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## PORTRAIT OF THE ARTISTS

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*Weddings Los  
Angeles: Dazzling  
Venues, Gorgeous  
Gowns & More!*



**SEE** Third-generation furniture designer Michael Felix is taking his studio to the next level. The handcrafted furniture brand, started by Felix's grandfather in 1959, recently joined forces with art consultant David Daniels to introduce a gallery element to the Kenmore Ave. studio. Focusing on underrepresented L.A.-based artists, including Gabrielle Ferrer, Bjarne Bare and Molly Larkey, the duo is also releasing artist editions of decor pieces, like a folding screen by John Parot. This new arm of the business complements Felix's existing upholstered furniture and lighting line, which is entirely customizable and handmade locally in Los Angeles. [michaelfelix.com](http://michaelfelix.com)

Elena Stonaker "The Lovers" (2022, oil on canvas) will be on view at Michael Felix Gallery in January.

## PAINT THE TOWN

Artistry and inspiration shine through L.A.'s fresh winter finds.

BY THE EDITORS

**SCENT** West Hollywood is welcoming French culture with open arms this season. Trudon ([trudon.com](http://trudon.com)), the noted Parisian fragrance brand celebrating its 380th anniversary, recently opened a pop-up boutique on Melrose Ave, with a completed permanent version set to debut this January. Pick up the smoky Ernesto perfume with leather and tobacco notes, or choose a sweeter scent with the floral and fruity Tuileries candle. Just down the street is newly opened luxury candle shop Baobab ([us.baobabcollection.com](http://us.baobabcollection.com)); the brand's first storefront on the West Coast. Proceeds from Africa—the new winter collection that focuses on the ancient artistry of the continent—go toward the preservation of Baobab trees worldwide. The collection's three scents range from floral Maylia to spicy Nyeleti and boast illustrations by Kenyan photographer Thandiwe Muriu.



Shop Baobab's Africa collection in support of Baobab trees worldwide.

Trudon's Melrose Ave. location boasts exquisite fragrances and candles.



## SHOP

Audemars Piguet's opulent AP house is on everyone's watch list this season. The 6,500-square-foot indoor-outdoor penthouse is the perfect showcase of haute horology for watch connoisseurs and novices alike. The immersive new space by Romanek Design Studio has a Swiss-meets-Southern-California sensibility—with a curated vinyl collection and contemporary artworks lent by L.A.'s François Ghebaly Gallery—making shopping for world-class watches or stopping in for a quick repair an all-around inspiring experience every time. [audemarspiguet.com](http://audemarspiguet.com)

Audemars Piguet's new AP House opens on Sunset Blvd.

