# Guide to Art, Entertainment, Hotels and Restaurants Downtown Los Angeles is **GRAND** Avenue

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njoy rich cultural diversity and stunning architecture in the center of Los Angeles. You'll be exhilarated by your surroundings. You'll be inspired by your discoveries.





The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and The Center at Cathedral Plaza 555 West Temple Street 213.680.5200 www.olacathedral.org

Tour the Cathedral and experience world-renowned art and architecture Relax on the Plaza. Visit the Meditation Garden. Find unique wares at the Gift Shop. Dine at the Galero Grill. Bring the kids to play among the animal statues in the Children's Garden. All are welcome to attend Mass. A fullservice conference center features a grand ballroom, meeting rooms and exclusive catering by Levy Restaurants.

#### Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue 213.972.7211 (General Information) 213.972.4399 (Tour Information) www.musiccenter.org

The Music Center of Los Angeles County is one of the three largest performing arts centers in the nation and is comprised of four venues—Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre and Mark Taper Forum—as well as outdoor theatres, plazas and gardens. Visitors can experience the Music Center day or night by taking a variety of tours offered throughout the week, dining in one of the five Patina Group restaurants or attending a performance by any of the four internationally acclaimed resident companies: The Los Angeles Philharmonic, Center Theatre Group, LA Opera, and the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The Music Center also offers the largest presentation of dance in Los Angeles a speaker series, children and family programming, participatory arts activities, popular music, and cultural arts festivals in addition to its nationally recognized school education programs.

TOP TO BOTTOM: The Crypt Mausoleum at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Etta Murfitt and Scott Ambler in *Edward Scissorhands* at the Ahmanson Theatre. Center Theatre Group at the Ahmanson Theatre 135 N. Grand Avenue Tel 213.628.2772

From thrilling Broadway musicals to award-winning plays, the Ahmanson never fails to excite with its yearround theatrical performances. The Ahmanson is the place in Los Angeles to find live theatre that is celebrated, innovative, and exhilarating.

#### Center Theatre Group at the Mark Taper Forum 135 N. Grand Avenue Tel 213.628.2772 www.CenterTheatreGroup.or

If you want your theatre to be intimate, arresting, and magical, the Tony Award-winning Mark Taper Forum offers an eclectic collection of writers and characters that will give you a thrilling theatrical experience.

#### Los Angeles Opera

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 135 N. Grand Avenue 213.972.8001 www.LosAngelesOpera.com

Under the leadership of General Director Plácido Domingo, Los Angeles Opera produces spectacular fully staged productions at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, featuring some of the most prominent singers, conductors and directors working in international opera today.

#### Los Angeles Master Chorale Walt Disney Concert Hall

213.972.7282

www.lamc.or

Los Angeles Master Chorale, led by dynamic conductor Grant Gershon is considered the premier chorus in America, presenting diverse repertory through a full concert season at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

TOP TO BOTTOM: Annette Bening in *The Cherry* Orchard at the Mark Taper Forum. Denyce Graves and Samuel Ramey in *Duke Blue Beard's Castle* with LA Opera. Grant Gershon of the Los Angeles Master Chorale.









## Los Angeles Philharmonic

Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S. Grand Avenue Tel 323.850.2000 www.LAPhil.com

The L.A. Phil presents the best in classical, jazz, contemporary and world music in the stunning acoustics of Walt Disney Concert Hall, featuring the world-renowned partnership of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen.

#### REDCAT

The Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theatre Walt Disney Concert Hall 631 W. 2nd Street 213.237.2800 www.redcat.org

REDCAT is CalArts' Downtown center for the contemporary visual, media and performing arts. Located in the Walt Disney Concert Hall Complex, REDCAT features a 3,000 square foot gallery, 200–300 seat performance space and a café/bar Lounge with wireless internet and books from Duttons.

### **Colburn School of Performing Arts** 200 South Grand Avenue 213.621.2200

The Colburn School of Performing Arts provides outstanding early childhood, music, theory, dance and drama instruction to young people as early as possible in their lives. Its Conservatory of Music offers accredited degree, diploma and certificate programs in music performance training to exceptional students with proven ability. The School presents over 100 free concerts per year in its acoustically superb Zipper Concert Hall.

