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#### LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR



Welcome to the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's 41st Annual Creative Business Awards — our city's most dazzling night, where *Innovation Takes Center Ring.* 

Following David Wood's performance last year feels a bit like stepping into the spotlight after a headlining act — and let's be honest, I'm not nearly as funny. But I'll do my best to keep the show moving without tripping over the trapeze!

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the incredible creativity, resilience, and spirit that define West Hollywood's business community. Each of our **21 nominated Ringmasters of Industry**, chosen by their peers, represents the bold imagination that makes this city such a vibrant place to live, work, and dream. **Seven businesses**, selected by Chamber Members, will step into the spotlight — the best of the best. The CBAs remind us that innovation isn't just about new ideas; it's about the courage to take them center stage and invite others to join the act.

This year, we are proud to honor **The h.wood Group** with the Legacy Award. From Delilah to Harriet's Rooftop to Keys, their vision has shaped the rhythm of nightlife and hospitality not just in West Hollywood, but far beyond. They've built more than venues — they've created experiences, memories, and a sense of belonging that reflect the very best of our community.

Before the show begins, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all the sideshow stars — the people behind the curtain: our sponsors, partners, and especially the Chamber team — Gen, John-Baptiste, Nalani, Jamie, and Andrea. Your passion and dedication to WHCC and our membership make the CBAs a night of creativity worth a standing ovation.

And, of course, this year carries special poignancy as we celebrate the final Creative Business Awards under the leadership of **Genevieve Morrill**, our remarkable President & CEO. For over a decade, Gen has been **The Ringmaster of Possibility** — guiding this Chamber with heart, humor, and unwavering dedication. Together, we've built something extraordinary: a Chamber that champions its members, uplifts its city, and leads with creativity. Her legacy will continue to inspire and propel us forward for years to come.

As the lights dim and the curtain rises, I invite you to enjoy the show — to celebrate innovation, connection, and the spirit that keeps West Hollywood shining brightly Under the Big Top.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Raja Sannidhi**Chair, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

# We honor your vision, the impact you've made and your continued success

Congratulations to this year's Legacy honoree

The h.wood Group

and the 2025 Ringmasters of Industry nominees.

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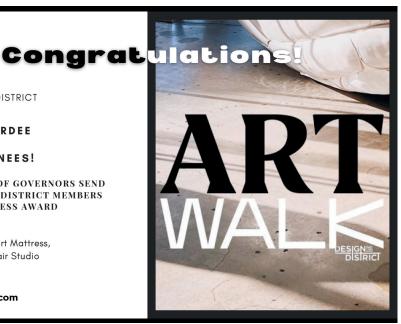
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November 6, 2025

Dear West Hollywood Friends and Businesses,

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LAUREN MEISTER Councilmember On behalf of the City of West Hollywood, I would like to welcome you to the 41st Annual Creative Business Awards 2025. Tonight, we come together to celebrate the imagination, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial spirit that defines our vibrant business community.

This year's theme, "Where Innovation Takes Center Ring", perfectly captures the energy and creativity that makes West Hollywood a world-class destination. Our local businesses are the heart of this community—they drive economic vitality, help shape our City's distinctive identity, and embody the inclusive values that make West Hollywood truly extraordinary.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of this year's nominees and to The h.wood Group, recipient of the 2025 Legacy Award, for their exceptional contributions to the local hospitality sector and their lasting impact on the West Hollywood community and beyond. I also want to thank the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, its members, and its partners for their ongoing commitment to championing and advancing our local businesses.

Together, we continue to foster a community where creativity thrives, innovation leads, and every business has the opportunity to succeed. Even in today's challenging economic landscape, our shared resilience, collaboration, and commitment to one another ensures that West Hollywood's entrepreneurial and creative spirit continues to shine brightly for years to come.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Lee Byers MAYOR

#### Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
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November 6, 2025

West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce 8272 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046



Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to extend my congratulations and a heartfelt welcome as you gather to celebrate the 41st Annual West Hollywood Creative Business Awards.

This year's theme, "Where Innovation Takes Center Ring," is fitting for a community that consistently leads with creativity, ingenuity, and a passion for excellence. For over four decades, the Creative Business Awards have recognized the unique spirit that defines West Hollywood, a place where business and culture thrive side by side, and where diversity and imagination fuel economic growth.

Congratulations to all of this year's nominees and honorees across the seven awards categories. Your work exemplifies the very best of what West Hollywood has to offer, from bold new concepts and sustainable practices to community service and artistic achievement. Special recognition as well for The h.wood Group, who are this year's Legacy Ringmaster Award recipient, for their longstanding leadership in shaping West Hollywood's world-renowned hospitality landscape.

On behalf of California's 30<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, thank you to all the honorees and to the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for continuing to set the standard for fostering a dynamic and inclusive business community. It is an honor to serve you and the broader West Hollywood community in Congress.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

As the State Senator proudly representing West Hollywood, I am delighted to join in the celebration of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's 41st Annual Creative Business Awards ceremony and extend my hearty congratulations to this year's nominees!

The West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has been a great partner to our local businesses and plays an important role in improving the quality of life in and around West Hollywood. The Chamber's service to our community has helped make this city a world-class travel, business, and tourism destination.