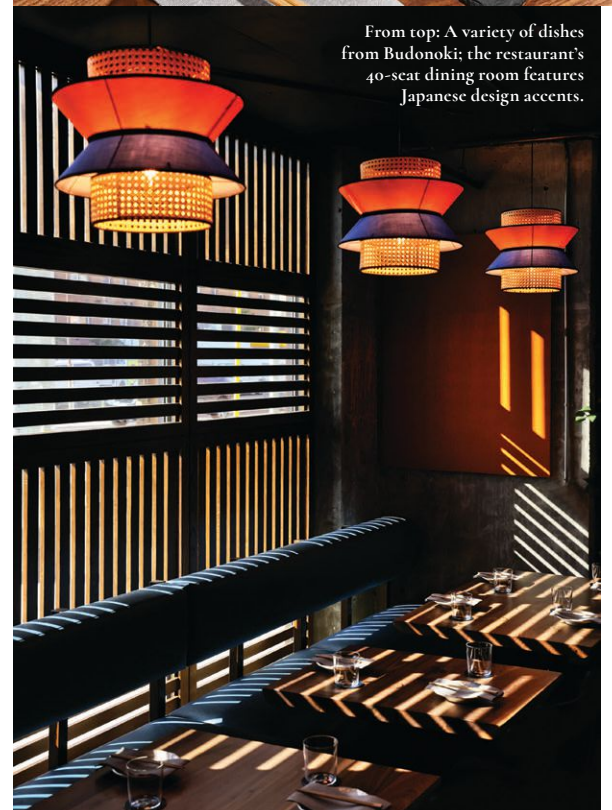


Flamingo Estate x Beni Rugs Monstera (left) and Bathhouse Reflection rugs

**SAVOR** Bold bites, sake-based cocktails and an overall good-time vibe define Budonoki, a new Japanese Izakaya that recently opened in Virgil Village. Conceived by Eric Bedroussian and Josh Hartley—who met at USC and created a supper club out of their apartment years ago—and chef Dan Rabilwongs, the restaurant’s menu consists of snacks (chicken oyster skewers, a delicate seafood crepe, wagyu zabuton, an eight oz. Snake River Farms steak topped with porcini salt and “foie-re” sauce) and oshizushi, thoughtfully seasoned pressed sushi. Don’t skip unique cocktails like the Joshikai, or Girl’s Night Out, made with Kamoizumi Umelicious, Cocchi Americano, rice milk, lemon, orange and molasses bitters, or one of the sweet and tangy frozen drinks. And don’t forget to save room for dessert—housemade soft serve in pandan coconut vanilla and pineapple koji Dole Whip flavors. Delicious! [budonoki.la](http://budonoki.la)



From top: A variety of dishes from Budonoki; the restaurant’s 40-seat dining room features Japanese design accents.



Performance denim DU/ER makes it easy to go from bike lane to boardroom.



## SPORT

Canadian style meets the Californian scene at DU/ER, now open in Larchmont Village, neighboring Buck Mason, Diptyque, Malin + Goetz and more. The Vancouver-based label combines durable materials with sporty-chic designs made with plant-based and recycled materials. With an ease-of-lifestyle mission, DU/ER encourages its customers to keep moving from bike lane to boardroom to even an evening out—all in the same pair of pants. [shopduer.com](http://shopduer.com)



10/17-1/14

**William Blake: Visionary**

Step into William Blake's imaginative world—where words meet imagery. Known for his work as a poet, printmaker and painter in the Romantic era, Blake explores the complexities of creation and destruction by creating striking imagery. Explore his remarkable collection at the Getty Center with up-close access to watercolor paintings “Satan Exulting over Eve” and “The Death of the Virgin,” among other celebrated works. *Getty Center, Brentwood, getty.edu*

10/19-3/3

**RECLAIMED:****A Family Painting**

Discover the hidden artifacts of the Bloch family of Brno, Czechoslovakia—one of the many Jewish families whose possessions and art collections were stolen during the Holocaust—at the Skirball Cultural Center, now through 2024. Showcasing stories of migration, survival and resilience, this collection explores the determination of the Bloch family to reclaim what is rightfully theirs and share the vital importance of history's tragic event with the Los Angeles community. *Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, skirball.org*

10/25-1/6

**Matt Wedel:****Pictures in the Garden**

For his exhibition *Pictures in the Garden*, acclaimed sculptor and



# L.A. ON DISPLAY

From showstopping spectacles to stunning live performances, here are L.A.'s must-see shows this season. *BY HANNAH GEORGE*

painter Matt Wedel explores themes of time, space, metaphor and mythology with vibrant gouache plant paintings on display at Venice Beach's L.A. Louver. Discover Mother Nature on canvas with his spirited works “Potted Plant” and “Flower Tree (Hawai'i).” *L.A. Louver, Venice Beach, lalouer.com*

11/4-1/5

**Westward Ho!**

Uncover Allison Katz's deeply personal aesthetic on display

at Hauser & Wirth West Hollywood. This solo exhibition explores Katz's curiosity about meaningful imagery and features some of the works she completed during her residency in Somerset. Each piece represents the viewer's subjective experience through art history, biography, and commodity culture. Be sure to stop by and see her oil painting, “Eternity.” *Hauser & Wirth, West Hollywood, hauserwirth.com*

11/12-12/23

**Noon Has No Shadows**

As a leader of the 1970's feminist art movement, Rosemary Mayer's incredible pieces are rich in history. From exquisite drawings to stunning watercolors, the works on view spanning from the 1970s to the 1990s are a rarity that will be on display only at Hannah Hoffman Gallery and Marc Selwyn Fine Art. *Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles, Marc Selwyn Fine Art, Beverly Hills, hannahhoffman.la; marcselwynfineart.com*

11/12-8/4

**Shifting Perspectives: Vertical Cinema**

Reorient standard perceptions of art with *Shifting Perspectives: Vertical Cinema*, a new film-forward exhibition at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Located in the museum's dramatic double-height Hurd Gallery, the exhibition invites visitors to experience a 20' x 3' screen from the second and third floors, showcasing 25 films, three of which were commissioned by Southern Californian filmmakers Zaina Beseio, Fox Maxy and Walter Thompson-Hernández. *Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Miracle Mile, academymuseum.org*



From left: William Blake “The Death of the Virgin” (1803, watercolor) on view at The Getty Center; head to L.A. Louver to see Matt Wedel's “Potted Plant” (2021, gouache on paper); catch Rosemary Mayer's “HARMLESS DAYS” (1983, watercolor and pencil on paper) at Hannah Hoffman Gallery.



