



E-COMMERCE MERCHANT DESCRIPTIONS FOR WEBSITE

L.A. Theatre Works

Located in Los Angeles and founded in 1984, L.A. Theatre Works (LATW) is a non-profit media arts organization whose mission is to present, preserve and distribute significant classic and contemporary plays through audio recordings. Originally named "Artists in Prison," the organization used theatre as a tool for creative expression by incarcerated men and women. In 1985, LATW began producing audio recordings of their plays which are available free through streaming on their website, in over 9,000 U.S. libraries and internationally. Their library consists of over 400 plays by classic and notable playwrights recorded by famous film and TV actors. In 2012, LATW began releasing ebooks which allows a user to read the text of a play as they listen to the recording. Live performances of LATW's "radio theatre" are produced at The James Bridges Theater at UCLA and the company also nationally tours.

Tompkins Square Bar and Grill

Not named for the East Village park in New York City but for the two brothers who own it, Tompkins Square Bar and Grill is a relaxing, comfortable sports bar with above average sports bar food. A huge 80 inch flat screen TV sitting above a fireplace is the centerpiece of the wood paneled room which is surrounded by seven smaller screens. Along one side are comfortable, leather banquettes with a long bar lining the other side offering 16 beers on tap in addition to a full bar. In the middle of the room are several long tables with good views of all the TVs. Tompkins Square's menu specialties are their burgers which you can either choose off the menu or build your own. Located just north of LAX, the bar services two nearby colleges and the various neighborhoods in the Playa Vista area.

Ayara Thai

Elephants which symbolized fortune in Thailand are a decorative theme in the simple but warm ambiance of Ayara Thai tucked away on a small street near LAX. Simply decorated with dark wooden tables and celadon upholstered chairs, walls of elephants decorate the main dining room as well as the two small back dining areas, perfect for larger or private parties. Known for their fresh, made from scratch ingredients, popular dishes include drunken noodles, various curries, spring rolls and chicken Ka-Pow. Third generation family owned and operated, Ayara is expanding to the building next door and now offers their original sauces for sale online. Parking is available in the lot behind the restaurant or on the street. If you have a hard time finding this hidden gem of a Thai restaurant, just head toward the sound of the Tai Chi classes that are located across the street.

Spectrum Club-Howard Hughes Center

Spectrum Athletic Clubs at the Howard Hughes Center is a three-story gym located in a shopping mall serving the Westchester/Culver City area. The club offers clean, updated equipment in addition to a wide variety of exercise classes. The first floor houses the lobby, a café that serves healthy, delicious food and a large pool that offers aquatic classes. There's also a Kids Club where members can leave their children while working out. The men and women locker rooms have keyless lockers and provide free, unlimited towel service and toiletries. A vast selection of weight equipment is on the second floor as are the group exercise rooms where there are many choices in classes including yoga, dance, cycling and kickboxing. The third floor has numerous cardio machines outfitted with personal TVs and cable. Free parking is available in the lot but you must park in spaces labeled "Spectrum."