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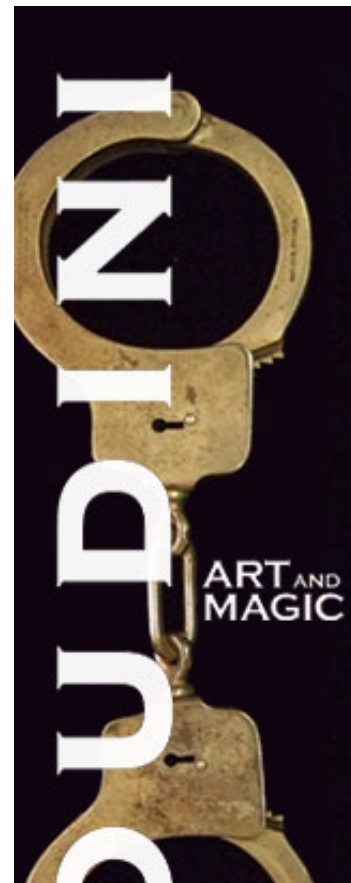
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Kids Off The Couch: What's On Our June Radar Screen!



Welcome, Summer!

Ballet Nacional De Cuba Ticket Giveaway



If school isn't out yet for your kids, at least the end is in sight. Get ready to celebrate the End of Homework by enjoying some of the many family festivals and art events around town this month. We've unearthed so many neat film festivals that we are secretly hoping for some June Gloom so we won't feel too bad ducking inside!

Ballet Nacional de Cuba Giveaway: Glorja Kaufman Presents Dance at the Music Center is bringing the wonderful [Ballet Nacional De Cuba](#) to town for five shows of *Don Quixote* from June 23-26 (including two matinees). First formed in 1948 by Alicia Alonso, Ballet Nacional de Cuba has created more than 600 works and performed in more than 60 countries. Kids Off the Couch subscribers are eligible to win a Family Four-Pack of tickets to the 2:00 PM performance on Saturday, June 25 at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. [Click here to enter your name to win](#) - please include a phone number!

Movies Galore this Month: Besides the many summer films already in theaters (we love *Kung Fu Panda 2*), there is a plethora of film festivals for lucky Angelenos this month. From the [Los Angeles Times Hero Complex Film Festival](#) at the Chinese 6 Theaters (June 6-9), that includes a free matinee of *The Incredibles*, to the [Los Angeles Film Festival](#) (June 16-26), that takes place downtown again this year, to a fabulous line-up of [Tim Burton films at LACMA](#). Your family's film savvy quotient is about to go way way up!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Tree People is holding it's annual [Green City Fair](#) this weekend (June 4) in Coldwater Canyon, with live music, face painting and plenty of environmental [workshops](#) and hikes. You can also enjoy the outdoors the following weekend (June 11) at the [Children's Nature Institute's Kids Rock Concert and Festival](#) in Hancock Park. If you have grandparents in town, there's nothing more relaxing than an afternoon spent at the Getty -- either the Villa or the Getty Center -- following some of their [creative art programming for kids](#). And, consider [paintapic](#), a cool at-home art project, which turns a photo into a paint-by-numbers project.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: MOCA is holding a [Big Family Day](#) celebration (June 5), downtown. The Hammer continues its Family Flicks programming with a free screening of [Hyper Sapien](#) (June 12). The Will Geer [Theatricum Botanicum](#) has two Shakespeare plays in its summer line-up, *The Merry Lives of Windsor* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Plan ahead for this treat, because seeing a play in Topanga Canyon is a must-have LA experience. [Click here](#) to read a Popcorn Adventure about this fabled outdoor theater.

TEENS: Consider letting your art-loving teens wander around the Culver City Artwalk this Saturday (June 4). Or if they're into dance, check out the [Dance Camera West Dance Media Film Festival](#) (June 16) at The Getty Center. We're always fretting over



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our kids' obsession with their cellphones, so take a quick listen to [Warren Olney's radio show from yesterday](#); it's the start of what is sure to be a lengthy national conversation about cell phones as potential carcinogens.

PARENTS: Satisfy your travel itch at the Getty by checking out a new photo show, [A Revolutionary Project: Cuba](#) from [Walker Evans until Now](#), that explores the Cuban cultural and political landscape during three distinct historical periods - before, during, and after the 1959 revolution.

Too Good to Be True: Two cool new food ideas emerged this month -- check out [Waffle Chix](#), serving fried chicken and waffles in Westwood, and a souffle bar at [Rockenwagner's](#) at the Market at Santa Monica Place. As for eating at home, check out the [USDA's brand new food plate](#), released this morning that replaces the 19 year-old food pyramid, and aims to be easier for families to use in planning healthy meals.

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