



## CA LGBT Arts Alliance Newsletter

### Top Of The News

#### CONGRATULATIONS to the 2020/21 Rainbow Key Awards Honorees



On Thursday, April 8, 2021, during its regularly scheduled meeting, LGAB voted to recommend awards to the following nominees: Nik Kacy; Dr. Adrian Ravarour; Troy Masters; Grace Baldrige; Sophie B. Hawkins; Jeff Consoletti; **Dante Alencastre** and WEHO TIMES editor and publisher Paulo Murillo.

Location: [Zoom Webinar](#)

For questions, please contact Hernán Molina, staff liaison to the City of West Hollywood's Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, at (323) 848-6364 or at [hmolina@weho.org](mailto:hmolina@weho.org)

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#### Welcome | AIDS Diva Connie



We are pleased to announce that our documentary, *AIDS DIVA* will have its in-theater, in-person Premiere event at *OUTFEST LA 2021*. After several virtual festival screenings abroad, *AIDS DIVA* is coming home to the big theater at the Directors Guild headquarters for *OUTFEST* on Saturday August 21st at 11 AM. '

As the home base for much of Connie's wide-ranging and extraordinary transgender AIDS activist's life in the early 1990's, screening the film for Los Angeles audiences will be a particular satisfying joy. We look forward to providing this film and this story as a particularly apt one for us to (safely) share as a community audience in a room together, reacting together and beginning to weave her presence back into the collective memory of our local history together.

Critics abroad, all unfamiliar with Connie previously, have enthusiastically appreciated the film "an important and lovingly crafted tribute that powerfully makes the case for her place in history"[James Kleinman, *Queer Review*]. Others describe the film " as bold, brash and unapologetic as the woman herself" [Lela Franks, *WeLoveCinema*]. Across the board praise found the film "incredibly timely" and "deeply moving", and Connie as "nothing less than remarkable", "funny honest and humane", "a warrior and an icon" who

"should be treasured."

More detailed and updated information and reviews about the film is on the website at : [www.aidsdivaconnie.com](http://www.aidsdivaconnie.com)  
Follow the link for more information about the screening and how to get tickets:  
<https://outfestla2021.com/aids-diva-the-legend-of-connie-norman/>

[AIDS DIVA at OUTFEST Facebook link](#)

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## Lambda Literary Foundation Emerging Writers Retreat



The Lambda Literary Foundation emerging writers retreat is a weeklong Celebration of LGBTQIA+ Literary Artistry and is during August 8-14, 2021. The Lambda Literary Writer's Retreat for Emerging LGBTQ Voices presents for the first time a week-long public Reading Series that celebrates the emerged and emerging queer, trans, and nonbinary Faculty, Fellows, and Writers-in-Residence to attend our 2021 virtual retreat. Join over 60 LGBTQIA+ writers as they perform excerpts of their literary art. Each Reading Series event includes ASL interpretation and is closed captioned. FREE. The 2021 Lambda Literary Writer's Retreat for Emerging LGBTQ Voices Reading Series is sponsored by *Books Are Magic*.

[Read More](#)

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## State of California Allocates \$4 Million to Self Help Graphics

We have affirming news gente! After eight years advocating for funding for a state-of-the-art, community art center on the Eastside, we are elated to share that through the support of our representatives, California State Senator, Maria Elena Durazo (24th District), and California Assembly Member, Miguel Santiago (53rd District), Self Help Graphics & Art will receive funding in the amount of \$4 million dollars in the new state budget toward the renovation of our building in Boyle Heights. See SHG Executive Director, Betty Avila's video statement here.

[Video Release: Self Help Graphics & Art Garners \\$4 Million in California State Budget - YouTube](#)

### Art Events Calendar

#### • PRIDE

August 25 San Jose  
Silicon Valley Pride  
[Hey Girl! Black and Pink Pride Dance Party](#)

August 28, 29 San Jose  
[2021 Silicon Valley Pride LGBTQ+ Parade](#)

#### • FESTIVALS

July 26 - August 2 Guerneville  
[LAZY BEAR WEEK 2021 - 25TH ANNIVERSARY](#)

August 13 – 22 Los Angeles  
[OUTFEST Film Festival](#)

#### • EVENTS

August 1 San Diego  
San Diego Gay Men's Chorus  
[UNMUTED!](#)

August 1 – 4 Los Angeles  
Dirty Looks: first commission project, premiere

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Sun, Aug 1, 2021 at 4:00 PM  
[Eventbrite](#)

August 1 – 8 Palm Springs  
Desert Rose Playhouse  
[The Great American Trailer Park Musical](#)

August 1 - January 2, 2022 New York  
Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art  
[OMNISCIENT: Queer Documentation in an Image Culture](#)

August 7, 14, 21, 28 Palm Springs  
Palm Springs Cultural Center  
[The All Summer Long Sing-A-Long!](#)

August 9 San Francisco  
Digital Event  
Reimagine Candlelight Vigil with Author Armistead Maupin  
[Tickets & RSVP](#)

August 12 San Francisco  
The GLBT Historical Society  
[Catching Up With Susan Stryker](#)

August 14 Los Angeles  
Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles  
[2021 Gala Livestream](#)

August 26 – September 12 Palm Springs  
Desert Rose Playhouse  
[The Rocky Horror Show](#)

## 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

**International Poster Competition: 29th San Diego Latino Film Festival**  
Deadline: November 1, 2021

Calling all photographers, artists, and graphic designers!  
Media Arts Center San Diego's 29th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival (March 10-20, 2022) Poster Competition is now open for submissions.

[More Info + Submission Link](#)

## Donate

*Your donations help pay for web hosting, our monthly newsletter, monthly arts calendar and the artists that we present. Thank You!*

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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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visit: <http://www.weho.org/residents/arts-and-culture>

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