



Awesome Online And IRL Events This Week: Aug. 24 - 27

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It's Kobe Bryant Day in L.A. and Orange County. He played his final game as a Laker on April 13, 2016, taking on the Utah Jazz at Staples Center. (Harry How/Getty Images)

Coronavirus is wreaking havoc on schools, stores, businesses and events. With in-person concerts, talks, comedy shows, food festivals and other gatherings cancelled, we have **turned our events column into a "nonevents" column**. It will remain this way as long as social distancing and stay-at-home orders are in effect.

During this difficult time, please consider contributing to your local arts organizations or to individual artists and performers.

Remember Kobe Bryant on 8/24. Watch a tribute to director Lynn Shelton. Laugh along with the creators of *The Black Lady Sketch Show*. Celebrate a decade of the *Hollywood Babble-On* podcast. Commemorate the Chicano Moratorium's 50th Anniversary. Learn about Ray Bradbury's dystopian vision — and figure out if we're living in it.

Monday, Aug. 24

Kobe Bryant Day

In 2016, after 20 years with the Lakers, the Los Angeles City Council declared 8/24 Kobe Bryant Day in Los Angeles in honor of the two numbers he wore while playing with the team. Last week, Orange County supervisors approved the same honor. Bryant, who passed away in a helicopter crash in January (yes, just earlier this year), would have turned 42 on August 23. The Lakers will debut new Mamba tees during their game against Portland on Monday. Nike launches "[Mamba Week](#)" this week, with activities and special releases. And closer to home, [Ike's Love & Sandwiches](#) is offering a Kobe Tribute Sandwich.

The Hidden Cost Of Inherited Blackness

Your No-Panic Guide To LA Life, And The New (And Changing) Coronavirus Rules

In California, A Vocal Minority of Asian Parents Helped Defeat Affirmative Action Once Before. This Time It

Could Be Harder.

As Many Angelenos Stayed Home, LA County Saw A Spike In Coronavirus Among Latinos. Here's Why

What If A Big Earthquake Hit California Right Now?

A BLACK LADY SKETCH SHOW

Monday, Aug. 24; 7 p.m. PDT

A Black Lady Sketch Show + Q&A

The American Cinematheque presents an evening focusing on this Emmy-nominated HBO series, which features sketches performed by a core cast of black women. It includes a Zoom Q&A with creator and star Robin Thede and director Dime Davis. Your RSVP confirmation will include a link to watch the show before the discussion. The Zoom link will be sent the day of the event.

COST: \$10 - \$14; [MORE INFO](#)



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10 years ago, @ralphgarman suggested we try our failed @kroq pilot for a Saturday morning program called "The ShowBiz Beat" at the brand new #smodcastle I was about to open with @cameltoad. I agreed and suggested we call it HOLLYWOOD BABBLE-ON instead... and the rest is podcast history! So on AUGUST 24th, come celebrate a decade of dick jokes with D-listers who always bite the hand that feeds! The classy-ass @arclightcinemas presents The Hollywood Babble-On 10th Anniversary Drive-In Bash! This MONDAY, August 24th, at the @vinelanddrivein (a mere 30 minute drive from ArcLight Hollywood)! Gates open at 5:30pm Showtime at 8:30pm. \$100 per car. No passenger limit. Complimentary #arclight Caramel Corn comes with every purchase. And the @moobyspopup will be on site selling snacks! Join us for the funniest and safest, socially distant podcast party of the summer! Tickets at SeeSMod dot com or at the link in my bio! (Amazing Art by @thedarknatereturns!) #KevinSmith #ralphgarman #theralphreport #babbleon #hollywoodbabbleon #vinelanddrivein #arclight #pacifictheater #podcast #livepodcast #cityofindustry

A post shared by [Kevin Smith](#) (@thatkevinsmith) on Aug 18, 2020 at 10:50am ...

Monday, Aug. 24; 8:30 p.m.