This evening, we celebrate 21 nominated businesses across seven categories, each recognized by their peers for the imagination, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial spirit that embody the very best of our area. Their work reflects the creativity and diversity of our community, and I extend my deep appreciation for the many contributions they have made to the vitality of West Hollywood.



I also want to thank the Chamber, its organizers, and staff for bringing us together for this special evening. The Creative Business Awards not only showcase excellence but also help sustain the Chamber's dynamic programs in advocacy, marketing, and community building.

Please accept my warm wishes for a successful and memorable celebration!

Sincerely,

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November 6, 2025

West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce 8272 Santa Monica Boulevard West Hollywood, California 90046

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Creative Business Awards Event.

For over four decades, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has hosted the prestigious Creative Business Awards to bring together hundreds of professionals to celebrate businesses that have shown innovation and creativity in their business model. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for recognizing our local businesses, which continue to make such significant contributions to the West Hollywood business community.

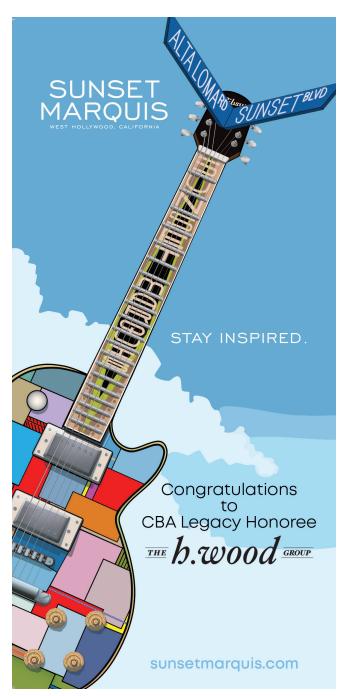
I would like to take a moment to congratulate all the outstanding award nominees and, especially, the recipient of this year's Legacy Award, **The h.wood Group**. For over 17 years, many of The h.wood Group's flagship venues have become iconic landmarks of the West Hollywood Sunset Strip. Today, these high-profile venues have significantly bolstered the local economy and West Hollywood's reputation as a global entertainment hub. Please join me in congratulating The h.wood Group, and these remarkable nominees and award recipients for their devotion and contributions to the West Hollywood community through their creative business models.

As your State Assemblymember representing the 51st Assembly District, I extend my sincere congratulations and appreciation to tonight's honorees and to the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and most memorable event.

Sincerely,

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR Assemblymember, 51<sup>st</sup> District Democratic Caucus Chair

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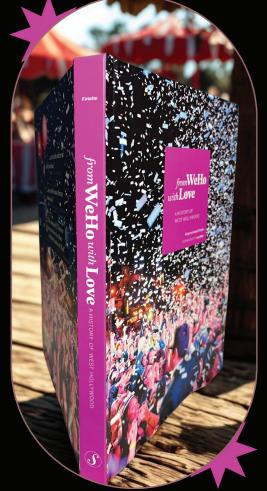
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#### WITH GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING

Thanks to the Special Events Committee, and Events Vice Chair, Jacob Shaw, for helping the WHCC Team in soliciting auction items—especially to Marjorie Dick Stuart and Jacqueline Fitzgerald the MVPs of the committee; special thanks to our day-of volunteers - we couldn't do this event without you; Chris Isaacson, thanks for producing a one-of-a-kind event; a heartfelt thank you to all the 1 Hotel staff, its General Manager, Ingrid Braun, and Director of Catering, Annette Zeller, we appreciate all you did to make this event amazing and on budget. We extend our appreciation to our alcohol partners and wranglers, Sol Yamini at Pink Dot, Leslie Barclay and Kristin Clark at Diageo. To Chris Jaros and the squad at Zoo Crew, thanks for creating our amazing reels for the nominees and our CBA sizzle. Our amazing artistic director for over a decade, guru of all things creative, the Great, Rubén Esparza of RED Studios, for whom we are forever grateful. And finally, to our fantastic Member Ambassadors who volunteer to help us set up and strike CBA every year — we couldn't do this without your generosity — THANK YOU!





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A century in the making — this limited-edition coffee table book invites you behind the curtain to witness West Hollywood's rise, told through rare photographs, untold stories, and the chamber of commerce that's been center stage since 1921.

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6:00 PM Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction Sponsored by Big Top Toastmaster



#### 8:00 PM DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

#### **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

The StandUp Magician, Derek Hughes with Special Guests: Pickle and 8'3" Adventuring Entertainer, Captain Tall Tale
Musical performance by singer/songwriter, Janet Klein & Her Parlor Boys

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

WHCC Chair, Dr Raja Sannidhi WHCC President & CEO, Genevieve Morrill

#### **CBA 2025 LEGACY AWARD**

**Presented to** The h.wood Group

Musical performance by Janet Klein & Her Parlor Boys

#### 2025 CBA RINGMASTERS OF INDUSTRY NOMINEES & AWARDS CEREMONY

Creative Concept Award
Corporate Innovation Award
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Creative Communications Award
WeHo Attraction Award
Innovative Sustainability Award
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#### **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**



# $\mathcal{D}_{\mathsf{EREK}}$ HUGHES

The live performances of celebrated conjurer, "Stand Up Magician" Derek Hughes, have been lauded by audiences and critics alike, with the New York Times calling him "thoroughly entertaining." Hughes has performed his magic on MTV, VH1, Comedy Central, CW's Penn & Teller: Fool Us and the Ellen DeGeneres Show. He's a consulting producer on TRUtv's hit magic series, "The Carbonaro Effect" and was a top ten finalist on NBC's "America's Got Talent".