11/14-12/3

**Mamma Mia!**

Calling all dancing queens! The nostalgic, coming-of-age tale *Mamma Mia!* is taking center stage at the Pantages Theatre this winter with timeless hits by ABBA and a feel-good performance pulling sets straight from the shores of Greece. *Pantages Theatre, Hollywood, Broadwayinhollywood.com*

11/18-12/9

**El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego**

Enter the world of renowned Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, exploring themes of love, loss, forgiveness and artistry. Brought to life by Grammy Award-winning composer Gabriela Lena Frank, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz, and an incredibly talented international cast, *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego* is a powerful tribute portraying a pivotal moment in romantic history that is beautifully crafted, confident and a bit uncanny. *LA Opera, Los Angeles, laopera.org*

11/18-4/7

**Desire, Knowledge, and Hope (with Smog)**

A representative journey of Los Angeles and its various complexities, the exhibition *Desire, Knowledge, and Hope (with Smog)*—a name borrowed from a 1985 multi-panel work by John Baldessari—showcases storytelling through



From top: *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego*, presented by LA Opera; Los Angeles Ballet's *The Nutcracker*

abstraction, realism, photography and politics for an influential gallery experience rich with the city's history. Be sure to see works from Doug Aitken, Mike Kelley, and Barbara Kruger and the newly acquired pieces by up-and-coming artists Sayre Gomez and Patrick Martinez. *The Broad, DTLA, thebroad.org*

11/22-12/30

**Love Actually Live**

'Tis the season for a holiday-themed rom-com—live from the Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts. Cult classic *Love Actually* is making its way to Beverly Hills in the ultimate multimedia experience, complete with all-star singers, a live orchestra, a wintery set design and love, of course! *Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts, Beverly Hills, thewallis.org*

12/1-12/26

**The Nutcracker**

Presented by the Los Angeles Ballet and set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score, classic storybook tale *The Nutcracker* helps usher viewers into the holiday spirit with a spectacular performance. In true L.A. fashion, the 1912 production set pulls influence from Southern California landmarks spanning Spanish-style homes to snowcapped Sierras and moonlit views of the Pacific Ocean. *Los Angeles Ballet, Multiple Locations, losangelesballet.org*

12/6-12/17

**Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

Ever wonder how the Grinch stole Christmas? Find out this December with this heart-warming holiday classic. Kids and adults alike will love watching the Whos come to life

to perform "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch." *Pantages Theatre, Hollywood, Broadwayinhollywood.com*

12/20-12/22

**Home Alone in Concert**

Performing live to picture, settle in for a family-friendly holiday experience of the beloved classic *Home Alone*. Scored by John Williams, this hilarious tale is paired with a harmonious music conducted by David Newman. *Walt Disney Concert Hall, DTLA, laphil.com*

1/18; 1/20-1/21

**Das Rheingold**

Explore the luxurious and whimsical world of Richard Wagner, led by conductor Gustavo Dudamel. Featuring gold, gods and grandiose music, Wagner's *Das Rheingold* is a staple in opera music with gripping harmonies and infinite melodies. *Walt Disney Concert Hall, DTLA, laphil.com*

1/28-5/5

**ART IRAN: Falling Into Language**

Explore the diverse art of nine expatriate Iranian artists this season at Craft Contemporary—in collaboration with the Farhang Foundation. This incredible installation highlights the importance of the Persian alphabet in contemporary life through collages, ceramics, site-specific art and more. *Craft Contemporary, Miracle Mile, craftcontemporary.org*

### Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration

Kick off the holiday season with style at this celebration presented by the city of Beverly Hills and the Rodeo Drive Committee. In honor of this year's theme—Up, Up & Away Holiday!—larger-than-life hot air balloons and gifts wrapped in white, red, silver and blue will decorate the town in true holiday spirit. Even after a visit from Santa and a fabulous fireworks show, the Christmas magic isn't over just yet, as Beverly Hills will continue to glow well into the new year. *Nov. 16, Beverly Hills, rodeodrive-bh.com*