Hollywood Babble-On Live Podcast

Vineland Drive-In

443 Vineland Ave. City of Industry

The comedy podcast hosted by filmmaker Kevin Smith and former KROQ morning show funny man Ralph Garman celebrates its 10th anniversary at the drive-in. ArcLight presents the duo live and on the big screen as they do their anniversary show, riffing on pop culture, movies, TV and celebrities. Please follow all safety protocols. Each car gets a free ArcLight Caramel Corn. *COST: \$100 per car; [MORE INFO](#)*

Monday, Aug. 24

SKAM 24

This 24-hour livestream DJ event technically starts at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday night and lasts all day and night. Check out sets and tunes spun by Lil Jon, Pete Wentz, Samantha Ronson, Irie, Chase B, Baby Yu, Crooked, DJ Five, Eric DLux, Ever, Gusto, Jerzy, Justin Credible, Lezlee, Quiz, Richard Vision, Ross One, Sour Milk, Trauma and Triple XL. The party will be available to watch on Twitch.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)



The UCLA Film & Television Archive presents a program that reflects on the 50th anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium march in East LA. (Courtesy of UCLA Film & Television Archive)

Monday, Aug. 24; 4 p.m. PDT

Chicano Moratorium 50th Anniversary (1970-2020)

Explore an episode of L.A. history that still resonates. On August 29, 1970, more than 20,000 students held a peaceful march in East L.A. to protest the Vietnam War as part of the National Chicano Moratorium movement. The march was violently interrupted by law enforcement. Prominent Mexican American journalist Ruben Salazar was one of four people who were killed that day. The UCLA Film & Television Archive streams a chronological selection of short works examining pivotal moments of activism in East L.A., from the student walkouts of 1968 to the march in 1970. The event is hosted by Chon Noriega, director of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and author of *Shot in America: Television, the State, and the Rise of Chicano Cinema*. It features a post-screening discussion with artist, writer and educator Harry Gamboa Jr. and *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Carolina Miranda.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)



(Ray Rui/Unsplash)

Monday, Aug. 24; 7 p.m. PDT

En Casa con La Plaza: Cocina

Lucy Thompson-Rivera, co-owner of downtown L.A.'s Pez Cantina, shows attendees how to prepare a shrimp and avocado salad, a late summer tomato pico de gallo and an essential Mexican cocktail. Watch on Zoom or Facebook Live.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)



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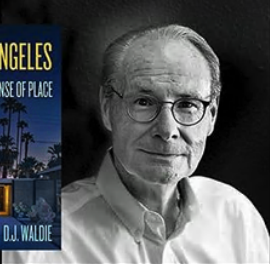

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Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m.



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I'll discuss *Becoming Los Angeles: Myth, Memory, and a Sense of Place* on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual event at Vroman's Bookstore Live. Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/y45l2wgx>.

Tuesday, Aug. 25; 6 p.m. PDT

Vroman's Live: DJ Waldie

The writer and cultural historian discusses his latest book about L.A. and its environs: *Becoming Los Angeles: Myth, Memory, and a Sense of Place*. Waldie examines the city's history (and conflicted past) and its aspirations. Waldie's first book, *Holy Land: A Suburban Memoir*, details

his 1950s childhood in Lakewood, which at the time was California's largest planned suburb. The event will be livestreamed on Crowdcast.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)




Lynn Shelton attends 'Sword of Trust' Marc Maron & Lynn Shelton in Conversation with Sam Lipsyte at 92nd Street Y on July 11, 2019 in NYC. (Dia Dipasupil/Getty Images)

Tuesday, Aug. 25; 7 p.m. PDT


Lynn Shelton Tribute + Panel Discussion

The indie filmmaker died earlier this year, leaving behind an impressive body of work in TV, film and writing. The American Cinematheque hosts a virtual tribute to Shelton with a panel discussion featuring Mark Duplass, Jon Hamm, Eddie Huang, Gillian Jacobs, Marc Maron, Kevin Murphy, Mikaela Wakis, Kerry Washington and Reese Witherspoon. Those who attend the live tribute will get a free screener for *Little Fires Everywhere*, as Shelton directed several episodes of the show.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

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Guess zoo's coming back.