#### SPECIAL GUESTS





# PICKLE

Pickle is a live-singing drag host, performer and storyteller. She is the first Drag Laureate of the City of West Hollywood and the Executive Director of Drag Arts Lab, an organization focused on expanding and elevating the art of drag in Los Angeles County.

She has partnered with institutions throughout LA including the Natural History Museum, the Music Center, the Academy Museum and the Getty. She guest starred on Tyler Perry's "Sistas" and writes and performs original music.

# $\mathcal{C}$ aptain tall tale

Captain Tall Tale, the 8'3" Adventuring Entertainer, brings high-energy fun wherever he goes. With circus-style acts, storytelling, and original music, he connects with audiences of all ages, turning every event into an unforgettable adventure. The children's book series "How Captain Tall Tale Became Tall" shares his incredible adventures, inspiring kids to dream big, stay curious, and find the magic in every moment. The Captain performs across the country at fairs, city celebrations, and anywhere that needs an added spark of Tall fun. Dedicated to bringing the world together through culture, Captain Tall Tale continues to prove that adventure and connection can be found wherever you go. Adventure on!



#### **TONIGHT'S MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**



## DANET AND HER PARLOR BOYS

The enchanting and effervescent ukulele chanteuse Janet Klein performs obscure, naughty and lovely tunes from the 1920's and 1930's. Together, Janet and her Los Angeles based band, "The Parlor Boys" share spirited and inspired renditions of Tin Pan Alley, early hot jazz, vaudeville & ragtime and other early 20th Century rare gems performing at historic theaters in Hollywood and Los Angeles and other landmark venues around the world. Janet has produced 10 CDs with her group since 1998. Their CD release "Living In Sin" was voted in the Top Ten Jazz and Pop Critic's Award Poll of the Village Voice.

For more information visit: www.janetklein.com www.janetklein.bandcamp.com and instagram @janetklein

#### **ABOUT THE LEGACY AWARD**

In 1993 the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (WHCC) installed a new award to its Creative Business Awards line up to honor members who have made significant contributions to the City of West Hollywood, the Chamber, and its mission.

In 1995 after the passing of Thomas Crail, the WHCC's Executive Director from 1988 to 1995, the award was renamed The Thomas Crail Award. Crail died at the age of 41 of complications from AIDS.

In his role, Crail was a leader for change in West Hollywood. Among his accomplishments he founded the Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce (WC3), created WHCC's Leadership Council, and helped to develop the Santa Monica Boulevard Association and The Avenues of Design Association. He served as Chair of the Transportation Commission and was a proponent of the Sunset Shuttle, a nationally recognized pioneering effort in short-haul urban transport.

In recognition of his legacy and all who came before and after him, the Thomas Crail Lifetime Achievement Award has been aptly renamed The Legacy Award to honor community leaders who are agents of change that have made a difference in West Hollywood.

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT/ THOMAS CRAIL AWARD PAST WINNERS

Tony Melia 1993 Hilary Selvin 2010

Jack Foreman 1994 George Rosenthal 2011

Ron Kates 1995 Zev Yaroslavsky 2012

Paul Brotman 1996 Nathan Goller 2013

John Douponce 1999 Lou Adler 2014

Nita Casar 2000 Alberto Borrelli 2015

Russ Wilson 2001 Craig Susser 2016

Mark Lehman 2002 Alan W. Johnson CHA and

John Altschul 2003 William Karpiak CHA 2017

Ruth Tittle 2004 Rod Gruendyke 2018

Arich Berghammer 2005 Jamie Adler 2019

Christopher V. Bonbright 2006 David Cooley 2021

James Ward Litz 2007 Pink Dot 2022

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Deborah Kallick 2008 Sunset Marquis 2023

David Mason Eichman 2009 Capitol Drugs 2024

#### 2025 LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT





### THE H.WOOD GROUP

The h.wood Group is a Los Angeles-based hospitality and lifestyle company with an iconic portfolio of luxury nightlife and restaurant venues that have helped define the region's modern social landscape. Founded in 2008 by longtime friends and entrepreneurs John Terzian and Brian Toll, The h.wood Group was built on a shared vision to bring high-end, thoughtfully designed concepts and exceptional service to life.

In West Hollywood, The h.wood Group has played an integral role in shaping the city's vibrant hospitality culture and economic vitality.

Beloved destinations such as Delilah, Harriet's, and Keys have become staples of West Hollywood's world-renowned nightlife and dining scene—drawing locals, visitors, and global tastemakers alike. With several additional venues currently in development, The h.wood Group continues to invest in and strengthen the community's reputation as a premier destination for creativity, entertainment, and connection.