тор то воттом: Esa-Pekka Salonen of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The Walt Disney Concert Hall. REDCAT • оррозіте расе, тор то воттом: Nancy Rubins: Chas' Stainless Steel, Mark Thompson's Airplane Parts, About 10000 Pounds of Stainless Steel Wire, Gagosian's Beverly Hills Space at MOCA (2001/2002). Grand Performances. Los Angeles Public Library

#### MOCA

Grand Avenue 250 South Grand Avenue Tel 213.626.6222 www.moca.org

#### **The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA** 152 North Central Avenue

MOCA Pacific Design Center 8687 Melrose Avenue

MOCA is home to more than 5,000 artworks created since the 1940's including masterpieces from classic contemporary artists such as Diane Arbus and Andy Warhol, and inspiring new works from emerging and mid-career artists from around the world.

#### Grand Performances

At California Plaza, Watercourt 350 S. Grand Ave 213.687.2159 www.GrandPerformances.org

California Plaza-based Grand Performances is Southern California's premier outdoor, free summer performing arts producer renowned for programming international and locally-based musicians, dancers and actors while drawing the nation's most diverse audience.

#### Los Angeles Public Library 630 W. 5th St. 213.228.7000 www.lapl.org

The Central Library is L.A.'s greatest landmark, featuring dazzling architecture, a collection of 2.2 million books, exhibition galleries, gift shop, café, and lush gardens. Its wide range of free programs, including the highly acclaimed author and performance series in the Mark Taper Auditorium, make the Central Library Downtown's most popular destination. Docent tours share with visitors all that's intriguing, informative, and entertaining at the Central Library.



# **Grand Avenue**

# Downtown L.A.



Alternate Transportation For more information call 800.COMMUTE or 213.626.4455. The nearest subway station is the Red Line at the Civic Center on Hill Street between 1st and Temple, two blocks east of the Music Center Plaza. METROLINK TRAINS and MTA BUSES: www.metro.net

**Parking on Grand Avenue** Plenty of covered parking is available at or next to all entertainment and cultural structures listed in this guide. Most restaurants offer valet, self or validated parking options.

Music Center Shuttle Service Park once for dinner and a show!
Restaurants marked with the 
icon offer shuttle service to the Music Center
(Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion,
and Walt Disney Concert Hall). Please call the restaurant for details and
to confirm availability.

# Hotels

# Restaurants



#### A Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza

251 S. Olive Street (between 1st and 4th Street.) • 213.617.3300 1.800.THE.OMNI for reservations www.omnilosangeles.com

The closest hotel to the Music Center and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Striking décor and lavish amenities meld together in a symphony of style and refined elegance. Complimentary courtesy car to and from the Music Center based on availability. Ask for our special Theater Packages and bring your tickets.

## **B** Wilshire Grand Hotel 930 Wilshire Boulevard

(7th & Figueroa) • 213.688.7777

Los Angeles' only triple-crown award winning hotel with 900 beautifully appointed rooms, located just a few blocks from Grand Avenue. This onestop complex features four international restaurants and downtown's hottest bar.

Downtown hotels along Grand Avenue:

- C Millennium Biltmore Hotel: 506 S. Grand Avenue 213.624.1011
- D Hilton Checkers Hotel: 535 S. Grand Avenue 213.624.0000

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#### MUSIC CENTER SHUTTLE SERVICE

Park once for dinner and a show! Restaurants marked with the 🖨 icon offer shuttle service to the Music Center. Please call the restaurant to confirm service and availability.

All restaurants accept most major credit cards.

### Cafe Pinot

700 W. 5th Street (corner of 5th & Flower) • 213.239.6500

Californian Cusine. Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30AM-2:30PM; Dinner: Sun-Thurs 5-9PM; Fri-Sat. 5-10PM. Lush greenery, tranquil fountains and a remarkable view of the downtown skyline make Cafe Pinot one of downtown LA's favorite restaurants, and the garden setting perfectly suits our executive chef's fresh California fare.

### California Pizza Kitchen

Wells Fargo Center: 330 S. Hope Street • 213.626.2616 7+ Fig: 735 S. Figueroa Street • 213.228.8500 www.cpk.com

Enjoy lunch or dinner at California Pizza Kitchen! Mon–Fri IIAM–9:30PM; Sat–Sun II:30AM–9PM. From our Original BBQ Chicken Pizza and Waldorf Chicken Salad to our signature Lettuce Wraps and new Shanghai Garlic Noodles, our menu offers something for everyone. Dine In, Take Out and Award Winning CPKids menu. 3 hrs. free validated parking after 4:00PM. Gift Cards available. The most tasteful card you'll ever give.

