



## Welcome to Our New Season—And to New Ways to Experience Performances You'll Love.

This season, we're making more seats available at a range of ticket prices. Attend performances that move and inspire you—and fit your budget.\* We're also extending our Build Your Own Series for additional savings.

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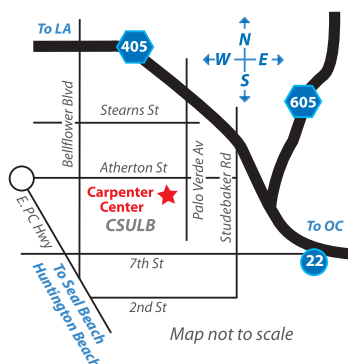
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*\*\* Valid for season performances only. Cabaret stage shows not eligible.*

*Tickets must be purchased together in a single online order. Cannot be combined with other offers. A \$3.75 service fee applies to each ticket. Build Your Own series seats are not saved for next season.*



The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center celebrates the legacy of our founding benefactors by presenting emerging and legendary artists who inspire and entertain our diverse arts community. Enjoy our lobby's permanent Carpenters Exhibit when you attend your next performance. You'll discover displays of many of the Carpenters' awards and memorabilia—including iconic photographs, hit arrangements, and original instruments!



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The Carpenter Center is located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach near the 405, 605, and 22 freeways. Safe and convenient parking operated by CSULB is located directly in front of the Center in parking lot GI2. For the latest parking and attendance information, visit our frequently asked questions page at [carpenterarts.org/faqs](http://carpenterarts.org/faqs).

Purchase tickets online  
at [carpenterarts.org](http://carpenterarts.org)!



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## Sandra Bernhard: Shapes and Forms

SAT, SEP 27, 2025 AT 8PM

Comedy queen Sandra Bernhard returns with a new show packed with razor-sharp wit, hilarious tales drawn from her exotic adventures around the globe, and an always surprising and eclectic blend of perfectly curated songs. This wildly funny and unfiltered evening is a trifecta of comedy, cabaret, and storytelling!



## An Evening with Baratunde Thurston

SAT, NOV 15, 2025 AT 8PM

With generosity and humor, Baratunde Thurston tells stories of interdependence through our relationship with nature, each other, and technology. The Emmy-nominated host, futurist, comedian, cultural critic, and proud Earthling helped relaunch *The Daily Show* with Trevor Noah, worked for *The Onion*, and hosts the PBS TV series *America Outdoors* as well as the popular podcast *Life with Machines*.



## Mandy Patinkin in Concert: Being Alive with Adam Ben-David on Piano

SAT, FEB 7, 2026 at 8PM

Emmy-winning television star, Tony-winning Broadway legend, and Golden Globe-winning film icon Mandy Patinkin electrifies our stage in an uplifting evening filled with beloved Broadway and classic American tunes—including favorites by Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, and Harry Chapin. A titan of screen and stage (*The Princess Bride*, *Homeland*, *Sunday in the Park with George*), Mandy Patinkin commands a dazzling musical celebration of life through unforgettable songs.



# Cabaret SERIES

ADD-ON DINNER/BEVERAGE SERVICE 6:00-6:45PM  
PERFORMANCE 7PM

Every seat is on the stage and less than 40 feet from the artist! Plus, you have the option of enjoying dinner or bar service before the show!

## Melissa Errico: The Streisand Effect

WED/THU, NOV 12-13, 2025 AT 7PM

Accompanied by a quartet that includes Streisand's own 40-year pianist Randy Waldman, Melissa explores selections from the Streisand songbook that inspired her in this debut of her new show. Performing classics by creators who became her mentors—from David Shire to Marvin Hamlisch and Stephen Sondheim—Melissa enchants with gems including "Send In the Clowns," "I'd Rather Be Blue," and "I Never Meant to Hurt You."



## A Broadway Holiday with David Burnham

WED/THU, DEC 17-18, 2025 AT 7PM

Broadway star and acclaimed vocalist David Burnham spreads holiday cheer in this trip down memory lane as he tells heartwarming tales of Christmases past. Performing festive favorites from Broadway, film, and television, Burnham delivers the magic of the season.