Beyond its West Hollywood footprint, The h.wood Group's influence extends across Los Angeles, the nation, and internationally, with eight venues in Los Angeles, three across the U.S., and two abroad, plus more than eight new openings on the horizon. This rapid expansion is guided by the brand's core values—distinct design, exceptional service, and palpable atmosphere—which together create extraordinary, memorable experiences for every guest.

#### **2025 LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT**

The h.wood Group experience transcends its brick-and-mortar spaces, serving as one of the world's most respected event producers. With deep roots in art, fashion, sports, and entertainment, their signature approach to storytelling and service connects brands, talent, and audiences at some of the world's most iconic cultural events, including Coachella, F1, Cannes, and Art Basel. Through its corporate branding, catering, event production, and marketing services, The h.wood Group continues to reflect and shape popular culture on both a local and global scale—while remaining a cornerstone of West Hollywood's dynamic business and cultural community.





#### **CREATIVE CONCEPT AWARD NOMINEES**



ALBA invites West Hollywood residents and visitors to take an Italian holiday without leaving SoCal. Born as the L.A. sibling to New York's Cucina Alba, this restaurant channels the romance of coastal Italy in both design and flavor. Under chef Adam Leonti, Alba's menu—pastas, focaccia, crudi, coastal Italian fare—and its retractable striped roof, Mediterranean-inspired interiors, and artful murals create a transporting ambiance. Alba keeps local dollars circulating in West Hollywood by offering a destination experience rooted in food, design, and atmosphere—a creative concept that "gets you to Italy" while boosting our own economy.



PANGEA CATERING delivers an imaginative fusion concept that transforms every event into a global culinary journey. With mastery across 14 distinct cuisines, they craft custom menus that surprise and delight—whether vegan, gluten-free, halal, or omnivore. Their founder's vision—rooted in family, diversity, and the belief that food should unite, not divide—is reflected in every plated creation. Pangea doesn't just cater—they debut bold new combinations, fresh presentations, and culturally inspired flavor narratives, turning ordinary gatherings into immersive, inventive experiences that leave guests awe-struck long after dessert is served.

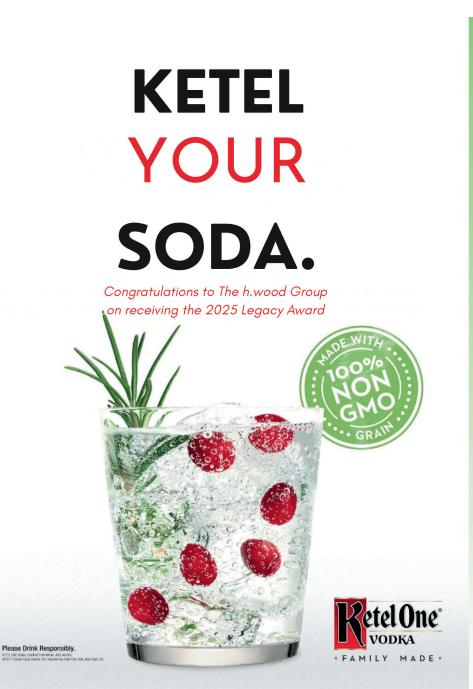






Unsubtle is an imaginative new food hall concept designed to wow and inspire West Hollywood. They've curated 10 standout kitchens, each featuring innovative restaurants, alongside a signature coffee bar, all woven together in a dynamic, communal space. With its indoor/outdoor flow, striking design, and multi-platform ordering technology allowing customers to mix-and-match from all 10 concepts, Unsubtle turns dining into an immersive, social experience. For restaurants, it's a launchpad for growth; for guests, it's a place to explore the city's most exciting flavors under one roof. Unsubtle isn't just a business—it's a creative hub, redefining how our community gathers, eats, and celebrates culture.





#### CORPORATE INNOVATION AWARD NOMINEES



The Lot at Formosa is a historic studio campus and premier production and event destination in West Hollywood. Spanning 11 acres, the property features seven sound stages, flexible production and event spaces, private courtyards, and a rooftop terrace with sweeping views. The campus also offers a dedicated cyc wall ideal for photoshoots and video productions, along with on-site production support, catering services, base camp and ample parking. Combining Hollywood legacy with modern amenities, The Lot at Formosa is designed to accommodate events, shoots, and productions of all sizes.





Meta Lab reimagines what a corporate presence can be by merging retail, R&D, and cultural programming under one roof, redefining experiential retail. In West Hollywood, the Lab isn't simply a flagship storefront—it's a living prototype of Meta's innovative business model. Inside, visitors don't just shop—they interact, demoing Meta's Al glasses, customizing cases, and stepping into immersive installations that blend SoCal culture with cutting-edge design. Beyond product, Meta Lab pairs commerce with creativity and community: hosting live events, art activations, and workshops that transform a store into a destination. transforming consumers into collaborators. By blending commerce, technology, and culture in a destination setting, Meta has pioneered a new approach to brand engagement—positioning West Hollywood as the launchpad for its boldest corporate innovation yet.



#### S O F I T E L LOS ANGELES AT BEVERLY HILLS



## Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills

unveils a new concept and décor where French refinement meets California lifestyle. Located near one of the world's most prestigious avenues, every detail of the new lobby and bar was designed with comfort and style to leave a lasting impression and inspire guests. From sleek, modern accommodations with French zest to panoramic rooftop venues and stylish event spaces, Sofitel offers an unparalleled experience in creative luxury. With a commitment to sustainability and inclusive hospitality, the hotel is a celebrated destination for travelers and event hosts, elevating every experience with sophisticated design and heartfelt service.