Cardini Restaurant at the Wilshire Grand Hotel 930 Wilshire Boulevard (7th & Figueroa) • 213.896.3822

Italian. Lunch Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2:00PM, Dinner Nightly 5:30PM–9:30PM. Intimate interior setting as well as outdoor poolside patio dining. Menu featuring pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and beef selections. Signature soufflés and other scrumptious desserts. Extensive wine selection and full bar.



#### Checkers Downtown Restaurant at the Hilton Checkers Hotel

535 S. Grand Ave. (between 5th and 6th St.) • 213.891.0519

Contemporary California Cuisine. Breakfast: Mon–Fri 6:30–10:30AM, Sat and Sun 8–11AM; Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–1:30PM; Brunch: Sat–Sun 11AM–1:30PM; Dinner: Nightly 5:30–9PM. Valet parking w/validation-lunch (\$4.50); dinner (\$6.00) Under the direction of executive chef Tony Hodges, Checkers Downtown has won accolades for its fine cuisine and unparalleled service. Zagat Restaurant Guide calls it "a touch of cool elegance" and it's recognized as one of the top ten restaurants in L.A. by Gourmet Magazine. Sip what readers of Downtown News have voted the Best Martini on our new patio or upstairs at Checkers Uptown—our new roofdeck bar!

#### Ciao Trattoria

815 W. 7th Street (between Flower & Figueroa) 213.624.2244 • www.ciaotrattoria.com

Italian Cuisine. Mon-Fri 11:00AM-10:00PM; Sat-Sun 5PM-10:00PM. Valet parking. Known for its superb cuisine and friendly service, Ciao Trattoria is the perfect choice for a memorable dinner before a play and for entertaining guests and clients. It maintains an excellent rating by Zagat Survey, is the recipient of Awards of Excellence from The Wine Spectator 2003 and was named the best Italian Restaurant by Downtown News - July 2003. Its magnificent dining room and the stunning banquet room are inspired by the Renaissance period with soaring two story ceilings and hand-carved Gothic arches.

#### Ciudad

445 S. Figueroa Street • 213.486.5171 • www.ciudad-la.com

Latin Cuisine. Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30AM-3PM; Dinner Sun-Tue 5PM-9PM, Wed-Thu 5-10PM, Fri-Sat 5-11PM; Happy Hour: Mon-Fri 3PM-7PM and Sun 4PM-9PM. Mambo, tango, and salsa with your taste buds to Ciudad for the seductive flavors of the Latin world. The downtown restaurant of chefs Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger, Ciudad features adventurous dishes from Havana, Rio, Buenos Aires, and Barcelona, as well as South American cocktails, Spanish wines, and Caribbean rums. Serving lunch, happy hour, and dinner; featuring an all tapas menu every Sunday and Paella on the Patio every Tuesday night.

#### 7 Kendall's Brasserie

135 N. Grand Ave. (at the Music Center) • 213.972.7322

Authentic French Brasserie. Lunch: Daily, 11:30AM– 2:30PM; Afternoon Menu: Tues–Sun 2:30–5PM; Dinner: Tues–Sun 5–10PM; Monday dinner hours are subject to performance schedule. In a setting filled with Parisian antiques, Kendall's serves contemporary French favorites, including French onion soup, roasted chicken, and croque monsieur, as well as an unrivaled selection of fresh seafood from the raw bar.

#### 8 Kyoto Restaurant at the Wilshire Grand Hotel

930 Wilshire Boulevard (7th & Figueroa) • 213.896.3812

Japanese/Sushi Bar. Open Weekdays 11:30AM-2:00PM for Rock 'N' Sushi Roll - Full buffet with "all you can eat" sushi and tempura and live DJ's spinning your favorites. Traditional Japanese dinner centered around a gigantic salt-water aquarium served 5:30-9:00 PM. Kyoto is downtown's complete Japanese dining experience with an authentic menu featuring sushi, sashimi, tempura, bento boxes, donburi bowls and their signature dish: Teriyaki Filet Mignon.

#### **5 L.A. Prime At the Westin Bonaventure Hotel** 404 S. Figueroa Street • 213.624.1000

Steakhouse. Open Sun-Thurs: 5–10:30PM; Fri-Sat: 5–11PM. A true New York-style steakhouse in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, L.A. Prime features world famous Stockyard Packing of Chicago USDA certified prime beef, fresh seafood, Maine Lobster, and one of the city's most extensive wine selections. All served in a unique setting with spectacular panoramic views. Private dining is available. Reservations recommended.

# McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 633 W. Fifth St., (4th Level of Library Tower.) 213.629.1929

American Seafood, Prime Steaks, Chicken, Pasta. Mon–Fri 11AM–10PM; Sat 12noon–10PM, Sun 4PM–9PM. McCormick & Schmick's, known for the freshest seafood, a great bar and jammed packed Happy Hour, is the perfect ticket before and after the theatre. This fabulous seafood restaurant also offers banquet and catering service. Now serving Saturday lunch. Most of downtown's major hotels are within walking distance of McCormick & Schmick's.



#### Nick & Stef's Steakhouse

330 S. Hope Street (at Wells Fargo Center) • 213.680.0330

Steakhouse. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2:30PM; Dinner: Mon–Thurs 5:30–9:30PM; Fri & Sat 5–10:30PM; Sun 4:30–8:30PM. A contemporary variation on the traditional steakhouse, Nick & Stef's features steaks aged in-house, complemented by an array of sides, sauces, and vegetables. Weeknights, the bar and patio are home to downtown's favorite happy hour.

#### Noé Restaurant & Bar

at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza: 251 S. Olive Street (Between 1st and 4th St) • 213.356.4100 www.noerestaurant.com

Progressive American Cuisine. Sun–Thu 5PM–10PM, Fri and Sat 5PM–11PM. Robert Gadsby's much heralded Progressive American cuisine is showcased in a magnificent setting off the California Plaza inside the Omni Hotel. Purchase one of our exclusive dinner packages before a performance at the Music Center. Discover an array of visually breathtaking creations that sing with taste and sophistication. Complimentary courtesy car to and from the Music Center based on availability.

#### Pacific Dining Car

1310 W. 6th St. (6th and Witmer Streets) • 213.483.6000

Steakhouse. Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. An L.A. landmark for over 80 years. Award winning aged USDA Prime steaks and fresh fish. Over 300 wines. Open 24 hours every day for pre- or post-theatre dining. Dinner 24 hours, great breakfast after 11PM, too. "Top steakhouse on the West Coast." –*Wine Spectator*. Reservations recommended.

#### Pacific Grille

601 South Figueroa Street (Lobby Level) 213.485.0927 www.Pacific-Grille.com

California Asian Fusion Cuisine. Lunch Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2PM, Cocktails Tues–Fri 5:00PM, Dinner Tues–Fri 5:30PM–8:30PM. Validated Self Parking. Available for private parties, dinners, cocktail bashes. Offering Executive Chef Jesus "Manny" Diaz's elegant cuisine in a dramatic atrium setting, Pacific Grille, one of Downtown's premiere lunch restaurants, is also the perfect choice for a pre-theater or pre-Staples Center dinner. Noted specialties include Sake & Miso Marinated Chilean Seabass and critically acclaimed Citrus Marinated Carne Asada.

#### 15 Patina

141 S. Grand Avenue (Walt Disney Concert Hall) 213.972.3331

California-French. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–1:30PM; Dinner 7 days a week: Performance Evenings 5–11PM, Non-Performance Evenings 5–9:30PM, Sundays 4:30– 9:30PM. The jewel in chef Joachim Splichal's culinary crown, Patina offers unrivaled cuisine and impeccable service for lunch, dinner and post-performance dining, in a spectacular contemporary setting at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

### 6 Pete's Cafe & Bar

400 S. Main Street 213.617.1000

New York Style Café. Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2:00AM, Sat–Sun 11:00AM–2AM. Pete's Café & Bar, an award-winning cafe in the heart of the Old Bank District, offers early and late-nite dining 7 days a week, ample parking and stunning views of historic downtown LA. Conveniently located at the corners of 4th and Main, Pete's Café delivers eclectic American cuisines in a spectacular historic space reminiscent of cafes in Paris, New York and San Francisco.



# Pitfire Pizza Company 108 W. 2nd Street 213.808.1200 • www.pitfirepizza.com

Pizza, Pasta, Panini and Salad. Mon & Sat 11:00AM-10PM; Sun 12PM-10PM. This award-winning restaurant focuses on local and seasonal ingredients to create, gourmet pizza and more. The setting is contemporary with brick walls, saturated colors, and stained concrete floors. Over sized leather booths surround the handsomely appointed communal table. Signature pizzas include Sweet Fennel Sausage with Roasted San Joaquin Tomatoes, Red Onion, Bel Paese, Fontina, and Mozzarella. The Crust You Can Trust.

