, every day could be your last. Puccini's blockbuster opera returns to The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion stage starring Janai Brugger as the sweet but suffering Mimi and Oresto Cosimo as the lovestruck Rodolfo, with Gihoon Kim and Erica Petrocelli as the on-again-off-again lovers Marcello and Musetta. Resident Conductor Lina González-Granados leads Puccini's transcendent score, awash in lavish Romanticism and gorgeous melodies. Director Brenna Corner helms a timeless production from Herbert Ross that the *Los Angeles Times* calls a "warm, nostalgic evocation of Paris in Puccini's time."

- **Monday, December 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

L.A. County Tree Lighting Ceremony presented by The Music Center

Jerry Moss Plaza at The Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Arrive early to this annual free public celebration to enjoy live music, art-making with the Armory Center for the Arts, snow flurries, complimentary hot chocolate and the opportunity to support local nonprofits, sustainable makers, cultural establishments and small businesses at the LA2050 Holiday Impact Market. This year, help spread even more joy by contributing to an art supply drive supporting local arts and social service nonprofit, Music Changing Lives, serving the Pasadena/Altadena community. The L.A. County Board of Supervisors will offer holiday greetings before lighting the tree. Come after work, and bring the whole family!

- **December 1 - December 31, 2025**

Holiday Lights presented by Gloria Molina Grand Park

Gloria Molina Grand Park, 200 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

See a new kind of glow at Gloria Molina Grand Park when its magnificent pink sphere tree shines brilliantly in all its splendor. Sprinkle in a beautiful menorah and twinkling lights, and the *park for everyone* is guaranteed to get all Angelenos in the holiday spirit!

- **Friday, December 5, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Home Alone in Concert presented by the LA Phil

The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

A true holiday favorite, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams' charming and delightful score performed live to picture, conducted by David Newman. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. Hilarious and heart-warming, *Home Alone* is holiday fun for the entire family! *Children ages 2 and up are permitted.*

- **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 19, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**

Ben Platt: Live at The Ahmanson presented by Center Theatre Group
The Music Center's Ahmanson Theatre, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

This holiday season, the magic comes early in Los Angeles! Join Tony®-, Grammy®- and Emmy®- award winner Ben Platt for an electric, new, two-week residency at The Music Center's Ahmanson Theatre. For 10 performances only, Ben and a star-studded set of special guests join forces to perform a dazzling new concert of some of his greatest hits, as well as a set of timeless Broadway favorites. His 2024 Broadway residency was a veritable who's who of Broadway and pop music royalty, including Cynthia Erivo, Nicole Scherzinger, Jennifer Hudson, Kacey Musgraves, Sam Smith, Micaela Diamond and Shoshana Bean, among many others. And this time, Ben's upping the ante with *even more* incredible surprise guests joining the fun each night. Directed by Tony® award winner Michael Arden (*Parade*), *Ben Platt: Live at the Ahmanson* marks a homecoming for Ben as he returns to the very stage and city that launched his theatrical career.

- **Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Mozart & Sibelius presented by the LA Phil
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

A violinist of "velvety tone and...a high degree of elegance" (*Los Angeles Times*), Renaud Capuçon brings these ideal qualities to Mozart's sublime Third Violin Concerto. Albert Einstein claimed that its Adagio "seems to have fallen straight from heaven," before culminating in a lively Alsatian dance. Finland's greatest symphonist, Jean Sibelius modeled his first contribution to the genre on Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony, layering it with his trademark soaring themes and thrilling drama. The work quickly became a point of national pride, performed by the Helsinki Orchestra across Europe on its first tour.

- **Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.**

Holiday Sing-Along presented by the LA Phil
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Ring in the season at The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall! Join in song with hundreds of fellow revelers--plus a jazz combo, a choir and the pipe organ--for this joyous annual tradition. It's a jolly good time for the whole family! **Children ages 2 and up are permitted.**

- **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

English Cathedral Christmas presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

The Master Chorale's beloved holiday concerts return, including *English Cathedral Christmas*. Imagine being in the majesty of Canterbury Cathedral and experiencing the great, unbroken tradition of British choral works from the 16th century to the present. The English holiday tradition includes centuries-old pilgrimages to cathedrals and churches for community celebrations of hope and joy.

- **Monday, December 15, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.**

Chanticleer presented by the LA Phil
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

From the candlelit chant procession to the triumphant gospel finale, Chanticleer presents a cappella arrangements of some of the greatest and most moving Christmas music from throughout the centuries. It's a holiday tradition--and an unforgettable night--when the Grammy® award-winning "orchestra of voices" comes to town.

