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Downtown Art Walk

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Second Thursday of Every Month

Thursday, August 14, 2008 from 12 - 9 pm

(some locations close earlier, see details on Art Walk map)

The **Downtown Art Walk** is a free, self-guided tour of the many art exhibition venues in Downtown Los Angeles — commercial art galleries, museums, and non-profit arts venues. Public information and a printable pdf map of the Downtown Art Walk are available at www.downtownartwalk.com.

Participants in the Downtown Art Walk are **The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), The Japanese American National Museum, Gallery at REDCAT, 7+FIG Art Space, PYO Gallery, LA Artcore Center, 2nd Street Cigars and Gallery, deSoto, Art Slave, Morono Kiang Gallery, Biddy Mason Park Gallery, Taller 410, Museum of Neon Art, Crewest, LAMP Community Art Project, Pharmaka Art, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, El Nopal Press, Bert Green Fine Art, Julie Rico Gallery, YARGER | STRAUSS, Phyllis Stein Art, Niche.LA Video Art, Spring Arts Collective Gallery, Phantom Galleries LA, M. J. Higgins, compact/space, Fifty/24LA Gallery, The Last Laugh, Rouge Galerie, 626 Gallery, Downtown Art Center Gallery, Infusion Gallery, G727, The Hive Gallery, Chapman Windows (USC Animation), Dalessio, and Gary Leonard.**

A **FREE Art Walk shuttle** loops throughout Gallery Row on Art Walk nights from 6-10 pm. A distinctive, historic 1940s renovated bus, the shuttle provides a loop service along Spring and Main Streets from 2nd to 8th Streets as indicated on the Art Walk map. Pickups and stops are available on demand — just wave to the vehicle to stop or alert the driver to exit. The shuttle is hosted by **Kim Cooper and Richard Schave of Esotouric**, who will curate the shuttle as a moving performance venue, called *"The Hippodrome."*

Also occurring during the Downtown Art Walk is the **Los Angeles Comedy Walk**. Info at <http://www.comedywalk.com>.

The Downtown Art Walk is generously sponsored by the **The Los Angeles Downtown News, Patina Restaurant Group, The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council** and the **Historic Downtown Business Improvement District**. Sponsoring area restaurants, bars, stores and services are also listed on the Art Walk map.

Visitors are encouraged to arrive by the abundant public transit network in Los Angeles, as the Art Walk is easily accessible by the Metro Red, Gold, and Blue line trains, scores of local buses, and the Wilshire 720 Rapid bus, all of which run until at least midnight. Parking is plentiful in the areas many paid lots and garages, at meters on the street until 4 pm, and free after 6 pm on most streets. Once here, local LA City DASH buses are an easy way to get around for only 25¢ until 6 pm, and there is a free, special evening shuttle service on Art Walk nights from 6 – 10 pm — the exact route is shown on the Art Walk map. Additional information is available on the Art Walk website. The public may subscribe to the Downtown Art Walk announcement list at: DowntownLAArtWalk-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.