**Point Moorea Restaurant at the Wilshire Grand Hotel** 930 Wilshire Boulevard (7th & Figueroa) 213.833.5100

A South Pacific-themed, high-energy Tiki bar. Open Daily from 2PM-1:30AM. This hot spot has been voted "Best Bar" by the Los Angeles Downtown News. Step inside Point Moorea and you'll see why it draws raves from the locals. Pull up to the Grand Bar, the Martini Bar or slip to a quiet oasis in the Harem Room and catch the game on the 100-inch big screen. Come on down! Daily Happy Hour Appetizer Specials.

#### **R-23 Japanese Cuisine and Art Gallery**

923 E. Second Street (between Alameda St. & Santa Fe Ave.) • 213.687.7178 • www.R23.com

Japanese Cuisine & Art Gallery. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2PM; Dinner: Mon–Sat 5:30–10PM. Rated "extraordinary" by Zagat Survey, this gem in the loft district of Little Tokyo serves up sublime sushi and sashimi amid décor that's as hip and minimalist as the name, including chairs designed by Frank Gehry. Specialties include Dungeness crab salad, succulent lobster served in a light tempura batter, Japanese bouillabaisse. Beautiful and authentic Japanese cuisine.

#### Roy's Restaurant

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800 S. Figueroa St. Suite 100 213.488.4994 • www.roysrestaurant.com

Hawaiian Fusion. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–4:00PM; Dinner: Mon–Thurs 5:00PM–10:00PM, Fri–Sat 5:00– 10:30PM, Sun 5:30PM–9:30PM. Roy's is world-famous for its innovative Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine—tantalizing local ingredients, European sauces and bold Asian spices, with a focus on fresh seafood.

#### 2) Sai Sai Restaurant at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles

501 South Olive Ave. • 213.624.1100

Modern Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2PM; Dinner: Mon–Sat 6:00–10:00PM. Sai Sai is recognized as the best Japanese restaurant downtown. The cuisine of Sai Sai is inspired by using fresh ingredients to create modern innovative Asian cuisine. The chef has created a menu of light, vibrant dishes that are tasteful, clean and simple.

Smeraldi's Restaurant at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles

506 South Grand Avenue (between 5th & 6th St) 213.612.1562

Contemporary Cuisine. Open daily for breakfast and lunch: 6:30AM-2:30PM, Dinner: 5:00PM-10:00PM. Smeraldi's Restaurant offers California cuisine in a casual yet elegant atmosphere perfectly suited for every meal. Come for enticing lunch and dinner specials, including a sumptuous garden bar and buffet for lunch.

#### 23 Tesoro Trattoria

300 S. Grand Ave. (on the corner of 3rd & Grand) 213.680.0000 • www.tesorotrattoria.com

Italian/Tuscan Cuisine. Mon–Fri 11:30AM–9PM; Sat and Sun 5–9PM. Complimentary parking. A hidden treasure, offering the finest in Tuscan cuisine, along with professional attentive service. Artfully prepared appetizers, salads, entrées and sumptuous desserts accompanied by one of the finest and most extensive wine lists in the city. "Best Italian Restaurant" Downtown News, "Award of Excellence" 1998–2006 Wine Spectator, "Best Pre-Theatre Dining" 1999 Downtown News. "Perfect for an intimate meal" or business luncheon Zagat, 2004. Valet or self-parking. Patio dining in Spiral Water Court. Reservations recommended.

#### Jucca Ristorante

801 S. Figueroa Street (corner of 8th & Figueroa) 213.614.7800

Italian. Lunch: Mon–Fri 11:30AM–2:30PM; Dinner: Sun–Thurs 5–9PM; Fri & Sat 5–10PM. An opulent setting reminiscent of an Italian villa provides the backdrop for a seasonal menu of Italian fare, including handmade pastas, authentic Neapolitan pizzas, and irresistible seafood and meat dishes.



The Los Angeles Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID) 213.624.2146 (Main Office) 213.624.2425 (24-Hour District Service Center) www.downtownla.com.

This guide was produced with the assistance of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District, a coalition of 480 property owners united in their commitment to enhance the quality of life in Downtown Los Angeles. The DCBID fully funds the Purple Patrol. Clad in purple shirts, the friendly team provides directions and helpful assistance to visitors. Welcome to Downtown Los Angeles!





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