Congratulations!

Pink Dot honors your creativity, your impact, and your continued success.

Congratulations to this year's

Legacy Honoree 
The h.wood Group

and to the 2025

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We are PROUD to support the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce



#### JOHN CHASE ART + DESIGN NOMINEES



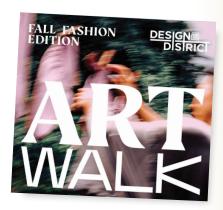
Inspired by Africa's landscapes, Baobab **Collection** has crafted interior perfumes that also function as striking decorative objects since 2002. Renowned as a pioneer of large multi-wick candles, this Belgian brand continues to evolve, designing refined vessels infused with sophisticated fragrances. Choosing a Baobab Collection piece is more than fragrance—it's entry into a creative, aesthetic dialogue. Skilled artisans hand-pour wax into mouth-blown glass, while master glassblowers sculpt each form. Perfumes, developed in Grasse, bring stories of wonder, romance, and wanderlust to life. With innovations like glass engraving, hand-painting, and gold/ silver silk-screening, Baobab Collection balances artistry and design in every exceptional object.



Jarrow & Goodman stands as a beacon of art and design in West Hollywood, seamlessly fusing gallery curation with visionary aesthetics. Founded by collector Jarrow L. Rogovin and art professional Michael Goodman, the gallery nurtures both emerging and established contemporary artists. Their programming includes bold, immersive exhibitions like Shroomphoria, which redefines perception through psychedelic expression, and String Theory, where Ritu Raj's thread-based abstractions push formal boundaries. Each show is curated not just to display art, but to architect experiences—spaces where visual ideas take shape, provoke thought, and linger in memory. In doing so, Jarrow & Goodman embodies art + design excellence under one creative roof.







ArtWalk is one of the West Hollywood
Design District's signature experiences, a vibrant
celebration of art, design, and culture woven
through the streets of our city. Reintroduced in 2024,
the ArtWalk unites galleries, boutiques, restaurants,
and public spaces in an immersive evening where
creativity is on full display. Guests explore curated
exhibitions, installations, and activations from
dozens of participating businesses, while shopping,
dining, and engaging with the community.
Drawing thousands of visitors, the ArtWalk reflects
the District's role as a global destination for style
and innovation—transforming West Hollywood
into an open-air gallery that celebrates artistry,
commerce, and connection in equal measure.



#### **ABOUT THE JOHN CHASE AWARD**



John Chase, born May 21, 1953, was a writer and urban designer who championed civic space and vernacular architecture in Southern California. He found poetry in stucco-clad apartment buildings, down-market modernism and overlooked corners of the urban realm. As urban designer for the City of West Hollywood, a job he had held since 1996, Chase coaxed architects, developers, public agencies and other groups to carve out room in their projects for civic amenities, including park space, street furniture and shade-giving trees. Working for the planning department in a role that he helped define — few cities have urban designers as such — Chase played a significant role in the reconstruction of the West Hollywood segment of Santa Monica Boulevard and many other major developments and businesses.

The thread connecting Chase's planning work and his writing was a fondness for the kind of architecture that hides in plain sight—
an anonymity that is particularly acute in Southern California, where attention-grabbing landmarks have tended to be private houses
rather than public buildings or grand civic spaces. Chase was a dedicated pedestrian who learned to read the cityscape on foot but
also an urban designer with a sharp understanding of how architecture in Southern California has to acknowledge the speed and flow
of car traffic.

Chase was perhaps best known for his writing on architecture, urbanism, planning and preservation. Many of his essays are collected in "Glitter Stucco & Dumpster Diving: Reflections on Building Production in the Vernacular City," published by Verso Press in 2000. With Frances Anderton he wrote a 1997 study of Las Vegas architecture and urbanism. Chase was also an editor, with John Kaliski and Margaret Crawford, of the 1999 book "Everyday Urbanism," which was updated in 2008. He died on August 13, 2010 at the age of 57.

Excerpts taken from Christopher Hawthorne's LA Times article, August 18, 2010

#### CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD NOMINEES



## "WeHappy Wednesdays" Created by Lucky Break PR

Founded in 2010. LBPR is a minority-owned, awardwinning PR, marketing, and digital media firm representing clients across entertainment, hospitality, consumer products, design, wellness, and more. With deep ties to West Hollywood, LBPR has elevated initiatives such as the OUTLOUD Music Festival, WeHo Pride Parade, and the Sunset Strip BID. Known for innovative storytelling and impactful strategies, the agency was named PRSA's 2024 "Agency of the Year." WeHo Gives Back was a multifaceted three-month campaign by Lucky Break PR and the Chamber designed to support local businesses impacted by the LA wildfires. At its heart was WeHappy Wednesdays, a free-parking initiative that paired with local dining and shopping discounts every Wednesday in April 2025 that encouraged residents and visitors alike to explore and support local businesses. The campaign was a creative communications triumph—boosting foot traffic, supporting local businesses, and reinforcing West Hollywood's reputation as a dynamic destination.



