



CA LGBT Arts Alliance Newsletter

Celebrating MLK's Legacy

The BlaQ Film Festival

Hosted by Hosted by Evolve Benton

January 20 Los Angeles



[The Los Angeles BlaQ Film Fest](#) is taking place on Martin Luther King, Jr Day. We celebrate and acknowledge MLK's legacy as a civil rights leader and powerful orator. We will screen four short films and also have a Q&A session with creatives from each film.

Evolve Benton (pronouns: they, them, theirs, or my name) is the Equity and Inclusion Manager at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine.

Evolve is a social justice educator and has over seven years of experience working with universities, non-profits agencies and organizations on building knowledge about diversity, equity and inclusion. While this work is important, Evolve realizes the importance of not only "teaching" diversity and inclusion but providing closed spaces for those who have been harmed, oppressed and unseen by these organizations to heal.

[Film Festival Tickets](#)

[Learn More About Evolve Benton](#)

MLK: A Tribute in Song

January 11, 12 Santa Monica

Highways Performance Space



An inspirational journey in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music, MLK: A Tribute in Song will be presented on as the first of two events benefiting Highways Performance Space, that also commemorates Dr. King's birthday (1/15/1929) and the 60th Anniversary of SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, founded in 1960).

MLK: A Tribute in Song celebrates Dr. King with a visually engaging multimedia presentation infused with poignant prose and riveting music of various genres sung by the signature soul-searing voice of Lura Daniels-Ball with the piano virtuoso of revered music director, Danny Burgin.

[Read More, Get Tickets](#)

Bayard Rustin: The Man Behind the Dream

January 25 Riverside

South Coast Choral



Bayard Rustin: The Man Behind the Dream

A narrated choral work honoring the life of gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin.

South Coast Chorale is a community vocal ensemble that uses music to

entertain, educate, connect and uplift audiences and its members through performances that are distinguished for their LGBT diversity and artistic excellence.

[Read More & Get Tickets](#)

Art Events Calendar

January 1 – 7 Los Angeles

LA LGBT Center

[BIOGRAPHIES](#)

January 1 – 12 San Francisco

New Conservatory Theatre

[Head Over Heels](#)

January 9 – 12 San Diego

Diversions Theatre

[REVEAL & REVOLT: A Queer Dance Fantasia](#)

January 11, 12 Santa Monica

Highways Performance Space

[MLK: A TRIBUTE IN SONG](#)

[THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER 2020](#)

January 12 Los Angeles

Tom of Finland Foundation

[Life Drawing Session](#)

January 17 – February 9 Rancho Mirage

Desert Rose Playhouse

[Those Musclebound Cowboys From Snake Pit Gulch](#)

January 17, 18, 19 Santa Monica

Highways Performance Space

[DR. VENUS OPAL REESE – THE RAW TRUTH: A PIMP DAUGHTER'S](#)

[DIARY](#)

January 17 – February 23 San Francisco

New Conservatory Theatre Center

[YOU'LL CATCH FLIES](#)

January 18 Los Angeles

LA LGBT Center

[WOMEN LAUGHING OUT LOUD, 20-Year Anniversary Show](#)

January 20 Los Angeles

[The BlaQ Film Festival](#)

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January 21 San Francisco

Frameline Encore

[Circus of Books + Verasphere: A Love Story in Costume](#)

January 24 Santa Monica

Highways Performance Space

[ANNA IALEGGIO & ROBYN O'DELL – CRANE & MAN](#)

January 25 Long Beach

South Coast Choral

[BAYARD RUSTIN: THE MAN BEHIND THE DREAM](#)

Artist Calls & Grants

The California Arts Council (CAC) maintains a database dedicated to opportunities for artists, from local to global, including gallery calls.

[ARTIST CALLS AT CAC](#)

In addition to its own grant program offerings, the California Arts Council (CAC) keeps a database dedicated to arts and culture funding opportunities available from the field at large.

[GRANTS AT CAC](#)



Additional Artist Calls & Grants

The Art of Leadership: From Individual Voice to Collective Action - LA County

Deadline: 8 January, 2020

The LA County Arts Ed Collective is excited to offer “The Art of Leadership: From Individual Voice to Collective Action,” a professional development intensive for arts education leaders of all levels, who are interested in and/or

already working to advance systems change in arts education.

NOTE: Applicants must work in Los Angeles County.

[Learn More](#)

[Apply](#)

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Newport Beach Civic Center Sculpture Exhibition, Phase V Newport Beach

Deadline: January 15, 2020

The City of Newport Beach (City) is pleased to announce a call for entries for Phase V of its ongoing Invitational Sculpture Exhibition to further activate the splendor of the City's Civic Center Park.

[Apply](#)

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Artist Bootcamp 2020 West Hollywood

Deadline: 16 January, 2020

The Artist Bootcamp is 6 (six) interactive workshops, including topics such as "Presenting Yourself as an Artist & Setting Goals," "Promoting Yourself & Your Work," "Financial Literacy and Money Consciousness," "Funding Your Art Project or Business," "Planning, Plain and Simple," as well as one-on-one consulting.

[Facebook Link](#)

[Registration Form](#)

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ACTIVATE Arts Advocacy Leadership Program Los Angeles

Deadline: 27 January, 2020

This advocacy and organizing lab explores the fundamentals of policymaking, advocacy, and community organizing, with the aim of empowering participants to design change campaigns in one of Arts for LA's four policy areas: affordable spaces for artists, creative career pathways, equitable arts education, and arts funding.

This program is designed for artists, arts and culture professionals, educators, and community advocates interested in learning the advocacy and organizing skills necessary to make change across LA's creative sectors. No prior knowledge is required.

[Info & Application Link](#)

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About the CA LGBT Arts Alliance

The mission of The California LGBT Arts Alliance is to promote artistic and financial partnerships that strengthen and deepen the cooperative relationship among California's LGBT non-profit arts organizations and individual artists.

The California LGBT Arts Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

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