## Kandace Springs - Lady in Satin

WED/THU, MAR 18-19, 2026 AT 7PM

The Nashville native returns with a lovingly reimagined celebration of Billie Holiday's 1958 album, *Lady in Satin*. Kandace Springs brings a new level of lushness to Holiday's classics in this enthralling and intimate night.



## The Magic of Manhattan Starring Benny Benack III

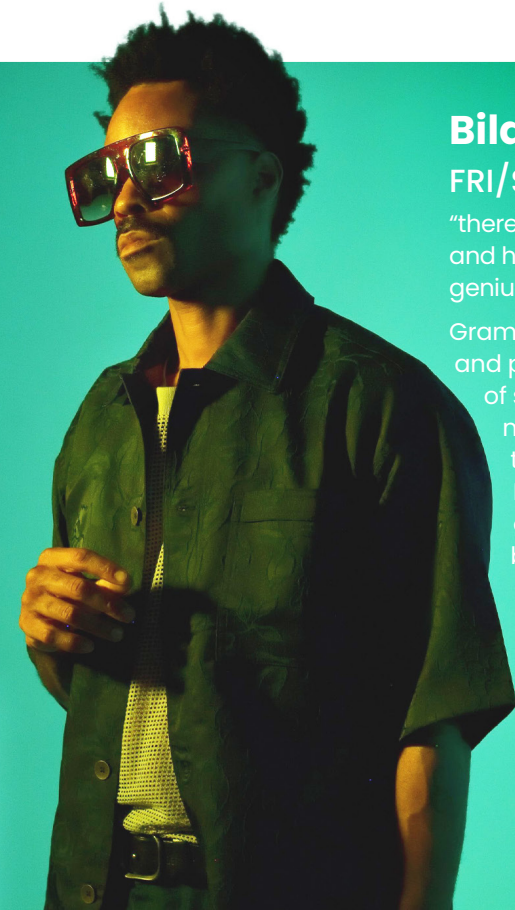
WED/THU, MAY 6-7, 2026 AT 7PM

Emmy-nominated trumpeter and vocalist Benny Benack III hosts an elegant, jazz-inspired journey through the songs and artists that defined Manhattan, including Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind" and Blossom Dearie's ode to "Manhattan."

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# SINGLE EVENTS



## Bilal

FRI/SAT, SEP 12-13, 2025 AT 8PM

"there's nothing he can't do...jazz, soul, R&B, and hip-hop communities recognize his genius." —NPR

Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and producer Bilal shares his deep love of soul, funk, and jazz in two electrifying nights of sonic brilliance. A classically trained vocalist from Philadelphia, Bilal studied jazz composition and opera in NYC and was discovered by Questlove. Bilal performs fresh material and fan favorites in this magnetic performance showcasing an innovative artist at the height of his powers.

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## Celebrating the Miles Davis Centennial with MEB "Miles Electric Band"

FRI, JAN 30, 2026 AT 8PM

Featuring Miles Davis alumni and next-generation innovators, this all-star ensemble is led by Emmy and Grammy Award-winning producer/drummer Vince Wilburn Jr., and features Darryl Jones, Robert Irving III, Mino Cinelu, Antoine Roney, Keyon Harrold, DJ Logic, plus special guest musicians. Experience this powerful homage and remarkable fusion of past and present as these luminaries expand the boundaries of jazz while honoring the innovations of Miles Davis's electric period.



## David Benoit Tribute to Charlie Brown Christmas

SAT, DEC 6, 2025 AT 8PM

Share the festive spirit with family and friends in this evening of Vince Guaraldi tunes from the holiday classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Starring five-time Grammy nominee jazz pianist David Benoit, this must-see show features the cherished holiday songs that have charmed generations, alongside contemporary classics.