### Pershing Square Holiday Ice Rink

Bundle up for a day of ice skating at Pershing Square in Downtown L.A. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, the 7,200-square-foot outdoor rink is the perfect place to embrace this wintery time of year. On Nov. 16, the rink will present the "Icebreaker Opening Celebration," packed with live performances and a tree lighting ceremony. Guests can rent skates and glide across the ice throughout December during designated skating sessions or can book a time for a private party. *Nov. 16-Jan. 7, DTLA, holidayicerinkdowntownla.com*

### Lightscape

Venture through the L.A. Arboretum to see an extravagant arrangement of light installations. In addition to the signature glowing Winter Cathedral, this year's experience fuses holiday magic with nature in the mesmerizing Fire Garden, eye-catching Feast of Light and Dancing Palms, among other awe-inspiring light features. Stop by the food trucks and full bar before getting a pic with Santa! *Nov. 17-Jan. 2, Arcadia, arboretum.org*

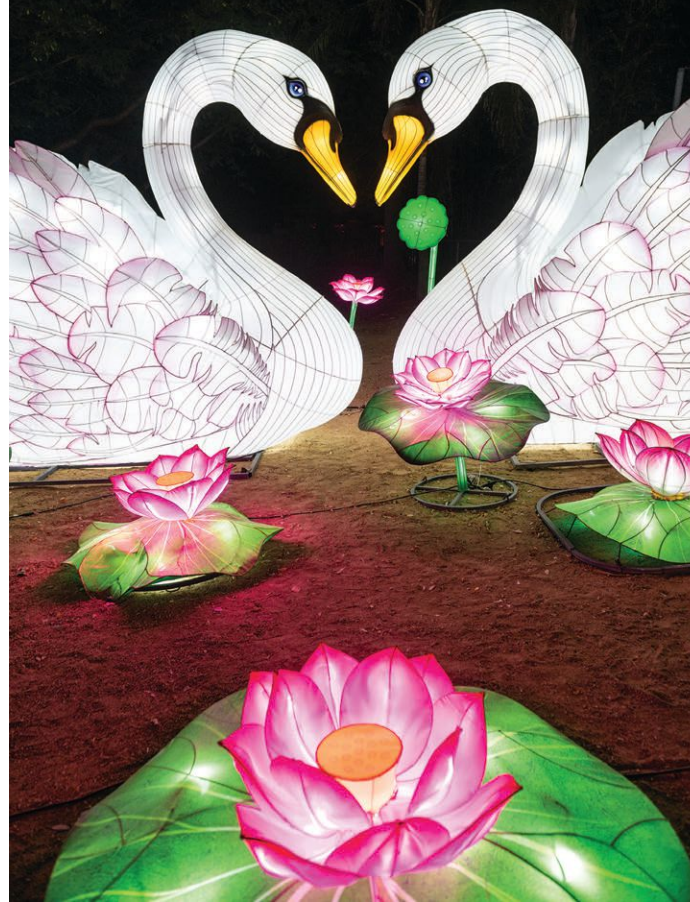
### L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow

Celebrate the wild side of the festive season at the L.A. Zoo. Back again this year, the theme "Animals Aglow" invites guests to admire massive,

# CITY OF LIGHTS

See L.A. twinkle at this year's best spots to catch a winter light extravaganza.

BY THE EDITORS



illuminated animal sculptures, glowing ice crystals and views of the "Northern Lights" while strolling around the zoo after hours. This incredible display is a great way to mark the holidays and new year while enjoying the wonders of nature at the same time. And for adults only, head to the zoo on select nights for a special cocktail hour with themes such as "Tinsel & Tinis" and "Ugly Holiday Sweaters." *Nov. 17-Jan. 7, L.A., lazoo.org*

### Descanso Garden's Enchanted

At this one-of-a-kind experience, guests can immerse themselves in a series of magical light displays during a one-mile walk through Descanso Gardens. Admire glitzy swirling installations from HYBYCOZO on the Main Lawn, a glowing field of "meadow grass" in the rose bushes and dazzling lighting effects in the Ancient Forest. Be sure not to miss the Rose Garden's extravagant stained-glass town

From left: See illuminated animal sculptures at L.A. Zoo Lights: Animals Aglow; the Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration gives Beverly Hills a glow-up.



constructed by sculptor Tom Fruin. *Nov. 19-Jan. 7, 5:30-10PM, La Cañada Flintridge, descansogardens.org*

### The Griffith Park Holiday Light Festival

Hop on a train ride around Griffith Park and Southern Railroad for a holiday-themed light show. Adorned with thousands of sparkling lights, the one-mile track through the park is transformed into a festive wonderland. After the ride, stop by the brand-new pop-up gift kiosk and snap a family picture in front of winter-themed photo booths. *Nov. 24-Jan. 5, Griffith Park, griffithparktrainrides.com*

