

Make Time for Movies, Music, and Laughter This Summer



Fireworks near the Queen Mary on July 4, 2018.

Photo by Thomas R. Cordova/Long Beach Post

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Mark your calendars for these fun summertime experiences in and around Long Beach!

4th of July

The Long Beach Post has rounded up a great list of [things to do to celebrate Independence Day](#), including Big Bang on the Bay on July 3rd, the Great American 4th of July Bike Parade for kids (which will include contests for speech-writing, costumes, decorated bikes, and more), and the best spots to watch the Queensway Bay fireworks show.



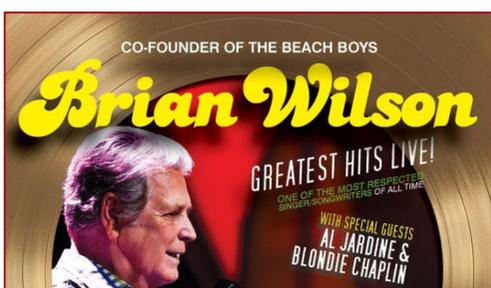
Movies in the Park

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine is bringing back their much-loved free [Movies in the Park](#) series! On Wednesdays through August 27, parks around the city will show family friendly films on a large inflatable screen starting at dusk (between 7 and 8 pm). Bring a low lawn chair, blankets, and your own snacks! [Check the website](#) for the schedule and updates.



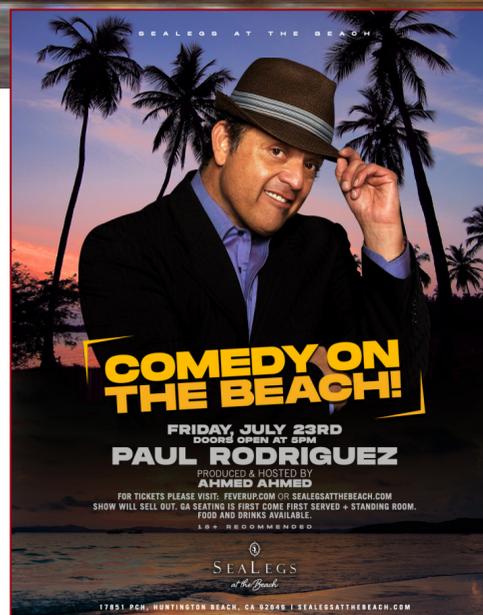
Happy Sundays

Mouth.tv has announced the return of [Happy Sundays](#), a free music fest at a smattering of bars and venues in the Zaferia District, on August 29. Artists are still to be announced, so check the website for updates and bring your bike, skateboard, scooter, or just your feet and get ready to explore the neighborhood while checking out local bands!



Brian Wilson at the Terrace Theatre

Beach Boys fans won't want to miss this! On August 29, Brian Wilson will be performing some of his greatest hits with former Beach Boys bandmates Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin at the Terrace Theatre. [Get your tickets here!](#)



Long Beach Jazz Festival

Though it couldn't be confirmed by press time, rumor has it that the three-day Long Beach Jazz Festival will take place at the Marina Green Park on Shoreline Drive from August 13 to 15. Check their [website](#) for updates and to sign up for their newsletter, and follow their [Facebook page](#) for announcements.

Comedy at Sea Legs

While [Sea Legs at the Beach](#) is technically in Huntington Beach, we thought we'd include it here. The beachside venue is hosting a series of comedy shows featuring headlining comedians like Ian Bagg, Paul Rodriguez, King Bach, and more (don't miss Kevin Nealon in October)! [Check out the schedule and get tickets here.](#)



Tiny Art

The Long Beach Creative Group is presenting "[Coming Together: An Exhibition of Small Works](#)" from July 10 to August 14 at the LBCG/Rod Briggs Gallery at 2221 E. Broadway. Out of 465 pieces submitted by 190 local artists, 85 made the cut; the works are no larger than 16 inches in any direction and include oil paintings, mixed media, sculpture, and photography. The gallery will be open to the public from 1-4 pm Thursday through Sunday.

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This photograph by Tom Dupee is one of 85 small works in the latest LBCG/Rod Briggs Gallery exhibition. Image courtesy Long Beach Post/Tom Dupee.