- **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**

Holiday Brass: Chamber Music with Members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic presented by the LA Phil
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Celebrate the season with a night full of timeless melodies and sonorous brass harmonies. Join members of the

orchestra for a musical sleigh ride through the unforgettable holiday hit by Leroy Anderson, as well as Handel's glorious *Joy to the World*, Anthony DiLorenzo's adaptation of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, a mash-up of Hannukah staples and more. Come early and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine before the performance.

- **Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**
Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Ellington's *Nutcracker* & Tchaikovsky's *Winter Daydreams* presented by the LA Phil
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Los Angeles favorite Thomas Wilkins returns to The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall for a holiday-inflected program. In 1960, Duke Ellington merged the Tchaikovsky ballet with his own aesthetic, transforming the Sugar Plum Fairy into Sugar Rum Cherry and "The Dance of the Reed-Pipes" into "Toot Toot Tootsie Toot," creating an instant American classic with his spin on the Russian chestnut. However, Tchaikovsky gets his full due with his enchanting First Symphony, which the composer lovingly called "a sin of my sweet youth." From its chilly opening along a winter journey and through misty landscapes, the composer eventually arrives in a spring filled with the blooms of flowers and young love. In between, Carlos Simon's *Four Black American Dances* takes off on a wildly clever and musically rich ride through African American history that *The Washington Post* described as "a testament to his talent as one of the most dynamic composers going."

- **December 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**

Carols for Kids presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Joining cherished traditions is the inaugural family-friendly *Carols for Kids*, which is specially designed for kids under 6, welcoming seat wiggles and giggles, and featuring favorite childhood carols. Youth Chorus LA will be highlighted in its first main stage performance at The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall. Holiday-themed activities, including photos with Santa, will take place in BP Hall at the Walt Disney Concert Hall prior to the concert.

- **December 20, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Festival of Carols presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

The Master Chorale brings back perennial holiday favorite *Festival of Carols*, featuring spectacular arrangements of traditional carols from around the world. Hear some favorite carols and explore new songs sung by the incomparable voices of the Master Chorale, in the world-class acoustics of The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall. *Festival of Carols* has become one of L.A.'s most beloved holiday traditions.

- **December 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Handel's *Messiah* presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Experience the Grammy® award-winning voices of the Los Angeles Master Chorale in the iconic holiday masterpiece *Handel's Messiah*.

- **Monday, December 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**

Messiah Sing-Along presented by the Los Angeles Master Chorale
The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Don't be shy! Sing along with the world-class Master Chorale vocalists in this beloved holiday work. This marks the 45th year for this annual celebration of music and community. Two thousand voices lifted together in The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall! There's no experience quite like the Master Chorale's *Messiah* Sing-Along.

- **Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.**

Arturo Sandoval *Swinging Holiday* presented by the LA Phil

The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Jazz up your holidays! The multiple-Grammy® award-winning Arturo Sandoval makes it a jumping, jiving, jingling night at The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, performing a program of holiday favorites.

- **Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.**

The 66th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration presented by The Music Center

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

An L.A. holiday tradition since 1959, the two-time Emmy® award-winning free holiday variety show will once again spread joy to thousands of Angelenos on Christmas Eve at The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with over 20 performances by music ensembles, choirs, dance companies and theatrical performances. The 66th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration event represents L.A. County's many diverse communities and cultures. This is a free, ticketed event, including free parking at The Music Center Main Garage. Guests can visit holidaycelebration.org for ticketing details. At-home audiences can watch the live broadcast on PBS SoCal or stream the show live on the pbsocal.org website.

- **Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 10:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve with The Roots presented by the LA Phil

The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Spend New Year's Eve with the legendary Roots crew! The Grammy® award-winning Philadelphia hip-hop group--and house band for *The Tonight Show*--rings in 2026 with a pair of shows at The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, bringing its much-heralded, much-loved live show to Downtown Los Angeles. Say goodbye to 2025, and welcome the new year in style!

- **Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - Thursday, January 1, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**

Gloria Molina Grand Park's NYELA

Gloria Molina Grand Park, 200 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Join thousands of Angelenos to ring in the new year with the biggest free New Year's Eve music and dance party on the West Coast, starring some of the best local and global DJs and musicians who will perform on two stages! The alcohol-free celebration for the whole family crescendos with an epic countdown to 2026 depicted by the park's signature 3-D video projection and laser show on City Hall.

- **Tuesdays thru Fridays, at 11:00 a.m.**
Saturdays and Sundays, at 10:15 a.m.