### Season's Greetings in Marina Del Rey

Throughout the holiday season, visitors can stroll through Marina Del Rey's outdoor plazas for gift shopping, enjoy outdoor concerts at Fisherman's Village on select weekends and, in the evening, journey through Burton Chace Park to marvel at the marina lights. On Dec. 9, watch the harbor fill with ships decked out in holiday decor for the 61st Annual Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade. *Through Dec. 31, Marina del Rey, visitmarinadelrey.com*

# LUXE LOCATIONS

For L.A. venues ranging from classic to eclectic to all-out glam, these are the 11 best spots to say “I Do.”

*By Hannah George*

Wed alfresco at Hotel Bel-Air's Swan Lake.

# WEDDINGS

## venues

From top: The Beverly Hills Hotel transforms its garden event space into a dazzling oasis; make any event space dreamy at The Beverly Hilton.



### THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

If old Hollywood charm—and a classic pink and green color scheme—are your thing, look no further than The Beverly Hills Hotel. Marrying celebrities and royalty alike, dreamlike weddings are the standard here, with four ballroom options, including a cocktail reception space. The Art-Deco-styled Crystal Ballroom, Champagne-inspired Sunset Ballroom and the Rodeo Ballroom—clad in the hotel's iconic palm leaf

motif—are all excellent choices for an extravagant wedding bash, while couples looking for something more intimate will be pleased with the Polo Lounge Private Dining Room. Dreamy details include exquisite creations from chef Pedro Contreras, a horse-drawn carriage and pre-wedding poolside cabanas. [dorchestercollecton.com](http://dorchestercollecton.com)

### THE BEVERLY HILTON

Host your wedding in one of three event spaces known for

throwing Oscar nomination luncheons and even The Golden Globes. With over 60,000 square feet of venue space between two magnificent ballrooms and a lively outdoor area, weddings here are glamorous enough for a movie star, especially with the help of The Beverly Hilton's dedicated event planners. Top off the perfect day with an elite bar, a customized wedding cake and luxury suite accommodations for the happy couple and their guests. [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)





## WEDDINGS

### venues

#### BEVERLY WILSHIRE, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

An iconic L.A. institution, Beverly Wilshire, a Four Seasons Hotel, has remained a go-to wedding venue for a reason. With ballrooms clad in massive chandeliers and balconies overlooking the city, each wedding venue is customizable to taste and capacity—with options including the Rodeo Terrace, Le Grand Trianon ballroom, the two-level Ballroom and the one-of-a-kind Royal Suite fit with a dining room, library and an arrival area. Dream big at this hotel infused with Californian charm, where expert planners pull together the biggest and best floral arrangements, light projections of the happy couple's initials on the dance floor and sustainable choices for the eco-conscious. [fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire](http://fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire)



#### VIBIANA

Richly historic and alluring in its antiquity, downtown L.A.'s Vibiana, located within a refurbished Cathedral, stands proudly as a coveted destination for weddings and beyond. Adorned with arched ceilings, traditional columns and a warm white interior, the venue accommodates up to 550 seated guests and stands out against the metropolitan skyline of bustling DTLA. Owners and operators Amy Knoll Fraser and chef Neal Fraser handle everything from culinary to cocktails within Vibiana and adjacent property, Redbird, which, with a main dining room, five upstairs private dining rooms and an outdoor garden, offers a variety of options. [vibiana.com](http://vibiana.com)

#### WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS

A Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond property, the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills ensures weddings are executed with the utmost precision and offers the option to fully customize each event. Those seeking an elegant and distinguished space will love the hotel's 2,945-square-foot Astor Ballroom, flooded with natural light, ceiling-high windows and gold-trimmed decor. The spacious ballroom can be divided into three separate salons, including a foyer for a cocktail reception. Expect a hors d'œuvres cocktail hour, a Californian-inspired multi-course dinner, a towering wedding cake and a luxurious wine service—thanks to in-house wedding preparation teams and talented event professional partners. [waldorfastoriabeverlyhills.com](http://waldorfastoriabeverlyhills.com) ■

Clockwise from top: Walk the aisle at historic DTLA venue, Vibiana; weddings at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills overflow with luxurious touches; Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel boasts incredible views of Beverly Hills.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP, PHOTOS: COURTESY OF VIBIANA; BY BRANDON KIDD; COURTESY OF BEVERLY WILSHIRE, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL