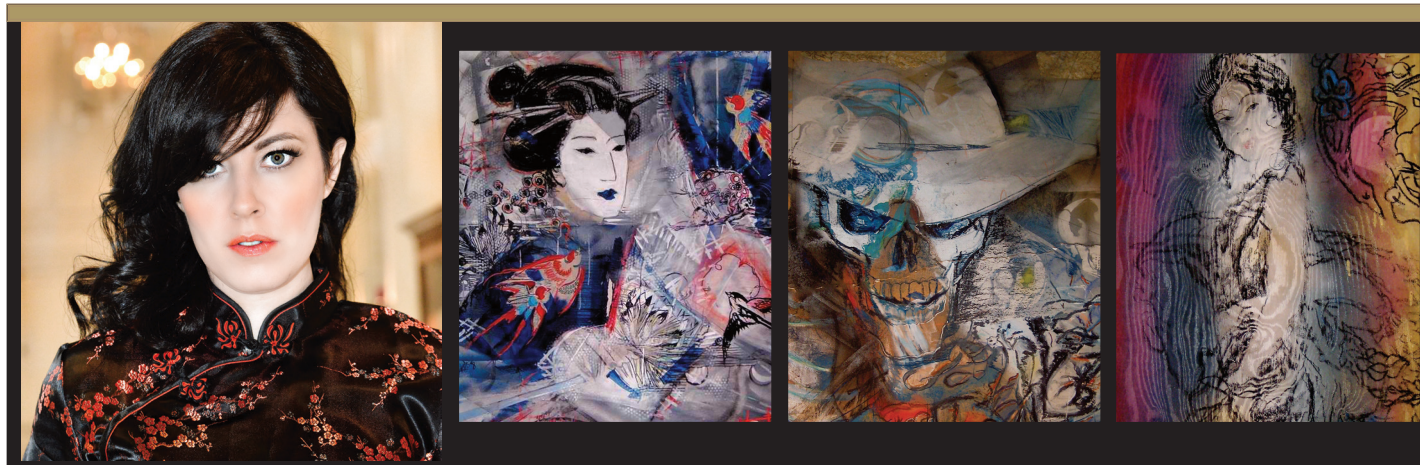


art for the heart

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Recycled Fashions Rules the Runway at Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach

The Festival of Arts Runway Fashion event in Laguna Beach showcases talented and spectacular up and coming artists on the move who unveil their immense creativity on “designer” one of a kind clothing that they make from reused, reclaimed or recycled materials. Talk about inspiration! A panel of selected judges chooses the most fabulous looks in four different categories and visitors can also cast their vote for the “People’s Choice Award.” Selecting the show’s winners are Radar Online Entertainment, OK! Magazine, LACMA among others, plus a variety of high-profile designers within the retail and art industries. Past honors went to “Most Exciting Ensemble with Wow Factor” — too cute! To show the vision of the artists, Carolyn Johnson (winner of the award) was accompanied down the runway by her dog Dexter who proudly strutted an outfit made from volleyball net, CDs and Perrier bottles. Another past winner was artist Kirsten Whalen who won “Most Innovative Use of Materials” for her ensemble of old light bulbs and wires; and let’s not overlook, artist Kate Cohen won the “Most Creative Concept” with a dress crafted from sixty designer shopping bags; her necklace and earrings were made from pink tissue paper! LagunaFestivalofArts.org.

Photos: Festival of Arts Laguna Beach ■

FACE TO FACE: Where Street Artist Teachr and Students Come Together to Teach Peace through Art

Renowned street artist Teachr Keith Biele thrilled art lovers in and around Los Angeles when he displayed his acclaimed designs for art while also highlighting the art work of 16 Fairfax High School students he mentors. The art show at Flux Rebellion on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles who BTW generously donated their space for the event gave the students the opportunity to sell their one of a kind pieces and keep 100% of the profits while learning the ins and outs of the business of art and while harnessing their creative energy in a positive way. Entry was no charge and guests got to enjoy a grand display of incredible artwork, musical performances by JP Cali Smoov, and video demonstrations of Teachr ‘teaching’ his famous stencil method. The first 100 guests to arrive received a wonderful gift of a print that represented Teachr Keith Biele’s work. The renowned artist said, “The purpose of this show is to give students a real-life art show experience instead of making them compete in an art contest. I’m hoping to give the students a chance to meet real buyers, make a sale, and I want to encourage other artists to implement similar endeavors in high schools in their respective communities” This was the second year that Teachr conducted workshops and orchestrates the art mentoring programs for students at

Fairfax High. A former studio artist, Teachr took to the streets to protest the education budget cuts throughout school districts most apparent right here in Los Angeles and throughout California. He used his art and worldwide notoriety to get his point across of just how important artistic expression is to students. Teachr’s tag-line is



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“TEACH PEACE.” He is hailed by Complex as one of Los Angeles’ Top Ten Graffiti Artists, and his art is displayed in numerous prestigious locations including the Pentagon. Follow Teachr’s artwork and mission on Instagram @Teachr1; www.teachr1.com ■

around town

FandangObon October 6, 2019 1:00AM – 5:00PM

A family festival and market for all ages takes place at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in the historic cultural crossroads of Boyle Heights and Bronzeville. Hundreds of people from different cultures come together each year to celebrate citizens of the world and the commitment that each of us should have to the continuing conservation of Mother Earth, and to the well-being of each other.

Culver City Art Walk and Roll Festival October 12, 2019 11:00AM-6:00PM

Arts District Culver City Washington Blvd.
Music • Dancing • Eating • Artist Entertainment... this is a one stop event filled with fun and fab everything featuring distinguished artists, live music, eclectic food trucks, tastings, fun kid’s activities, interactive art experiences and more! Pop into established art galleries with special installations, explore the pop-up marketplace featuring arts and crafts vendors, and enjoy the neighborhood block party. FUN!!!

Beverly Hills artSHOW October 19 & 20, 2019 Beverly Hills Gardens in the heart of Beverly Hills on Santa Monica Blvd

The annual event features 245+artists from around the nation who come together to showcases paintings, sculptures, watercolors, photography, mixed media, ceramics, jewelry, drawing and printmaking. Visitors enjoy a street of high-end food trucks plus a beer and a wine garden with their own food lineup! ■

