

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY

Action

Teresa Margolles

Echo Park Lake

Opening weekend

An epitaph will be etched onto the surface of *La Sombra (The Shade)* by CURRENT artist Teresa Margolles. Visit currentla.org for details.

KPKARK

KCHUNG

South Weddington Park

Sat, Jul 16 + 30, 12–6p

Sun, Jul 17 + 31, 12–3p

Performances ranging from experimental music to performative DJ sets, presented live at South Weddington Park.

Artist Q&A

Edgar Arceneaux

Cheviot Hills Recreation Center

Sat, Jul 16, 1–2:30p

Join CURRENT artist Edgar Arceneaux for a Q&A about sacred geometry, water, and conflict.

Tea Ceremony

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sat, Jul 16, 3–4p

Sun, Jul 17, 2–3p

Join Nakada Sokei, *sensei*, and practitioners from Urasenke Tankokai Los Angeles as they perform *chado* (“the way of tea”) using water from the LA River. Produced by Lauren W. Deutsch, Pacific Rim Arts, in collaboration with CURRENT artist Rirkrit Tiravanija.

Intro to the Park and Art

Community Services Unlimited (CSU)

South LA Wetlands Park

Sat, Jul 16, 6–9p

Join youth from CSU’s From the Ground Up Program and CURRENT artists Joshua Callaghan & Daveed Kapoor to look at water, history, and community. Take a guided tour of the park, engage with the artists, and participate in a writing workshop.

UnderLA—Projection/Performance

Refik Anadol & Peggy Weil

Historic 1st Street Bridge

Sat + Sun, Jul 16 + 17,

8:30–11:30p

CURRENT artists Refik Anadol & Peggy Weil perform *UnderLA*, a site-specific projection created for the 1st Street Bridge with scientific data generated from LA’s aquifers ([#underlawater/underlawater.com](https://underlawater.com)).

Water Purification Wagon Demonstrations

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sat + Sun, Jul 16 + 17, all day

Learn more about solar-powered water purification technology and the global challenge of clean water through interactive demonstrations provided by CURRENT artist Rirkrit Tiravanija’s collaborators, the nonprofit Water One World Solutions.

Barrio Mobile Art Studio

Self Help Graphics & Art

Norman O. Houston Park

Sun, Jul 17 + 24, 10a–2p

Sat, Jul 16, 4–9p

Take part in aerosol mural workshops at the Baldwin Hills Reservoir and the flooding that occurred in the area, and draw relationships with the Imperial Valley, the site of a similar manmade flood that displaced the Cucapá peoples.

Thai Housewarming Ceremony

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sun, Jul 17, 10:30–11:30a

Khuan Ban Mai, the blessing of a new house or building, is an auspicious event in Thai culture. Guests are invited to participate as Wat Thai of LA monks perform a Buddhist rite for good fortune and prosperity in collaboration with CURRENT artist Rirkrit Tiravanija.

Communal Cooking Event

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sun, Jul 17, 4–7p

CURRENT artist Rirkrit Tiravanija

invites visitors to a Thai curry

cooking performance and an opportunity to interact with

contemporary art in a more social way by completing the

total work of art through

immediate participation.

These CURRENT events and the complete conCURRENT calendar

are available at currentla.org/calendar.

Birdsong Diamond Wetlands

UCLA ArtSci Center

Del Rey Lagoon Park

Tue, Jul 19, 4p–sunset

Sat, Jul 30, 4p–sunset

Experience birdsong in its purest form with noise-canceling headphones and bird-mimicking participatory workshops. In collaboration with UCLA evolutionary biologists and nanotechnology experts, visitors will be introduced to the wetlands’ resident bird species and water life.

Water as Power; Water as Material; Water as Future

Dyson & Womack

The HUB

Thu, Jul 21, 28 + Aug 11,

7–8:30p

This panel series focuses on water in LA and beyond. Each

discussion addresses a specific

context for water: as power, as

material, and as future. Panelists

include artists, theorists, City

representatives, conservationists,

and others with lives and

livelihoods entrenched with the

presence or absence of water.

Food trucks arrive at 5p on panel

nights. For details, visit

currentla.org/sites/the-hub.

On Roaming Rivers and Forgotten Floodplains

Kerry Tribe

Sunnynook River Park

Fri, Jul 22, 7–8p

Journey through the past and present of the LA River watershed with Joshua Link, founding principal of Ecotone Studios, presented in partnership with CURRENT artist Kerry Tribe.

Barrio Mobile Art Studio

Self Help Graphics & Art

Hansen Dam

Sat, Jul 23 + 30, 10a–2p

Through a printmaking program,

learn about and make connections

between Pacoima and the

indigenous Cucapá peoples living

in Ejido Cucapá Mayor. Located on

the Colorado River Delta, about

40 miles south of the border at

Calexico.