## Lucía

TUE, MAY 5, 2026 AT 8PM

A singular new voice in contemporary jazz, Lucía Gutiérrez Reboloso fuses traditional American jazz with the warmth of Latin folk, weaving soulful standards together with bolero and son jarocho—folk music from her native Veracruz. Lucía made history as the first Mexican finalist—and eventual winner—of the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition in 2022. In this evening with her quartet, Lucía honors her cultural roots while also bringing her luminous voice to new interpretations of favorites, including "What a Difference a Day Makes" and "Blame It On My Youth."

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# WOW! SERIES

## The Peking Acrobats

SAT, JAN 17, 2026 AT 8PM

Witness spellbinding feats rooted in more than 2,000 years of history! These masters of agility and grace display their artful athleticism, pushing the limits of human ability with their astonishing acts of contortion and control. With a legacy of superb talent and rigorous training, The Peking Acrobats bring the festive spirit and awe-inspiring pageantry of a Chinese carnival to life.

## Charo

SAT, JAN 31, 2026 AT 8PM

Experience the one and only Charo, whose vivacious humor, astounding flamenco guitar talent, and sparkling stage presence have delighted audiences worldwide. Twice named "Best Flamenco Guitarist" by *Guitar Magazine*, Charo delivers a performance brimming with music, dance, and her signature "cuchi cuchi" charm. A true pop culture legend!

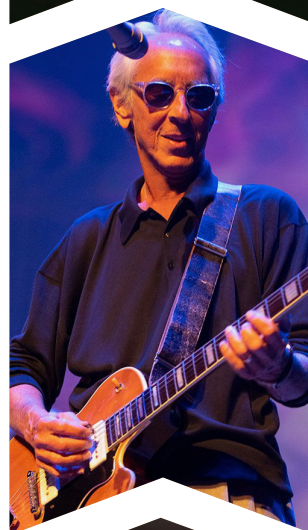
## Cirque Kalabanté Afrique en Cirque

SAT, MAR 21, 2026 AT 8PM

Cirque Kalabanté's *Afrique en Cirque* shares the beauty, youth, and artistic traditions of African culture in this vibrant and energetic spectacle filled with dazzling, gravity-defying acrobatics. Accompanied by live Afro-Jazz, percussion, and kora, the incredible artists capture the strength, athleticism, and joys of young Africans. Don't miss this unforgettable performance inspired by daily life in Guinea!

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Wit & Wisdom: Bernhard - Nick Spanos, Thurston - Erik Carter  
Cabaret: Benack - Matt Baker  
Single Events: Miles Electric Band - Kwafu Alston, Lucia - Shervin Lainez



# SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

NEW TIME - 3:00PM

## British Legends

SUN, SEP 28, 2025 AT 3PM

British Legends unites a cast of world-class tribute artists to capture Bowie's kaleidoscopic brilliance, Elton John's timeless melodies, plus the songs and stage presence of Freddie Mercury, Mick Jagger, and Rod Stewart—all in one show!

## Live from Laurel Canyon Lennon and Nilsson: Songs from the Lost Weekend

SUN, NOV 9, 2025 AT 3PM

Troubadours and storytellers Live from Laurel Canyon celebrate the music of songwriters John Lennon and Harry Nilsson alongside stories of their "Lost Weekend" making music and mischief together.

## Yacht Rock Gold Experience with Special Guest Elliot Lurie

SUN, JAN 25, 2026 AT 3PM

Set sail on a sea of lush harmonies with the music of The Doobie Brothers, Fleetwood Mac, Steely Dan, Kenny Loggins, Christopher Cross, Ambrosia, Boz Scaggs, Little River Band, and more in an afternoon concert to soothe the soul. Special guest Elliot Lurie joins the cruise to deliver his #1 hit "Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)."

## Hotel California The Original Tribute to the Eagles

SUN, MAR 15, 2026 AT 3PM

For over 30 years, Hotel California has recreated the legendary sound of The Eagles with incredible fidelity, performing The Eagles' Grammy-winning hits with passion and precision, including "Life In The Fast Lane," "Take It Easy," and "Desperado."