The Music Center Tours

The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

A perfect way to entertain out-of-town guests or kids on holiday break, The Music Center offers free tours of its theatres during the holidays and throughout the year led by volunteer Music Center docents, the Symphonians. The 90-minute tours include The Music Center's four theatres--Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum and Walt Disney Concert Hall-- with details of each theatre's history and architecture, along with Jerry Moss Plaza, and also highlight the numerous pieces of artwork, sculptures, tapestries, paintings and antiques from across the globe that date back to the 17th century. The tour offers guests an insider perspective on the history of the campus and Downtown Los Angeles through shared stories collected through The Music Center's 60+ years as the heart of Los Angeles County's cultural life. Tours begin in the Grand Lobby of Walt Disney Concert Hall.

****Programs and artists subject to change.***

ABOUT THE MUSIC CENTER

As L.A.'s performing arts 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 \$80 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 Gloria Molina Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, free and low-cost public concerts and events, live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Gloria Molina Grand Park, which comprise \$3 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 social media @MusicCenterLA.

ABOUT GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK

A vibrant outdoor gathering place, Gloria Molina Grand Park is a beautiful public park for the entire community in Los Angeles County. With expansive green space for gatherings large and small, Gloria Molina Grand Park celebrates the county's cultural vitality and is host to community events, cultural experiences, holiday celebrations and many other activities that engage and attract visitors from all communities. The 12-acre Gloria Molina Grand Park, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2022, stretches from The Music Center on the west to City Hall on the east and is easily accessible by Metro via the B/D (formerly Red/Purple) line to the Civic Center/Grand Park station. The park was named one of American Planning Association's 10 "Great Public Spaces" in the U.S. for 2013. Working closely with the county, The Music Center is responsible for all operations and programming for the park. For more information, visit grandparkla.org. Follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on Instagram, X, Twitch, TikTok, Spotify and Mixcloud (@grandpark_la) as well as YouTube and Facebook (@grandparkLosAngeles).

ABOUT CENTER THEATRE GROUP

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation's preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles' leading not-for-profit theatre company, which, under the leadership of Artistic Director Snehal Desai, Managing Director / CEO Meghan Pressman, and Producing Director Douglas C. Baker, programs the Mark Taper Forum and the Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. Center Theatre Group is one of the country's leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics, and circumstances to serve Los Angeles. Founded in 1967, Center Theatre Group has produced more than 700 productions across its three stages, including such iconic shows as *Zoot Suit*, *Angels in America*, *The Kentucky Cycle*, *Biloxi Blues*, *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*, *Children of a Lesser God*, *Curtains*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *9 to 5: The Musical*, and *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*. CenterTheatreGroup.org

ABOUT LA OPERA

Los Angeles is a city of enormous diversity and creativity, and LA Opera is dedicated to reflecting that vibrancy by redefining what opera can be. Through imaginative new productions, world premiere commissions, and inventive performances that preserve foundational works while making them feel fresh and compelling, LA Opera has become one of America's most exciting and ambitious opera companies. In addition to its mainstage performances at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the company explores unusual repertoire each season through the LA Opera *Off Grand* initiative, featuring performances in a variety of venues throughout Los Angeles. The LA Opera *Connects* initiative offers a robust variety of educational programming and community engagement offerings that reaches people throughout every corner of Los Angeles County. Learn more at LAOpera.org.

ABOUT THE LA PHIL

Under the leadership of Music & Artistic Director [Gustavo Dudamel](https://www.laphil.org), the [LA Phil](https://www.laphil.org) offers live performances, media initiatives and learning programs that inspire and strengthen communities in Los Angeles and beyond. The Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra is the foundation of the LA Phil's offerings, which also include a multi-genre, multidisciplinary presenting program and such youth development programs as [YOLA](https://www.yola.org) (Youth Orchestra Los Angeles). Performances are offered on three historic stages--[Walt Disney Concert Hall](https://www.waltdisneyconcerthall.com), the [Hollywood Bowl](https://www.hollywoodbowl.com), and [The Ford](https://www.thefordcenter.org)--as well as through a variety of media platforms. In all its endeavors, the LA Phil seeks to enrich the lives of individuals and communities through musical, artistic and learning experiences that resonate in our world today.

ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE

The Grammy™ Award-winning [Los Angeles Master Chorale](https://www.lamc.org) is the "the finest-by-far major chorus in America" (*Los Angeles Times*) and a vibrant cultural treasure. Hailed for its powerful performances, technical precision, and artistic daring, the Master Chorale is led by [Grant Gershon, Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director](https://www.lamc.org). Celebrating its

60th anniversary in the 2024/25 season, the Master Chorale reaches over 175,000 people a year through its concert series at **Walt Disney Concert Hall**, international touring of innovative works, commissions, recordings, and community education programs. The mission of the Master Chorale is to share the traditional and evolving spectrum of choral music with the widest possible audience.

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