KPKARK

KCHUNG

Point Fermin Park

Sat, Jul 23 + Aug 6, 12–6p

Sun, Jul 24 + Aug 7, 12–3p

Listen to KPKARK Radio

on AM1610 within a half-mile

of Point Fermin Park all day, every

day, for experimental, musical,

and interactive performances

broadcast from a transmitter at

Angels Gate Cultural Center.

Stream anywhere from

kchungradio.org.

Conversation at *The Ides*

Michael Parker

Point Fermin Park

Sat, Jul 23, 2–4p

CURRENT artist Michael Parker

and Martabel Wasserman,

Curator of Community

Engagement at the Angels Gate

Cultural Center, discuss the ideas

and cooperative process of

The Ides. Meet at [#theides](https://theides).

The Spreading Ground Open Rehearsals

Lucky Dragons

Hansen Dam

Sat, Jul 16, 6:34–8:34p

Sat, Jul 23, 6:30–8:30p

Sat, Jul 30, 6:25–8:25p

Meet with CURRENT artists

Lucky Dragons in the middle

of Hansen Dam for open

rehearsals that begin an hour

and a half before sunset and

end a half an hour after sunset.

Visit currentla.org for the specific

meeting location.

DIGDEEP

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sat + Sun, Jul 23 + 24, all day

LA-based water organization

DIGDEEP hosts an immersive

cleansing ritual in CURRENT

artist Rirkrit Tiravanija’s water

pavilion. Visitors interact

directly with the river and write

their worries and secrets on

biodegradable origami boats

to be set sail to the sea.

But Is It Edible? with Pascal Baduar

Bob Dornberger & Misa Lund

Sepulveda Basin

Sun, Jul 24, 9–11a

Participate in a foraging and plant

identification adventure along

the LA River and learn about

edible plants and how to be an

ethical forager. Followed by

a small visual demonstration

and snacks at CURRENT

artist Rirkrit Tiravanija’s water

pavilion. Free, RSVP required at

currentla.org.

Water Canning

UCLA ArtSci Center

Westside Neighborhood Park

Sun, Jul 24 + Aug 7, 4p–sunset

Learn how silver nanoparticles

end up in rivers, streams, and

the ocean, to the detriment of

aquatic ecosystems, with

Dr. Olivia Osborne. Participate in

a water conservation workshop,

create a collective sculpture of

glass jars of local water, and

perform creative tasks for upload

onto waterbodies.org.

Artist Talk

Kori Newkirk

South Weddington Park

Mon, Jul 25, 11a–12:30p

Join CURRENT artist Kori Newkirk

in a talk about his work, *Prime*.

Life Linked to Land: Growing Local by Planting Native

Kerry Tribe

Sunnynook River Park

Fri, Jul 29, 7–8p

The Theodore Payne Foundation’s

Local Source Initiative provides

Angelenos with ethically and

legally sourced native plants,

encourages the use of locally

adapted garden plants, and raises

awareness about local habitat

preservation. Led by Genevieve

Arnold of the Theodore Payne

Foundation and presented in

collaboration with CURRENT

artist Kerry Tribe.

But Is It Edible? with Dr. Erica Wohldmann

Bob Dornberger & Misa Lund

Sepulveda Basin

Sat, Jul 30, 9–11a

Identify plants during a walk

along the riverbank from Balboa

Boulevard. The walk focuses on

the medicinal uses of area plants

and is followed by a discussion

and snack at the water pavilion

created by CURRENT artist Rirkrit

Tiravanija. Free, RSVP required at

currentla.org.

UnderLA—Projection/Performance

Refik Anadol & Peggy Weil

Origin of the LA River

Sat + Sun, Jul 30 + 31,

8:30–11:30p

CURRENT artists Refik Anadol &

Peggy Weil perform *UnderLA*, a

site-specific projection created

for the Origin of the LA River with

scientific data generated from

LA’s aquifers ([#underlawater/underlawater.com](https://underlawater.com)).

But Is It Edible? Foraging Workshop with Emily Han

Bob Dornberger & Misa Lund

Sepulveda Basin

Sun, Jul 31, 9–11a

Participate in a plant walk in the

Sepulveda Basin’s Wilderness

Preserve focusing on edible

and medicinal plants, followed

by a nonalcoholic beverage

tasting. Free, RSVP required at

currentla.org.