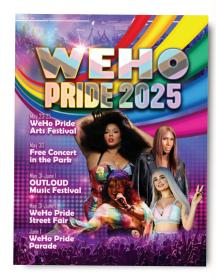
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## WEHO online and the WEHO PRIDE GUIDE

WEHOonline is an online news source that celebrates West Hollywood and the politics and people that make West Hollywood special.

The WEHO Pride Guide print edition of this year introduced the many new faces of West Hollywood's nightlife celebrating all of us as one community.





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#### INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABILITY AWARD NOMINEES



Athens Services, a family-owned company since 1957, is driving Southern California's green transformation. A leader in sustainability, innovation, and zero-waste solutions, Athens recently opened the Irwindale Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), which represents the company's commitment to invest in advanced recycling infrastructure to expand sustainable operations across Southern California. This 17-acre site, which utilizes solar power, Al, and state-of-the-art sorting systems, processes up to 6,000 tons of material per day. From curbside to compost, Athens partners with cities, institutions, and communities to build circular systems that cut emissions, reclaim resources, and redefine waste management for a cleaner, more resilient future.





As West Hollywood's earliest adopter of truly eco-forward garment care, Hollyway **Cleaners** transformed the dry-cleaning landscape with its clean-tech innovations. Under family leadership, the original WeHo location was one of the first dry cleaners west of the Rockies to convert to the GreenEarth process, a pure liquid-silicone cleaning method with zero emissions that is non-allergenic and gentle on fabrics. They also introduced a recyclable 3-in-1 garment bag alternative to single-use plastics, plus compostable poly bags that break down in under 30 days. Through these practices, Hollyway Cleaners turns everyday garment care into climate-conscious action—drawing environmentally minded residents and visitors to WeHo, setting a standard for sustainability in service.





Kimia Arya is an ethical couture fashion brand rooted in sustainability and conscious craftsmanship. Based in West Hollywood, every piece is created in-house, and the brand actively offsets its carbon footprint by planting trees with each purchase through a reforestation partnership with OneTreePlanted.org. Specializing in biodegradable silk and eco-friendly natural fibers materials, Kimia Arya merges luxury with environmental responsibility. Guided by five core pillars—high quality, small quantity, local production, global impact, and giving back—the brand stands at the forefront of the luxury fashion industry, driving meaningful social and environmental progress, while transforming the fashion industry's wasteful habits into sustainable solutions, @kimiaarvasilk





#### WEHO ATTRACTION AWARD NOMINEES



Dialog Cafe has been a West Hollywood staple for more than 18 years, drawing daily lines of fans eager to experience its viral dishes and creative drinks. Owned by brothers Narbeh and Tadeh Ghazalian and helmed by Executive Chef Gino Pineda, Dialog Cafe is best known for its cult-favorite Breakfast Burrito and Chicken Caesar Wrap, along with standout coffees and wellnessdriven smoothies like the Honey Sage Matcha and Madagascar Vanilla Latte. Dialog Cafe's reputation extends far beyond locals—Hollywood icons from Justin Bieber to Kendall Jenner have been spotted in line. With its vibrant menu, celebrity buzz, and community-driven vibe, Dialog Cafe has become a must-visit destination that attracts food lovers from near and far to West Hollywood.



STORIES: THE AIDS MONUMENT
REMEMBERS those we lost, those who survived, the protests and vigils, the caregivers,
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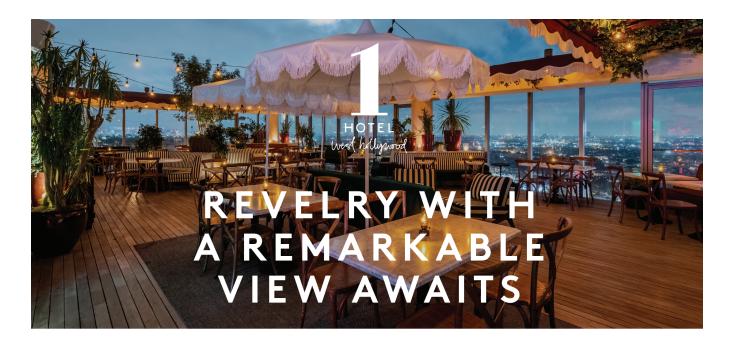
Opening November 16, 2025, the 7,000 sq. ft. landmark will be a powerful cultural attraction in West Hollywood Park on San Vicente Blvd., just north of the library. The Monument features 147 soaring "Traces" and immersive digital content, including a Brief History of HIV/AIDS, over 125 personal stories, and a Design Tour. By honoring the past while engaging visitors with art and storytelling, STORIES will draw people from around the world to reflect, connect, and experience West Hollywood's role as a beacon of resilience and remembrance. Follow us: @theaidsmonument





Hauser & Wirth West Hollywood brings world-class contemporary art to the heart of the city, transforming Santa Monica Boulevard into a cultural destination. Housed in a beautifully refurbished 1930s Spanish Colonial Revival building, the gallery's 6,000-sq-ft exhibition space, designed by Selldorf Architects, features vaulted wood-truss ceilings and expansive street-facing windows that draw in passersby. In 2024, the site achieved LEED® Platinum certification, reserved for buildings that demonstrate leadership in sustainability. As a magnet for art lovers across the region, Hauser & Wirth helps elevate West Hollywood's cultural profile, boosting tourism, foot traffic, and acclaim as a must-visit creative center.

