



## CA LGBT Arts Alliance Newsletter

### Top Of The News

#### Harvey Milk Day

May 22, 2023

Nation Wide Event



Honoring Harvey Milk, an American politician and gay rights activist, who was assassinated in 1978.

Harvey Milk was a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He won a seat in 1978, becoming the first openly gay candidate to be elected to public office in the state of California. While serving, he campaigned against the Briggs Initiative that would have banned gays and lesbians in working in public schools in California.

On November 27, 1978 Harvey Milk and the mayor of San Francisco George Moscone were killed by Dan White, a former supervisor who wanted his resignation to be withdrawn. Milk had had several disagreements with White

and had lobbied against his reappointment.

Harvey Milk Day is held by the Harvey Milk Foundation. This organization focuses on encouraging organizations at all levels (local, regional, national, and global) to promote education that includes the story of Harvey Milk and the LGBT community and to support LGBT youth.

Harvey Milk Day is celebrated on Milk's birthday, May 22. It is considered a day of special significance for California's public schools. This day is observed by LGBTQ+ organizations across the United States and abroad.

[Learn More](#)

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## **LGBTQ+ First Ever Pride Event**

**Sat May 20 2023**

**San Bernardino, CA**



Join SBCUSD to Celebrate! Enjoy guest speakers, Sensory Zone, Information Booths, Music, Hands-On Activities, Food Trucks (while supplies last), and More...

12 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Indian Springs High School

650 North Del Rosa Drive, San Bernardino, CA

[Learn More](#)

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**National Queer Arts Festival**  
**May 13 – July 2 San Francisco**  
**Queer Cultural Center**



The National Queer Arts Festival (NQAF) is an annual multidisciplinary Festival held May through July throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Each year we commission over twenty performances, visual arts exhibitions, and interdisciplinary showcases and in the process, we support hundreds of artists and production crews.

Since 1998, NQAF has presented more than 800 different events that have featured more than 2,300 LGBTQ+ artists

[Learn More](#)

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**WeHo Pride Arts Festival**  
**May 22 - June 30, 2023**  
**West Hollywood**



The City of West Hollywood celebrates pride with its WeHo Pride Arts Festival, which runs from Harvey Milk Day (May 22) through the end of June Pride month (June 30). The Arts Festival has taken place since 2008 and was formerly known as One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival.

## Remembering Playwright Robert Patrick



La MaMa is heartbroken by the loss of iconic playwright, actor, poet and performance artist Robert Patrick. A beloved fixture of the Off-Off-Broadway theatre community, he was especially proud of his work at Caffè Cino. In 1965, he started producing plays under the artistic commission of Ellen Stewart at La MaMa. He wrote his first play, *The Haunted Host*, in 1964, and it is considered one of the earliest modern gay plays. Playwright William M. Hoffman wrote, "Robert Patrick was among the first to depict gay people and remains one of the best."

*A multicultural hive of avant-garde drama and performance art. La MaMa is a remarkable springboard for an impressive roster of promising playwrights, directors and actors.*

~ The New York Times

## • PRIDE

May 6 Santa Cruz

[Boardwalk Pride](#)

May 10 San Luis Obispo

Cuesta College

[Cuesta Pride](#)

May 20 San Bernadino

[LGBTQ+ First Ever Pride Event](#)

## • FESTIVALS

May 13 – July 2 San Francisco

Queer Cultural Center

[National Queer Arts Festival](#)

May 22 – June 30 West Hollywood

City of West Hollywood

[WeHo Pride Arts Festival](#)

## • EVENTS

May 1 – June 24 Los Angeles

LA LGBT Center & Celebration Theatre

[A New Brain](#)

May 1 – July 16 New York

Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art

[Coyote Park: I Love You Like Mirrors Do](#)

May 1 – July 30 New York

Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art

[Images on which to build, 1970s-1990s](#)

May 12 Los Angeles

Connie Norman Transgender Empowerment Center

[Love Bailey presents "My Femininity is Not Drag!"](#)

May 12 – June 2 San Francisco  
New Conservatory Theatre Center  
[The Confession of Lily Dare](#)

May 13 – June 12 Los Angeles  
LA LGBT Center  
[The Bottoming Process](#)

May 20 West Hollywood  
City of West Hollywood & ONE Archives Foundation  
[HRSS: AIDS Diva: The Legend of Connie Norman](#)

May 21 Los Angeles  
Gay Freedom Band of LA  
[Sunday Blue](#)

May 22 Nation Wide  
[Harvey Milk Day](#)

May 25 – June 3 San Diego  
Diversionary Theatre  
[Head over Heels](#)

May 26 Los Angeles  
VOXfemina  
[VOX Cabernet Cabaret](#)

May 27 West Hollywood  
June L. Mazer Archive  
[Betsy York Collection with Betsy York herself and Sandy Ramsey](#)

## 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**

### **Healing Through Storytelling**

#### **The professional Storyteller's Workshop**

**Deadline: May 1, 2023**

This interactive workshop will focus on how to hone the art of storytelling to help you heal what has been hard to reveal.

Registration is sliding scale: \$10-\$32. Deadline to register is 5/1. Space is limited to (25) people so be sure to register ASAP.

[Register Here](#)

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### **Pride Poets 2023 Application**

**Deadline: May 6, 2023**

WHAT IS IT?

For the last four years, Pride Poets has brought LGBTQ+ poets to write poems on typewriters and via hotline for members of the public during Pride, creating over 1,500 original poems based on living LGBTQ+ histories that participants shared with us.

We are looking for 6 new poets to join our cohort in creating poetry as a public service, including writing custom poems for strangers and friends, sharing it in chalk on the streets, and supporting one another's writing lives.

[Apply Now](#)

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## **LA County Performing Arts Recovery Grant**

**Application Deadline: May 10, 2023**

The LA County Performing Arts Recovery Grant is a new grant initiative designed to support the region's dynamic performing arts sector. Through this initiative, the LA County Department of Arts and Culture will deliver \$1.2 million in one-time funding to artists, independent producers, and organizations that have a demonstrated history of developing, producing, and/or presenting work in the performing arts disciplines such as dance, music, theater, and folk and traditional arts.

[Learn More](#)

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## **25th Anniversary San Francisco Transgender Film Festival**

**Call For Submissions**

**Deadline: June 4, 2023**

For 25 years, SFTFF has screened films that promote the visibility of transgender and gender variant people and challenge the mainstream media's negative stereotypes of our communities. We provide opportunities for transgender and gender variant media artists, build community through our film and performance events, and engage our audiences in cross-community dialogue.

[Learn More & Submit Your Film](#)

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## **The Queer 16: May Workshops**

**Los Angeles, San Diego**

The rain is gone, the sun is out, and so are our May Workshops!

This month, we're excited to announce our first two in-person studio workshops, as well as two more screenwriting workshops, AND copywriting, poetry, and career development sessions!



AND...for non-members, we've lowered the cost to attend! For our members, our Zoom workshops are free as always and our in-person events are free and/or discounted!

### [Workshops](#)

## 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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