Rain Ragas

Chris Kallmyer

Norman O. Houston Park

Sun, Jul 31, 5–8p

(Program at 7p)

Join the *New Weather Station*

for a concert by Robin Sukhadia

(*tabla*) and Rajib Karmakar (*sitar*)

presented in collaboration with

CURRENT artist Chris Kallmyer.

Enjoy sun tea from Solarc Brewing

and a weekly publication by

Gray Wielebinski.

AUGUST

Native Partners: Plant-Animal Relationships by the River

Kerry Tribe

Sunnynook River Park

Fri, Aug 5, 7–8p

An exploration of local fauna—

birds, insects, and mammals—that

evolved with and that depend

on California native plants. With

Lili Singer from the Theodore

Payne Foundation, presented

in collaboration with CURRENT

artist Kerry Tribe.

Plein Air Paint-Out

Rirkrit Tiravanija

Sepulveda Basin

Sat, Aug 6, 2p

Paint outdoors (*en plein air*), at

the site of CURRENT artist Rirkrit

Tiravanija’s water pavilion, with

the National Watercolor Society.

Contact David J. Teter to learn

more: davidteter@att.net

or 310.547.2412.

Vocal and Movement Workshop: Song of Eurydice

Women’s Center for Creative Work

Bee Canyon Park

Sat + Sun, Aug 6 + 7, 4–7p

Attend a free vocal/movement

workshop led by choreographer

Mecca Vazie Andrews and

composer Carolyn Pennypacker

Riggs, and participate in a

final performance on Aug 14,

the closing day of CURRENT.

No experience necessary.

CURRENT:LA WATER Public Art Biennial 2016

CURRENT:LA, the City's new Public Art Biennial initiative, uses contemporary art as a platform to encourage the exchange of ideas and inspire civic discourse about issues affecting Los Angeles and other global cities. Adapting the art biennial model, CURRENT:LA uses outdoor public spaces as a venue; presents site-specific, temporary art projects uniquely created for the City's residents and visitors; and provides a range of free and refreshing summertime cultural experiences across LA's diverse neighborhoods. Developed and produced by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in partnership with Mayor Eric Garcetti, this inaugural presentation of the Public Art Biennial, CURRENT:LA Water, is funded by DCA and Bloomberg Philanthropies through its Public Art Challenge initiative.

Visit a CURRENT site in every LA city council district!



1 Mel Chin
The TIE that BINDS: the MIRROR of the FUTURE
The Bowtie, Glassell Park

Mel Chin reimagines the 18.6 acres that make up the Bowtie—an area adjacent to the LA River, near where the 5 and 2 freeways meet—with a new landscape of native, drought-tolerant plants. Visitors can take home a newly mapped “parcel” and plant it in their yards or community gardens.

Thu – Sun, 5:30p – sunset (gates close 9p)
Visit the-tie-that-binds.org for details on related programs and events.

2 Kori Newkirk
Prime
South Weddington Park, Studio City

Working with an American vernacular used in fountains and parks, Kori Newkirk presents a sculpture of horses installed in a trench. The work responds to the drought via exaggerating the concavity of fountains and addresses cultural boundaries present in parks and public places.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Artist talk on Mon, Jul 25, 11a – 12:30p

3 Refik Anadol & Peggy Weil
UnderLA: Origin of the LA River
Origin of the LA River, Canoga Park

UnderLA uses scientific data generated from LA's aquifers—layers of porous rock capable of holding and transmitting water—to create a site-specific projection for the Origin of the LA River ([#underlawater/underlawater.com](https://underlawater.com)).

Sat + Sun, Jul 30 + 31, 8:30 – 11:30p

4 Kerry Tribe
Exquisite Corpse
Sunnynook River Park, Atwater Village

Exquisite Corpse is a 51 minute–long experimental film set along the 51 miles of the LA River. Working in various documentary styles, Kerry Tribe seeks to capture the river's landscapes, neighborhoods, creatures, and community through a string of sensorially engaging, meditative micro-narratives.

Daily, 8:30p, pre-screening talks every Fri at 7p
See Schedule of Events for details.

5 Edgar Arceneaux
The CENTER of the EARTH
Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, West LA

Edgar Arceneaux appropriates minimal forms often seen in drinking fountains found in public spaces to create a different fountain of sorts. *The CENTER of the EARTH* draws parallels between the use of altars and water in religious and everyday contexts. As an extension, Arceneaux's work considers the below-ground transit of water and the above-ground ideologies of the people that regulate it.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Artist Q&A on Sat, Jul 16, 1 – 2:30p

6 Rirkrit Tiravanija
Untitled 2016
(LA Water, Water Pavilion)
Sepulveda Basin, Encino

An intimate, timber-frame structure houses weekly events centered on public interaction with the LA River, its users, and the surrounding urban fabric. In this project, Tiravanija employs architecture to create a juncture between people and place, creating situations that bring us closer to the river.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Weekend events on Jul 16, 17, 24 + 25, Aug 6
See Schedule of Events for details.