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# DANCE SERIES

## Noche Flamenca *Searching for Goya*

SAT, OCT 4, 2025 AT 8PM

Inspired by the drawings and paintings of Francisco de Goya, Noche Flamenca's new work takes us on a journey through the Spanish artist's graphic imagination and his response to the injustices of his time. Flamenco at its most transformative, *Searching for Goya* sees this masterful ensemble of dancers, singers, and musicians fusing theatricality with raw emotion in a performance as striking as Goya's art.



## A.I.M By Kyle Abraham

SAT, DEC 13, 2025 AT 8PM

A.I.M by Kyle Abraham returns with captivating choreography from the company's founder alongside a new co-commissioned piece by dancer and choreographer Jermaine Spivey. Witness emotionally stirring performances from one of contemporary dance's leading companies.



## Alonzo King LINES Ballet

SAT, NOV 8, 2025 AT 8PM

Experience two recent works by visionary choreographer Alonzo King. "Ode to Alice Coltrane" explores Coltrane's spiritual soundscapes, diving into the composer's masterpieces. The program also captures the imaginative storytelling of Maurice Ravel in *Ma mère l'Oye* as the company puts a contemporary twist on Ravel's 1912 suite of Mother Goose fairy tales.



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Noche Flamenca - Andres D'Elia

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Alonzo King LINES Ballet - RJ Muna



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENTS

### Symphonic Jazz Orchestra

SUN, NOV 16 & SPRING 2026

Comprised of some of the top musicians in the country, the 68-member orchestra conducted by music director Mitch Glickman returns for rich explorations at the intersection of jazz and classical music.

### Jarabe Mexicano

#### A Bordoñeo Soul Christmas

FRI, DEC 5, 2025 AT 8PM

Border band Jarabe Mexicano capture the nostalgic spirit of the holidays with upbeat cumbia, spirited rock and roll, Mexican folk, and Tex-Mex, all complemented with harmonized vocals in Spanish and English. A cross-cultural celebration of the season, full of rhythm and heart!

### Versa-Style Dance Company

#### Tribute: Guardians of Street Dance

FRI, MAR 13, 2026 at 7PM

Be inspired by the diversity and artistry of Los Angeles' hip-hop and street dance culture with Versa-Style Dance Company. Named "Los Angeles' Best Dance Troupe for Hip Hop Empowerment" by LA Weekly, the company brings the raw energy and exhilaration of street dance onto the stage.



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## BE A CHAMPION FOR ARTS EDUCATION

There's never been a more important time to stand up for the arts and arts education. Make your donation to our Arts for Life program when purchasing your tickets—or at any time—and inspire LBUSD students and our entire community!

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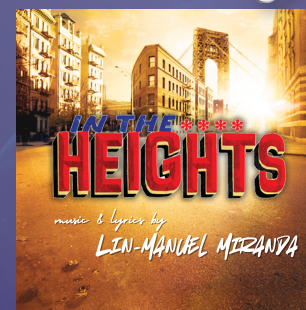
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## 2026 SEASON OF DREAMS



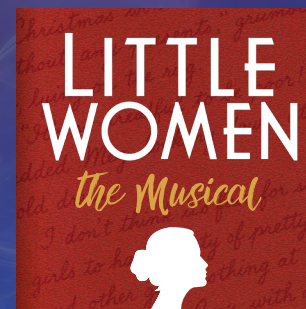
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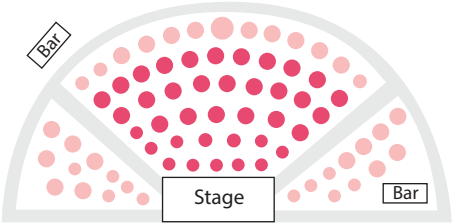
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	<b>WOW! Series</b> <i>The Peking Acrobats</i> 01/17/26 <i>Charo</i> 01/31/26 <i>Cirque Kalabanté</i> 03/21/26	SEE ALL THREE \$117
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Cabaret Series

