

# Summer Fun in Long Beach

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**M**ark your calendars for these fun summertime experiences in and around Long Beach!



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## Long Beach Camerata Singers' Front Porch Concerts

The Long Beach Camerata Singers are bringing their beautiful voices back to our streets! Led by Grammy Award-winning Artistic Director James K. Bass, the group is a mix of professional and talented volunteer singers and is the choral partner of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra and Musica Angelica Baroque Orchestra. This summer, they're bringing back the Front Porch

Concert Series, where they travel from neighborhood to neighborhood and perform for free. Attendees just need to sign up for each event on their [website](#); spots fill up fast, so act quickly! Performances will take place at 4:30 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from July 16 through August 14, and you can also sign up to host a concert at your own home.



## Events at 2nd and PCH

Summer is in full swing at 2nd and PCH! Check out their upcoming events for all ages: **The Sounds of Summer** brings live music performances from an eclectic mix of Southern California artists every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. through August 30th. Visit the [website](#) for the performance schedule. **Summertime Explorers** is an interactive kids' club on Wednesdays from 10 to 12 pm through August 31st. The series features entertainment, storytimes, crafts, and activities that encourage discovery and exploration!

## PCH Movies & Moonlight

is a six-week summer series that runs from July 15 to August 19th with free movies starting at sunset. Featured films include *Luca*, *Zootopia*, and *Brave*, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Creative Communal Makers Market** invites you to shop small and local on Sunday, July 17th from 11 am to 6 pm along Seaport Way. The open-air market features handcrafted treasures from more than 30 local makers, photo opportunities, live music, and entertainment for kids.



## Stroll & Savor on 2nd Street

Stroll along 2nd street in Belmont Shore while you taste food from local restaurants, listen to live music, and get some fresh air and exercise! [This popular event](#) is back on July 20 and 21 and August 17 and 18 (Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.). Ticket books cost \$15 for 12 tickets and can be redeemed at participating vendors each month. You can purchase tickets ahead of time at the Shore Business Center, The Beach on 2nd, or Blue Windows; or the day of in front of Chase Bank and the Belmont Athletic Club. Live music performances take place on Corona Avenue from 5:30 to 9 p.m.



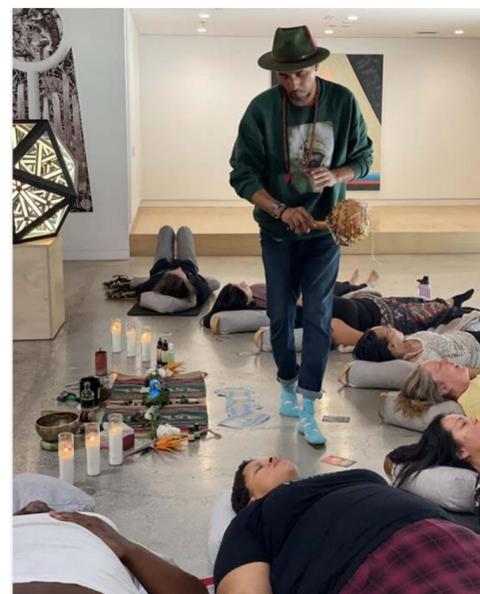
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## Events at the Compound

The Compound in Long Beach is a new, beautifully designed space that's part art museum, part wellness and community center. Their calendar is chock-full of events, ranging from delicious plant-based brunches and DJ performances to yoga, breathwork, ceramics classes, and much more. Here's a few upcoming highlights:

## Prism Boutique x Compound Ladies' Night

Thursday, July 14, 6 to 8:30 pm. Hear from a panel of women founders, creatives, and business owners while you enjoy food from Wide Eyes Open Palms as well as beer, wine, and canned cocktails for purchase, and shop goods from women-owned brands, makers, and artists at this pop-up. Reserve your spot [here](#).



## Chakra Yoga Series with Reika Shucart

Friday, July 15 through Friday, August 5 at 10 a.m. This 7-week yoga series is designed for all experience levels, and each week focuses on a specific chakra. Reserve your spot [here](#).

**Breathwork with Zaire Black:** Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m. Zaire Black finds deep purpose in his healing work, which allows him to offer people a safe space to go inward to learn more about themselves. Reserve your spot [here](#).

**Soundbath with Brianna Torres:** Sunday, July 17 at 9 a.m. Brianna Torres works intuitively with crystal sound bowls, drums, and tuning forks to benefit the body, mind, and spirit with healing vibrations and frequencies. Reserve your spot [here](#).

**Sundays @ Compound/Kala Sunday Brunch:** Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every Sunday, join Compound for brunch by Kala and music selections by dublab's DJ Lady C and DJ T-Kay.

Check their [website](#) for more events through July and August.



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## Moonlight Movies on the Beach

Bring a low chair, blankets, and your own snacks, or grab something from the local food trucks or kettle corn vendor and enjoy a show! Locations include Granada Beach and the LBCC-LAC and PCC campuses, and upcoming showings include *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* on July 14, *Encanto* on July 26, *Weird Science* on August 2, *Luca* on August 9, *Star Wars: Rogue One* on August 11, *The Princess Bride* on August 16, and *The Wizard of Oz* on August 18. Check the [website](#) for updated info.

All movies start at sunset (8-8:30 pm), and free parking is available after 6 p.m. at all locations.

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