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Guess zoo's coming back: We are! The L.A. Zoo is reopening on August 26, with a modified experience and advance reservations required for all guests. "The world has changed over the last several months," said Zoo Director and CEO

Denise M. Verret, "and so has your Los Angeles Zoo," with enhanced protocols and procedures to ensure the health and safety of guests, staff, and animals. "We are thrilled to be able to yet again provide our community with an outdoor, enriching experience that connects people with nature and the animals in our care," said Verret. "Welcome back to the Zoo!" Tickets are available starting today, August 19, at 12 p.m. PDT at www.lazoo.org/reopening. Quantities are limited. #LAZooLove

A post shared by [Los Angeles Zoo \(@lazoo\)](#) on Aug 19, 2020 at 9:01am PDT

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Los Angeles Zoo Reopens

Get ready to rawr once again with the animals: After closing its gates in March, the zoo is ready to get back to business. Staffers have modified the experience to conform with COVID-19 health protocols, which include limiting the number of guests, timed ticketed entry, face covering requirements and the closure of indoor and high-touch spaces. All guests, including members, must now reserve timed tickets online before visiting.

COST: \$17 - \$22 for nonmembers; [MORE INFO](#)

Thursday, Aug. 27; 5 p.m. PDT

El Cap Throwback: Movie Trivia

El Capitan Theatre holds a remote trivia night focusing on Walt Disney Studios animation. This is a family-friendly, all-ages event.

COST: \$10 per log-in; [MORE INFO](#)



If you've been enjoying weekly Wright Sites Virtual Visits each Thursday, we think you'll be happy to learn the successful program is being given a "2.0" makeover starting tomorrow, August 20th. Moving into fall, join two different Frank Lloyd Wright properties each Thursday at 10am PST over on Facebook LIVE. The sites will be in conversation, comparing and contrasting techniques used by Wright throughout different eras of his architectural career. The inaugural visit tomorrow pairs Taliesin West with Unity Temple, though next week (8/27) be sure not to miss when the light is shone on our beloved Hollyhock House and Monona Terrace. Visit the "Wright Sites Virtual Visit 2.0" link available from our IG bio for event information. (Image courtesy @setofdrifters.)

A post shared by [Barnsdall Park \(@barnsdallpark\)](#) on Aug 19, 2020 at 4:52pm ...

Thursday, Aug. 27; 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Wright Virtual Visits: Hollyhock House & Monona Terrace

The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy has started a new video series in which two of Wright's sites will be paired side by side on a Facebook Live video. Each week, the organization

focuses on a theme, contrasting the designs of both buildings. This week, the [Hollyhock House](#) in Barnsdall Park will be compared to the [Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center](#) (Madison, Wisconsin), examining the garden terraces and vistas. The video will stream live on both venues' Facebook pages.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)

Thursday, Aug. 27; 7 p.m. PDT

Fairytales For Days of Reckoning

KCRW's Steve Chiotakis guest stars in this evening of children's off-the-rails tales. This half-scripted and half-improvised event starts with Mother Goose and ends wherever comedians decide to take the audience. Grandmas and grandpas may blush; children may be freaked out so this show is rated PG-16. Zoom link will be sent the day of the event to registered guests.

COST: FREE for KCRW members, \$1 donation and up for everyone else; [MORE INFO](#)



Thursday, Aug. 27; 7:30 p.m.

Adam Pascal

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center
1201 West Malvern Ave., Fullerton

The Tony nominee performs at The Muck as part of its drive-in concert series. Pascal starred as the original Roger Davis in the Off-Broadway, Broadway and London Productions of *Rent*. He was also the original Radames in Broadway's *Aida*. To help ensure safety, there's a contactless ticketing system and a mask requirement anytime guests exit their vehicles.

