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Watching for the Watchers

Ann Haskins · Monday, December 13th, 2021

Folkloric Christmas celebrations in Northridge and Orange, a poet and a choreographer collaborate downtown, a jukebox musical with a GoGo's dance party in Pasadena, *Nutcracker* ballets return live, more SoCal dance online this week, and a peek at what's coming next.

Live This Week

Dancing poetry

Inspired by the poetry of **Claudia Rankine** and in collaboration with the poet, choreographer **Will Rawls** and a quartet of performers explore Rankine's consideration of racial history and surveillance in *What Remains*. REDCAT at Disney Hall, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown; Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 9-11, 8:30 pm, \$25, \$20 students. Info, tickets & Covid protocols at [REDCAT](#).



Claudia Rankin & Will Rawls' "What Remains." Photo courtesy of the artists

One is free, the other not so much so

Evoking Mexican holiday celebrations, two venues present *Noche Buena* with the dancers of **Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles**, music by Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime, and singer Lupita Infante. At The Soraya, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge; Sat., Dec. 11, 3 pm, free w/reservation at [The Soraya](#). Also at [The Musco](#), Chapman College, 415 Glassell, Orange; Sun., Dec. 12, 7 pm, \$33-\$78. Info, tickets & Covid protocols at the websites.



Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles. Photo by Luis Luque

Variety line-up

Actors, musicians, and the dancers of **Lineage Dance Company** take the stage in the *Third Annual Lineage Follies*. Performers include individuals with neurological diseases and the evening includes a panel with several neurology experts. Lineage Studios, 920 E. Mountain St., Pasadena; Sun., Dec. 12, 5 pm, \$10. Info, tickets & Covid protocols at [Lineage Dance Company](#).



Lineage Dance. Photo courtesy of the artists

Go-Gos going going gone

Music of the 1980's LA band The Go-Gos fuels ***Head Over Heels***, a jukebox musical loosely based on *The Arcadia* by Sir Philip Sidney. The venue reopened with its first live performance filled with dancing on more than just the stage. The theater has been reconfigured to afford the audience a choice of onstage or theater seating as well as a general admission ticket to an open floor area inviting an audience-fueled dance party as part of the performance. Just a few more shows live at Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino, Pasadena. Tues.-Sat., 8 pm, Sun., 7 pm, Sat. & Sun., 2 pm, thru Sun., Dec. 12, \$30-\$106. Info, tickets, and Covid protocols at [Pasadena Playhouse](#).



Head Over Heels.

Photo by Joan Marcus

Globe dancing

Shoppers can enjoy some seasonal dance as high-kicking ladies of **The Beach Belles & a Ballerina in a Snow Globe** perform at Santa Monica Place, 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica; Fri.-Sun., Dec. 10-12, 3 to 7:30 pm, then daily, Fri., Dec. 17-24, 3 to 7:30 pm, free. [Santa Monica Place](#).



The Beach Belles. Photo by Mathew Tucciarone

Post-modern rituals

The first-ever retrospective of the work of choreographer and video artist **Blondell Cummings: Dance as Moving Pictures** includes videos, interviews, and photographs continue at Art+Practice, 3401 W. 43rd Pl., Leimert Park; Wed.-Sat., noon-6 pm, to Feb. 19, 2022, free. Research guide at [Getty Research Institute](#), exhibition at [Art+Practice](#).