CABARET SEATING CHART  
● Section A  
● Section B



Cabaret Series PERFORMANCE ONLY

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Melissa Errico	11/12/25	11/13/25
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Sec A \$220  
Sec B \$180

NOTE: Seating is limited and subject to availability

Cabaret Series ADD DINNER

Sec A \$176  
Sec B \$176

To add dinner to a cabaret subscription, please add \$176 per subscription. Dinner cost includes one meal for each of the four 2025-2026 Cabaret shows.  
Dinner/Beverage Service 6-6:45pm (Performance 7pm)

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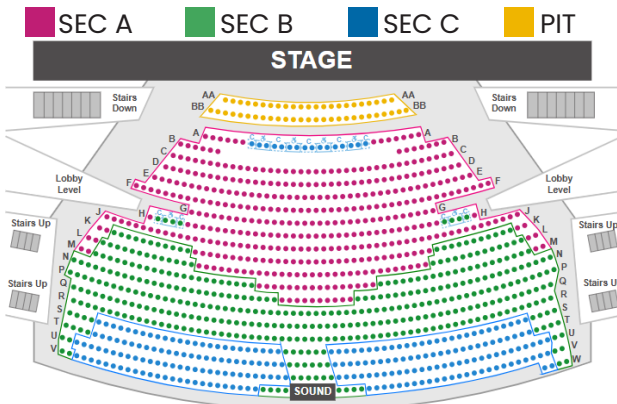
SINGLE TICKET PRICES

Main Stage Auditorium				
Event	Date	Sec A	Sec B	Sec C
Sandra Bernhard	SAT, SEP 27	\$75	\$65	\$55
British Legends	SUN, SEP 28	\$50		
Noche Flamenca	SAT, OCT 4	\$75	\$55	\$35
Alonzo King LINES Ballet	SAT, NOV 8	\$75	\$55	\$35
Live from Laurel Canyon	SUN, NOV 9	\$50		
Baratunde Thurston	SAT, NOV 15	\$60	\$50	\$40
David Benoit	SAT, DEC 6	\$60	\$50	\$40
A.I.M by Kyle Abraham	SAT, DEC 13	\$65	\$45	\$35
The Peking Acrobats	SAT, JAN 17	\$55	\$45	\$35
Yacht Rock Gold Experience	SUN, JAN 25	\$55		
Miles Electric Band	FRI, JAN 30	\$55	\$45	\$35
Charo	SAT, JAN 31	\$60	\$50	\$40
Mandy Patinkin	SAT, FEB 7	\$85	\$75	\$65
Pit Seats Available Starting At \$95				
Hotel California	SUN, MAR 15	\$50		
Cirque Kalabanté	SAT, MAR 21	\$60	\$50	\$40

Cabaret Stage*	Date	Date	Sec A	Sec B
Bilal †	FRI, SEP 12	SAT, SEP 13	\$55	\$45
Melissa Errico	WED, NOV 12	THU, NOV 13	\$70	\$60
David Burnham	WED, DEC 17	THU, DEC 18	\$65	\$55
Kandace Springs	WED, MAR 18	THU, MAR 19	\$65	\$55
Lucía †	TUE, MAY 5		\$45	\$45
Benny Benack III	WED, MAY 6	THU, MAY 7	\$55	\$45

\*Cabaret ticket prices are for performance only. To add dinner to a Cabaret series show, please add \$44 to the above ticket price or contact the Ticket Office.  
† Bilal and Lucía performances will not have dinner service available.

Orders are filled in the order of the date they are received.  
Programs, artists, prices, and dates subject to change. No refunds.  
There is no service fee on series subscriptions or cabaret dinners.  
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2025-2026 SEASON



Sandra Bernhard



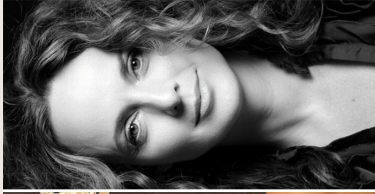
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