COST: \$30 per car; [MORE INFO](#)



Imagine a society where truth and knowledge have no value, people are glued to

their screens, and world war feels imminent. Sound familiar? Ray Bradbury, who imagined such a future in "Fahrenheit 451," saw the dangers inherent to the modern world and used his writing to illuminate pressing issues like censorship and xenophobia. To honor what would have been the longtime Angeleno's 100th birthday, Zócalo, @fowlermuseum, and @zyzzyvamag present: "Are We Living in a World Ray Bradbury Tried to Prevent?" Join us Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 PM PDT for an online discussion about what Bradbury would make of 2020 and what his work can teach us in the current moment. Moderator: Oscar Villalon, managing editor, ZYZZYVA Panelists: @lilliamr, author Michael Bennett, professor, ASU Center for Science and the Imagination Jonathan R. Eller, Director, @bradburycenter Register at our #linkinbio to receive the streaming link. : @latimesarchives

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Thursday, Aug. 27; 6:30 p.m. PDT

Are We Living in a World Ray Bradbury Tried to Prevent?

Zócalo Public Square, the Fowler Museum and ZYZZYVA present a program around the works of the late Ray Bradbury, who would have turned 100 on August 22. In *Fahrenheit 451*, Bradbury imagined a world where truth, knowledge and the written word had no value and people were glued to screens. He also wrote about the promises of a carnival-hawker con man in *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. A panel discussion delves into issues such as censorship and xenophobia while discussing Bradbury's life and work. Register to receive updates and the streaming link.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)

Thursday, Aug. 27; 7 p.m.

Reflecting on Tipping Point

The Catalina Island Museum presents a virtual event and talk with Elizabeth Turk, sculpture artist and MacArthur "Genius" Fellow. She'll chat with Julie Perlin Lee, executive director of the museum, about the ongoing *Tipping Point* exhibition, which explores extinction. Watch on Zoom.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)



A family wearing face masks, hike at Griffith Park at the back of the Hollywood sign during the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic in May. (APU GOMES/AFP via Getty Images)

Thursday, Aug. 27; 7 p.m. PDT

Architecture & Beyond - Discovering Griffith Park

Los Angeles Public Library's Los Feliz Branch welcomes *Modern Hiker's* Casey Schreiner for an online presentation about L.A.'s most famous city park. The slideshow and discussion is based on Schreiner's book, *Discovering Griffith Park*. RSVP required for Zoom link.

COST: FREE with RSVP; [MORE INFO](#)

Thursday, Aug. 27; 2 - 3:30 p.m.

We Zoom Your Room

Families are invited to an interactive live performance on Zoom with Frankie Martin and Forest DerrMartin of the arts group Pumpnickel Palace. Watch as the performers lampoon infomercials that results in a new Zoom background, created during the call. In exchange for the Zoom room decor, participants must be ready with a family-friendly joke. RSVP is required and space is limited.

COST: FREE; [MORE INFO](#)



Dine & Drink Deals

Who doesn't miss going out to eat or stopping by a bar for a drink? Here are a few options from restaurants and bars as we work our way back toward normal.

- It's National Dog Day on Wednesday, and [Golden Road Brewing](#) will deliver their newest brew, [Hazy Pup IPA](#), directly to people's homes, alongside (adoptable) pups from local dog rescue [Wags & Walks](#). Proceeds from Hazy Pup will benefit the rescue year round, but for a donation of \$50, fans will get two six-packs of the brew, a Golden Road discount code and puppy playtime at delivery. Deliveries take place from Thursday to Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. [MORE INFO](#)
- [Descanso Restaurant in Costa Mesa](#) introduces weekly happenings including Wine Wednesday beginning Aug. 26 from 3 to 9 p.m., and new happy hour specials available al fresco Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. The taqueria also recently expanded its 1,500 square-foot outdoor patio.
- Dine at Roundtable Pizza in Lakewood on Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., and the restaurant will [donate 20% of your bill to spcaLA](#).
- Beauty brand [Summer Fridays](#) teams with [Craig's Vegan](#) to create a limited-edition Vanilla Cloud ice cream. It's a cashew-based non-dairy frozen dessert, infused with madagascar vanilla bean. In Los Angeles, pints will be [available exclusively on Postmates](#) (\$10 - \$20).