HAUSER & WIRTH



Just steps from one of Los Angeles' most vibrant streets, Harriet's Rooftop offers an escape from the bustle of West Hollywood. Perched atop **1 Hotel West Hollywood** on iconic Sunset Boulevard, Harriet's embodies the timeless charm of an old-fashioned cocktail lounge — all while boasting breathtaking, panoramic views of the city.

From leisurely daytime lounging to lively evenings that stretch into late nights, Harriet's invites guests to savor each moment. The bar features fresh, seasonal ingredients and a curated selection of fine yet approachable spirits.

**1 Hotel West Hollywood** proudly congratulates our partner, **The h.wood Group**, on receiving the *Legacy Award*, and celebrates all 21 visionary nominees recognized for their creativity and innovation.



#### CREATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES



#### **CUSTOM COMFORT MATTRESS**

When wildfires swept through California, families were left without homes—or even a bed to sleep on. Custom Comfort Mattress donated mattresses to help bring comfort and relief during such an overwhelming time. A warm, safe place to rest can make all the difference when everything else is uncertain. Custom Comfort Mattress is grateful they could offer even a small piece of peace to those who needed it most.

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MATTRESS

Marco Pelusi is globally recognized as a leading haircolor authority, haircare manufacturer, West Hollywood salon owner, and celebrity haircolorist. Located in the heart of the West Hollywood Design District since 2005. Marco believes in relationships. He connects people together through teaching and mentoring hairdressers at beauty shows and his studio and as a long-time board member of the Design District. Marco and his team garnered national attention from a variety of national news outlets, including CNN after providing makeovers to the UCLA Nurses of the Year 2021. He and his team also provided makeovers for the Children of The Night non-profit organization, as well as March of Dimes. Marco actively works with March of Dimes to expand their network throughout the West Hollywood community.





#### **TransCanWork**

TransCanWork is a West Hollywood-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing workplace inclusion for transgender, genderdiverse, and intersex (TGI) job seekers. Through free one-on-one career guidance, resume support, and job-placement services, they empower TGI individuals to overcome systemic employment barriers. Simultaneously, their expert training and consulting equip employers and workforce partners with the tools to build inclusive, equitable workplaces. By uplifting individuals and transforming organizations, TransCanWork's compassionate service and leadership embody meaningful community change — making it a standout in giving back with heart.









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## RUSSELL YBARRA

We at Capitol Drugs are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, Russell Ybarra. Russell was not only a constant source of joy and humor in our lives, but also a steadfast pillar of the West Hollywood community for many years.

His unwavering commitment and dedication to ensuring that every patient received the medications and care they needed continued up until his final days. Russell was a familiar face at West Hollywood Chamber events, and he served with distinction as an officer on the HIV Commission, always advocating so the organization could best serve the needs of our community.

Russell also played a central role in making sure that the Capitol Drugs Health Fair was a success, always engaging the community and encouraging everyone to come out and support the cause. Every event he joined was brighter and more successful thanks to his infectious spirit. We will miss his humor, his kindness, his friendship, and so much more—beyond words.

Rest in peace, dear friend. We love you.

With heartfelt gratitude, love and remembrance, Raja and Capitol Drugs





#### **CREATIVE BUSINESS AWARDS PAST WINNERS**

#### 1989

J. Robert Scott & Assoc. Le Dome Nancy Heller Inc. The Comedy Store Western International Media (WIM)

#### 1990

Design West Magazine's Offices Espirit de Corps EZTV Mark Winoground Sal Guarriello Story Sunset Plaza

#### 1991

Charles Constantino Charles Luckman Francis Montgomery Joan Penfield

#### 1992

9057 Nemo Street
Beverly Sunset Medical Plaza
Café La Boheme
Name that Toon
PAC PROP/Tishman West Companies
Ridely Scott Productions
Samaha Associates
Spago
West Hollywood Community
Housing Corporation

#### 1993

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center David Mitchell Introvision Le Montrose Mike McNeilly Paul Monette Replay Country Store Tony Melia

#### 1994

Absolut Billboard Book Soup Complex Eastside Restaurants: Checca, Fat Burger, Jones, Yukon House of Blues Jack Foreman Kenneth Cole Seana Amador/Carolco

#### 1995

Center for Early Education West Hollywood City Hall Executive Car Leasing MAC New Line Cinema The Argyle Ronald S. Kates

#### 1996

Bilboard Live
Christopher Street West
Daniel Saxon Gallery
Don't Panic
Le Colonial
Mogul-Savitz Property
Ramada
Western International Media (WIM)
Paul Brotzman

#### 1997

FastFrame
Japonache
Mirabelle
Mondrian
Pacific Design Center
Project Angel Food
Ticketmaster
Warner Hollywood Studios

#### 1998

Axis/Girl Bar Best Western Sunset Plaza Formosa Café Gay Men's Chorus Jules Seltzer Koontz Hardware Pacific Bell West Hollywood Convention & Visitors Bureau

