

Join the Procession!



Saturday, October 21
11:00am — 4:00pm

Procession is an art festival celebrating the Los Angeles River at the LA State Historic Park. It kicks off with a 300-person performance followed by art workshops, food, music performances, and an augmented-reality (AR) exhibition. Be part of our vibrant community, and never miss out on news and ways for the whole family to get involved!

Los Angeles State Historic Park
1245 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Performance

The *Procession* performance consists of a trio of walks, led by community leaders and Culture Bearers, that trace historical courses of the Los Angeles River. Participants will carry paper-mache sculptures representing river flora and fauna and converge at the Los Angeles State Historic Park, where FandangObon will lead a day of music and dance.

9:00am

Participants arrive at the starting points of their chosen routes

9:15am

Participants receive introductions, logistics overviews, and care details

10:00am

Procession begins!

11:00am

Processions converge at LASHP

Route 1 Placita Olvera / Downtown

Meeting point

Placita Olvera, 125 Paseo de la Plaza,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Leader: Tina Calderon

Tina Calderon is a Culture Bearer of Gabrielino Tongva, Chumash, and Yoeme descent. She is also a traditional singer, dancer, storyteller, and poet who strives to honor her ancestors and inspire others to respect the lands, water, sacred elements, and environment.

Route 2 Little Tokyo / Chinatown

Meeting point

Japanese American National Museum,
100 N Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Leader: Nobuko Miyamoto

Nobuko Miyamoto is a songwriter, dance and theater artist, and the founder of Great Leap. She uses art as a form of activism to reclaim history, identity, and build solidarity among communities of color. A veteran of Broadway and film, she found her own voice as a troubadour in the '70s Asian American movement.

Route 3 Lincoln Heights / Downey Park

Meeting point

Downey Park, 1739 Albion St, Los Angeles,
CA 90031

Leader: Lazaro Arvizu Jr.

Lazaro Arvizu Jr. (Gabrielino/Tongva) is an artist, educator, musician, and researcher dedicated to the culture of the First Peoples of Los Angeles. Born in the Los Angeles Basin, he is knowledgeable of the landscape and cosmology of the Gabrielino culture. He has worked for over twenty years facilitating creative and meaningful cultural experiences to people of all ages and walks of life.



Workshop info

Starting in August, workshops led by Culture Bearers will take place across six weekends to create paper-mache sculptures representing river flora and fauna that will be carried by participants of the processions. There will also be movement and printmaking workshops.

All workshops are 10:00am – 1:00pm at Los Angeles State Historic Park on the following dates:

Paper Mache

Sunday 8/27 Saturday 9/2 Saturday 9/16
Sunday 10/1 Sunday 10/15

Workshop participants will learn basic paper-mache techniques to build portable sculptures inspired by the Los Angeles River and its living ecosystem.

Printmaking

Sunday 8/27 Saturday 9/2 Sunday 10/15

Workshop participants will use basic block-printing techniques (printing and carving) to create designs inspired by the Los Angeles River and explore creative connections such as the relationship between humans and birds.

Movement (Dance)

Saturday 9/16 Sunday 10/1 Sunday 10/15

Through storytelling and sharing connections to the river, workshop participants will learn movements and songs inspired by the Los Angeles River and its history.

Procession FAQ

How many people will participate in the three Procession walks?

We are anticipating 50-100 participants per route.

What kind of safety will be provided?

We will bring water, first aid kits, and parasols, which will be available to all participants. There will also be security personnel assigned to each route.

Do we need to bring anything?

No. We will provide all the paper mache sculptures and props needed for the performance.

Will there be food and drinks?

Yes. All participants will be offered snacks and refreshments upon arrival at Los Angeles State Historic Park.

I am not able to walk the full route, can I still participate?

Yes. You are welcome to join any of the routes at any point during a procession. Check the website to find suggestions on where to join closer to the date.

How do I get to my chosen procession starting point?

We recommend carpooling or taking public transportation to your starting point. Routes 1 and 2 both begin within comfortable walking distance of Metro stations.

How do I sign up?

Sign up at www.procession.la. Once you sign up, we will share all relevant information (maps, parking, public transportation info, etc.) with you over the coming days.

How can I get in touch with you if I have questions about the performance?

If you are planning to join one of the processions, make sure to call 626-209-9308, write to info@fulcrumarts.org, or check www.procession.la prior to October 21st to obtain the latest updates. Details are subject to change due to city construction or other unforeseen events.