7 Lucky Dragons
The Spreading Ground
Hansen Dam, Pacoima

The Spreading Ground is a month-long series of workshops designed for public participation—with the understanding that the denizens of LA are dynamically bound together by water. These workshops culminate in a musical score derived and performed by Lucky Dragons and *The Spreading Ground* participants.

Sat, Jul 16, 23 + 30, evening open rehearsals
Sat, Aug 6 + 13, evening performances
See Schedule of Events for details.

8 Chris Kallmyer
New Weather Station
Norman O. Houston Park, Baldwin Hills

The Los Angeles Department of Weather Modification is a performing group that collaborates with Southern California communities to address weather, water, and the evolution of the arid city. During CURRENT, the group is headquartered at *New Weather Station*, a 20-foot open-air geodesic dome hosting a series of events featuring LA-based artists, designers, historians, urbanists, chefs, and thinkers exploring the intersection of water and weather modification.

Jul 31 – Aug 14, 5:30a – 10:30p
Artist events on Jul 31, Aug 11, 13 + 14
See Schedule of Events for details.

9 Josh Callaghan & Daveed Kapoor
Mast
South LA Wetlands Park, South LA

Collaborators Josh Callaghan & Daveed Kapoor's large-scale sculpture, comprising a mast, sail, and rigging, rises out of the South LA Wetlands Park's landscape. The work addresses California's colonial history and the vestiges of its destructive legacy, while also functioning both as a cultural marker and a shade structure for park visitors.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p

10 Candice Lin
A Hard White Body
Westside Neighborhood Park, West Adams

Candice Lin's sculpture appropriates water filtration and microbe growth to consider how the power of small beings disrupts social hierarchies. By using bacteria found in kombucha as an active collaborator, the sculpture highlights the presence of bacteria in our environment as well as our continued vulnerability and dependence on it in order to live.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Artist event on Thu, Aug 11
See Schedule of Events for details.

11 Gala Porras-Kim
Supplement to Ballona Discovery Park Informative Signs
Del Rey Lagoon Park, Playa Del Rey

Gala Porras-Kim creates signage that tells the story of the Tongva burial ground located at the Del Rey Lagoon Park. The work draw attention to the beginnings of the wetlands and the controversial handling of the burial ground, giving viewers an opportunity to learn about a history that has been removed.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p

12 Lucky Dragons
Δ (Delta)
Bee Canyon Park, Granada Hills

Mimicking the unstable nature of water, Lucky Dragons creates a series of unique performances at Bee Canyon Park in which characters uncover a new set of instructions and resources each weekday afternoon to engage visitors and respond to LA's water infrastructure.

Mon – Fri, 4 – 6p

13 Teresa Margolles
La Sombra (The Shade)
Echo Park Lake, Echo Park

Collaborating with volunteers from all over the city, Teresa Margolles washed over 100 public spaces where lives were taken over the course of the past year in LA. Collecting the water from each site washing, Margolles used the water to erect a single memorial to these victims of violence, and offer a place of respite at Echo Park Lake, where visitors can rest, meditate, and reflect under *La Sombra (The Shade)*.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Artist event on opening weekend
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14 Refik Anadol & Peggy Weil
UnderLA: 1st Street Bridge
Historic 1st Street Bridge, Downtown LA

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Sat + Sun, Jul 16 + 17, 8:30 – 11:30p
Sat + Sun, Aug 13 + 14, 8:30 – 11:30p

15 Michael Parker
The Ides
Point Fermin Park, San Pedro

An arch frames the ocean views of the San Pedro bluff and showcases the drama of Point Fermin, a site engulfed by water, sun, and the Port of LA. Developed in collaboration with peers and through dialogue between digital and analog processes, Parker's project reflects the intersection between human engineering as seen in the Port of LA and the natural setting of Point Fermin Park.

Daily, 5:30a – 10:30p
Point Fermin Lighthouse tours Tue – Sun at 1p, 2p + 3p
Artist events on Jul 23 + Aug 6
See Schedule of Events for details.

HUB The HUB
Los Feliz

The HUB is a visitor and volunteer center designed to support and enrich the biennial experience. The HUB houses CURRENT:LA maps and resource materials for the biennial and hosts free public-engagement events, workshops, film screenings, talks, and panel discussions. Parking, WiFi, and other amenities are available at the HUB.

Mon–Fri, 4–9p
Sat + Sun, 9a–9p
Visit currentla.org for a schedule of programs, workshops, and events at the HUB.