#### 1999

Borrelli Salon Capitol Drugs Captain Odenthal Micky's Phyllis Morris Originals Rhomboid Sax Sunset Marquis Hotel John Douponce

#### 2000

Key Club The Abbey San Vicente Inn Antiquarius 665 Leather & Fetish Co Whole Foods The Grafton Hotel Nita Casar

#### 2001

Regency Outdoor Myagi's Le Parc Suite Hotel MOCA @ PDC The Luxury Edition American Express Blue Palms Restaurant West Hollywood Sheriff's Department Russ Wilson

#### 2002

Babyhead Productions French Quarter Rest Wyndham Bel Age Avenues of Art & Design LA Sporting Club Bristol Farms Kim Schneider DBL Mark E. Lehman

#### 2003

The Lot
Trocadero, Cabo, Fiesta
Hyatt West Hollywood
JANUS et Cie
Equinox
Kinara Spa
Congregation Kol Ami
John Altschul

#### 2004

here lounge
Doug Arango's
Atlantis Events
John Varvatos
Hornburg Jaguar Land Rover
JH Snyder
LA Gay & Lesbian Center
Ruth Tittle

#### 2005

Clear Channel Outdoor Pomodoro Cucina Italiana All-Travel.com The Empty Vase Florist Pacific Sun Richard Abramson Architect AIA Metropolitan Community Church Arich Berghammer

#### 2006

BIN 8945 Wine Bar and Bistro
Michael Spencer
Joel H. Mark, Photographer
LeDerma
Todd Gurvis
Wells Fargo Bank
Steve Afriat, The Afriat Consulting Group
Christopher V. Bonbright

#### **CREATIVE BUSINESS AWARDS PAST WINNERS**

2007 Pinkberry House of Blues Trilogy Financial Services Brad Burlingame

Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects IN Magazine Nadia Sutton

Here! TV James Ward Litz

#### 2008

California National Bank
Tinto Tapas España
Sunset Marquis Hotel and Villas
TOTO, USA, Inc.
Equality California
Cake and Art
Chris McKenry
CBS Outdoor
Deborah Kallick

#### 2009

Petrossians Paris Mickys London West Hollywood Yogurt Stop Pavilions Sandy Arison Card One Live on Sunset West Hollywood Book Fair David Mason Eichman

#### 2010

Food Lab Andaz West Hollywood Soho House Multibrain The Roxy Theatre Christopher Street West Hillary Selvin

#### 2011

O! Burger Tender Greens MDA Johnson Favaro RED Studios Sunset Strip Music Festival Friends of the West Hollywood Elementary George Rosenthal

#### 2012

Sunset Strip Farmers Market SUR Restaurant and Bar HBO The Abbey Restaurant and Bar Christopher Guy Truman & Elliott LLP Zey Yaroslavsky

#### 2013

Tortilla Republic Innovative Dining Group (IDG) Rock N' Reilly's Marco Pelusi Hair Studio Visionary Digital Enterprises Sunset Tower Hotel Capitol Drugs Nathan Goller

#### 2014

Gracias Madre
LIFT West Hollywood
Oliver's Prime @ The Grafton on Sunset
Visit West Hollywood
Sunset Marquis Hotel & Villas
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Lou Adler

#### 2015

Cedars Sinai Restoration Hardware The London West Hollywood WEHOville The Trevor Project PUMP Alberto Borrelli

#### 2016

City of West Hollywood & Unitronics Own: Oprah Winfrey Network Vanity Girl Hollywood West Hollywood Lifestyle Magazine kitchen24 Covenant House California Levin Morris Architects Craig Susser

#### 2017

Tocaya Organica Faring Café D'Etoille Catch LA Sam Borelli WHCHC Jon Viscott Alan Johnson & William Karpiak

#### 2018

Saved By The Max La Peer Hotel MedMen Rock 'n Walk Tours Sunset Trip City of West Hollywood Communications Department Beverly Center Friends of the West Hollywood Library Rod Gruendyke

#### 2019

Pura Vita Healthy Spot Conservatory West Hollywood The RealReal Weho Times Block Party Project Angel Food Jamie Adler

#### 2020

Postponed due to COVID-19

#### 2021

Better than Sex: A dessert restaurant Pendry's West Hollywood Rocco's West Hollywood Soulmate We Know Weho Podcast La Boheme: A Global Dining Corp Global Green Keith Kaplan & Mylena Christina, Sotheby's International Realty David Cooley

#### 2022

The Rink at Summer on Sunset
Hotel Ziggy by Springboard Hospitality
Welcome to the Brightside
Orange Barrel Media
Tail O' the Pup
1 Hotel West Hollywood
Tom Sopit, Employees Only
PINK DOT

#### 2023

EVERYTABLE
The DEN on Sunset
Artlounge Collective
Netflix Billboards
Andaz West Hollywood
The Butcher's Daughter
Being Alive!

#### 2024

Kimpton La Peer Hotel Disco Pickleball Court GYM Bar WeHo OR Bar Visit West Hollywood Creators of West Hollywood Campaign JJLA Outloud Music Festival at WeHo Pride WeHo Green Business Program Sustainable Works The Collective Realty Anthony Vulin and Cancer Support Community Los Angeles



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