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PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST AS A YOUNG WOMAN A shot of Patti Smith by Robert Mapplethorpe

In Focus: Robert Mapplethorpe

1 Mapplethorpe's large, black-and-white photographs of male nudes have been mesmerizing for more than two decades. The late photographer captured the portraits and the human form in his own truly distinct way. This exhibit runs concurrently with the *Robert Mapplethorpe: XYZ* survey at LACMA.

Oct. 23-March 24. Tue.-Thu., Sun., 10AM-5:30PM; Fri.-Sat., 10AM-9PM. Admission is free. *The J. Paul Getty Museum, 1200 Getty Center Drive, L.A., 310.440.7300, getty.edu*

L.A. Skin & Ink

2 Can't commit to ink? Get your fix at this exhibit that goes beyond the flesh to explore the history, techniques and social significance of L.A.'s tattoo culture. **Through Jan. 6.** Tue.-Fri., 11AM-5PM; Sat.-Sun., noon-6PM. Tickets \$7. *Craft and Folk Art Museum, 5814 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., 323.937.4230, cafam.org*

Los Angeles Haunted Hayride

3 Convert to the dark side—if only for the night—during this annual hellish hayride. Dubbed “The Congregation,” this year's theme explores cults and is easily one of the most nightmare-inducing Halloween attractions in the country. **Oct. 5-31.** Dates and times vary.

Tickets \$28. *Old Zoo at Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Ave., L.A., 310.993.8289, losangeleshauntedhayride.com*

Madonna

4 It's been 30 years since the multihyphenate entertainer released her first single, “Everybody,” and from cone bras to Kabbalah bracelets, the icon's star power has never flickered. Madge shows why she still reigns supreme when she takes the stage for two nights. **Oct. 10-11.** Wed.-Thu., 8PM. Tickets \$47-\$368. *Staples Center, 1111 S. Figueroa St., L.A., 213.742.7100, ticketmaster.com*

Where the Wild Things Are

5 The pages of the beloved children's book get an adaptation in this new production with the help of the Los Angeles Philharmonic—led by Gustavo Dudamel—and a striking video element that brings the precocious fairy tale to life. **Oct. 11-14.** Thu.-Sat., 8PM; Sun., 2PM. Tickets \$66-\$123. *Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., L.A., 323.850.2000, laphil.com*



GO ASK ALICE The National Ballet of Canada

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

6 Fall through the rabbit hole with Alice, the Cheshire Cat and the Hatter as 70 dancers from the National Ballet of Canada take on the Lewis Carroll classic. **Oct. 19-21.** Fri., 7:30PM; Sat.-Sun., 2PM and 7:30PM. Tickets \$34-\$125. *Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., L.A., 213.972.0711, musiccenter.org*

Carousel of Hope

7 Barbara Davis' biennial star-studded fête has raised more than \$75 million in the past 35 years to combat childhood diabetes. George Clooney is this year's guest of honor and Jay Leno serves as master of ceremonies. **Oct. 20.** Sat., 6:30PM. Invite only. Tickets start at \$1,000. *The Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, 800.695.2873, childrensdiabetesfoundation.org*

The Fab Faux

8 Tap your toes to tunes by John, Paul, Ringo and George with this cover band, which picks up where The Fab Four left off. Playing 1967's *Magical Mystery Tour* in its entirety, this is one group that does the Liverpool lads' music right. **Oct. 20.** Sat., 7PM. Tickets \$42-\$123. *Orpheum Theatre, 842 S. Broadway St., L.A., 877.677.4386, laorpheum.com*

Los Angeles Antiques Art and Design Show

9 Eagerly anticipated by design stars and casual collectors alike, the 60 local and foreign exhibitors at this year's show include traditional English and Continental designs from Daniel Stein Antiques. **Oct. 10-14.** Thu. and Sat., 11AM-7PM; Fri., 11AM-9PM; Sun., 11AM-5PM. Tickets \$20. *Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica, 708.366.2710, losangelesantiqueshow.com*

Democracy Matters

10 Before you hit the polls next month, visit this extensive, three-part exhibit chronicling the nation's sorted social and political history. Original documents and artifacts from Jefferson, Washington and fellow founding fathers are on view in *Creating the United States*. An examination of the First Amendment rounds out the showcase in *Free to Be US*. **Oct. 11-Feb. 17.** Tue.-Fri., noon-5PM; Sat.-Sun., 10AM-5PM. Tickets \$10. *The Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., L.A., 310.440.4500, skirball.org*