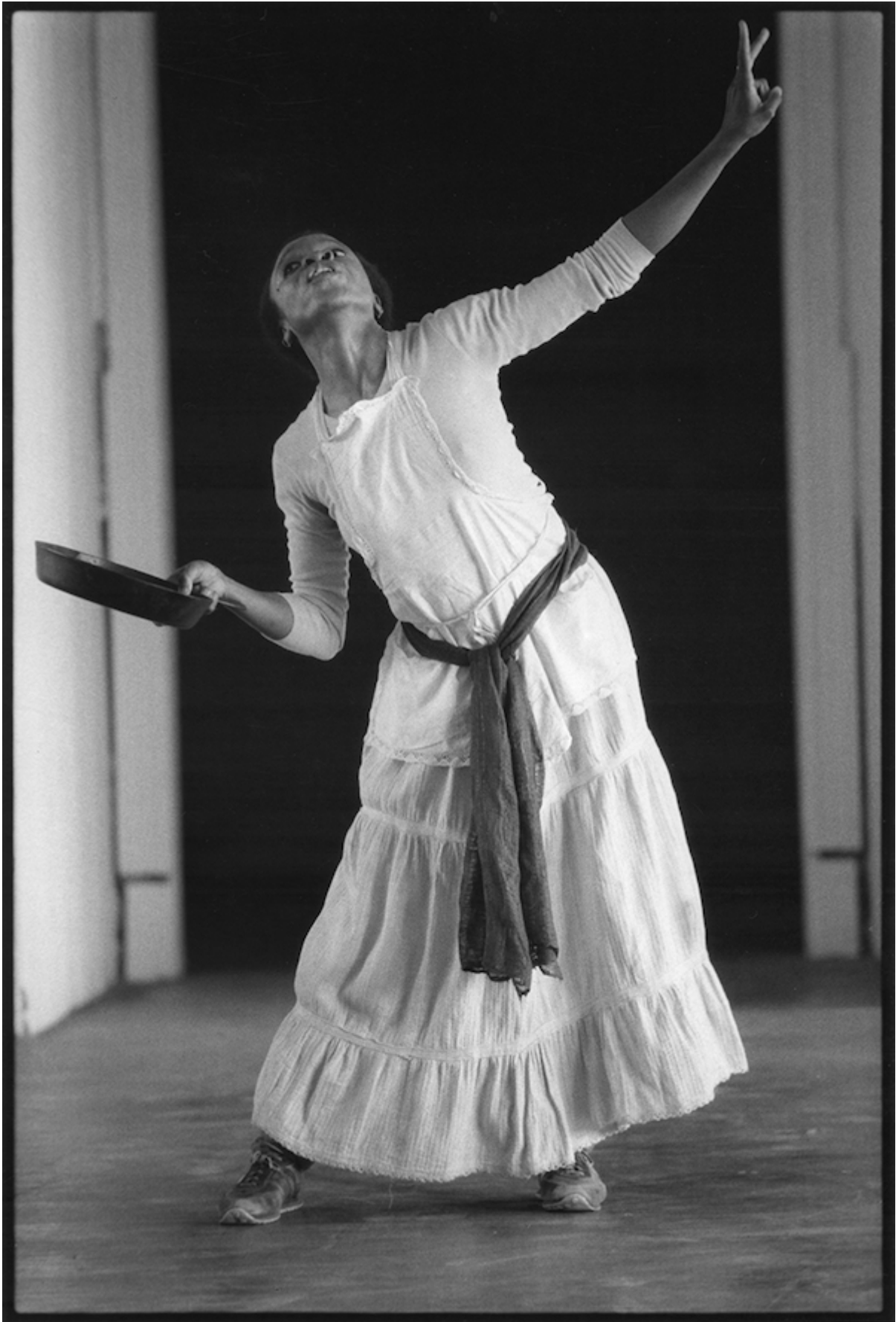


Photo by Blondell Cummings

Museum moves

Performance and dance are the metier of several artists in both of this museum's big fall exhibits, *Witch Hunt* and *No Humans Involved* at UCLA Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd.,

Westwood; Tues.-Sun., 11 am-6 pm to Jan. 22, 2022, free no reservation required. Details and Covid protocols at [Hammer Museum](#).

This Week's Major Nutcrackers Opening

- **Los Angeles Ballet** at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; [Los Angeles Ballet](#)



Los Angeles Ballet's "Nutcracker". Photo by Reed Hutchinson.

- **American Ballet Theatre** at Segerstrom Center for the Performing Arts, Costa Mesa; [SCFTA](#)



American Ballet Theatre. Photo by Gene Schiavone

(See *"The 'Nuts' Are Back"* for full list of 2021 Nutcrackers)

A Peek at Next Week

Danza Floricanto/USA *Navidad en el Barrio*. Casa del Mexicano, E.L.A; Sat., Dec. 18, [Danza Floricanto](#) or 213-466-2611.



Danza Floricanto/USA. Photo by Frank Sandoval

Celtic Angels at Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, Cerritos, Wed., Dec. 22, [Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts](#)

New Dance Films: Live & Online

Out of the box

Anyone who has not had the good fortune to enjoy a live performance of **Versa-Style Dance Company**'s exuberant *Box of Hope*, have a chance for the next best thing as the troupe offers a one-night-only stream on YouTube, Thurs., Dec. 9, 7:30 pm, @versatylela, [Versa-Style Dance Company](#).



Versa Style Dance Company. Photo courtesy of the artists

Back for more

In January 2021, LA choreographer **Jacob Jonas and his Jacob Jonas/The Company** began a weekly roll out of 15 short dance films with artists from around the world under the banner *Films.Dance*. The project earned boasting rights with many of the films later winning film festival awards. Now comes *Films.Dance Round Two*, again with dance, dancers, and filmmakers from around the world. The original films, a preview, and e-mail sign up for free weekly film delivery at Films.Dance.



“Films.Dance Round 2.” Photo courtesy of the artists

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