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MESSAGE FROM NANCY PEARLMAN, Executive Director of Educational Communications



## ENSENADA MEXICO

In Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, about seventy miles from the San

Diego, California, border you can enjoy a destination that has more than the traditional mariachis and Mexican food. And in addition to the sun, sea, and sand recreational opportunities on the beaches and in the ocean in this resort community, there are fine restaurants with gourmet food, high-end accommodations, winery tours (it is the "Napa Valley" of Mexico), and excellent entertainment. One of the natural wonders, "La Bufadora" or The Blowhole, is found in only two other places in the world.

On my visit in July I was able to hear superb opera singers, listen to flamenco music and see a great flamenco dancer, as well as enjoy a classical quartet and pianists playing all the favorites for background music. One evening at a beautiful 10,000 square foot circular home, Casa de los Siete Patios designed by architect Jean-Loup Bitterlin (and where Bono has stayed and rehearsed), groups of up to 1,000 or smaller can stay overnight or just gather for weddings, anniversaries, or private parties. Each major hotel can set up tents on the lawns with dance floors for special occasions. All the event coordinators speak English and have superb contacts for fantastic florists with gorgeous floral arrays, photographers, caterers, entertainers, and anyone else you may need to make your event special. Even the DJs will supply traditional club music for dancing along with salsa and other Latin music. And naturally, I got up to dance at each meal and had fun when the others joined in.



I especially recommend:

Performers: Hands Across the Border through Music ([margit@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:margit@prodigy.net.mx)); Mario Lamadrid, ([lamadrid@hotmail.com](mailto:lamadrid@hotmail.com)), and Tinto Flamenco ([tinto.flamenco@gmail.com](mailto:tinto.flamenco@gmail.com));

Photographers: Rafael Vazquez Photography ([www.retratosvazquez.com](http://www.retratosvazquez.com)), and Ducrena Productions with wedding cinematographer Juan Francisco Padilla Ortega ([www.educrena.com](http://www.educrena.com));

Historic Location: Riviera Social, Civic and Cultural Center of Ensenada;

Event Coordinator: Premier Weddings by Lupita Cordero ([www.lupitacordero.com](http://www.lupitacordero.com));

Accommodations: Hotel el Rey Sol, an historic inn in the heart of town and part of Americas Best Value Inn, ([www.EnsenadaExperience.com](http://www.EnsenadaExperience.com)), Bajamar Ocean Front Golf Resort ([www.bajamar.com.mx](http://www.bajamar.com.mx)), Estero Beach Hotel/Resort ([www.hoteleserobeach.com](http://www.hoteleserobeach.com)), Hotel Punta Morro ([www.hotelpuntamorro.com](http://www.hotelpuntamorro.com)), Casa de los 7 Patios ([www.EnsenadaExperience.com](http://www.EnsenadaExperience.com)), Hacienda Guadalupe ([www.HaciendaGuadalupeHotel.com](http://www.HaciendaGuadalupeHotel.com)), and Hotel Coral and Marina ([www.hotelcoral.com](http://www.hotelcoral.com)).

For more information contact Ensenada Tourism Board at [www.EnjoyEnsenada.com](http://www.EnjoyEnsenada.com) or (800) 310-9687.

## ALOHA!



It's LU'AU season on the mainland (Hawaiians would be saying "lu'au season?") At this time of year the weather most resembles the Tropics, ie; hot and sometimes humid. A good time to party outdoors by the pool! If you need a motive for a lu'au, Hawaii's admission to statehood was Aug 21 1959. It's celebrated on the third Friday of August.

A lu'au (pronounced LOO-OW) is a food and entertainment party. A feast is *aha'aina*, a celebratory party is *ho'olaule'a*. Lu'au actually means the leaf of the Taro plant, an important food source. Be careful not to mispronounce it as LOOA, which, politely put, means restroom.



contributed by  
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## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



### ANITA AND THE YANKS

Anita and the Yanks broke into the celtic rock music scene in 2008 and have built an impressive fan base in and around the Los Angeles area.

**NOVEL CAFE** 7-10PM (trio)  
**August 5**  
**September 23**

1713 E. Colorado Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91106

**IRELAND'S** 9:30-1:30 (full band)  
**August 19, 30**  
13721 Burbank Blvd  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

**TAM O'SHANTER** 8-11PM  
(full band)  
**August 26**  
2980 Los Feliz Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

**PADDY O'S** 5-9PM (full band)  
**October 14**  
20320 South Western Ave  
Torrance, CA 90501

**CAT 'N' FIDDLE** 7-10PM  
(full band)  
**September 4, 11, 18 & 25**  
6530 W Sunset Blvd, Hollywood, CA  
90028

**GALLAGHERS** 9-12PM (full band)  
**September 9**  
300 Pacific Coast Hwy  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**JOXER DALY'S** 9-1:30 eve  
(full band)  
**September 16**  
11168 Washington Blvd  
Culver City, CA

**SEASIDE HIGHLAND GAMES**  
**FESTIVAL** **October 8 & 9**  
(full band)  
<http://www.seaside-games.com>

[www.anitaandtheyanks.com](http://www.anitaandtheyanks.com)

### ASSIEH LAMORA



Assieh was born and raised in Iran. She started her Flamenco dance training at early age in Los Angeles and later in

Spain at Amor de Dios Flamenco Dance Academy in Madrid with master teachers like; La Tati, Ciro, Carmela Greco, La Truco, Manolete and in Sevilla at Manolo Marin Dance Academy. She has also studied under private training of Angelita Vargas and Pepa Montes. She teaches at Gypsy Camp near Motor and National in Los Angeles. Call for class schedule: (310) 558-0746.



### GYPSY FOLK ENSEMBLE

The Gypsy Folk Ensemble is an ethnic and folk dance performing company based in Los Angeles, California which was formed in 1978 to preserve, perform and teach traditional folk dances from countries around the world.

#### *Upcoming Library Shows Free! and open to the public*

*Check with library to confirm dates & times.*

**Aug 2** "One World, Many Stories"  
Baldwin Hills Library – 3:30pm  
2906 S. La Brea Ave.  
Los Angeles 90016 (323) 733-1196

**Aug 6** "Polynesian"  
Poway Community Lib. – 10:30am  
13137 Poway Rd.  
Poway 92064 (858) 513-9200

**Aug 11** "One World, Many Stories"  
Rancho Park Library – 4pm  
2920 Overland Ave.  
Los Angeles 90064 (310) 840-2142

**Aug 25** "One World, Many Stories"  
John C. Fremont Library – 6:30pm  
6121 Melrose Ave  
Los Angeles 90038 (323) 962-3521  
[www.gypsyfolkensemble.com](http://www.gypsyfolkensemble.com)



### JOHN BILEZIKJIAN

John Bilezikjian is "America's Oud Virtuoso". Mr. Bilezikjian may be the most prominent Oudist of his generation. He is a master Oudist who has elevated this instrument to the concert stage as well as continues to perform as a folk musician. He has performed for some 51 years on this ancient eleven stringed Persian fretless instrument dating back some 2,000 years. The Oud is performed with an eagle's quill.

#### Sunday August 21, 2011 "THE MAGIC OF JOHN BILEZIKJIAN"

**La Mirada Theatre & Performing Arts Center**  
For more details go to <http://friendsofjohnbilezikjian.com>

*John's weekly performance schedule:*

**First Tuesday of the Month**  
Casablanca Restaurant, 6030 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, CA. 92008  
(760) 603-9672 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Belly Dancing and Folk Dancing

**Third Thursday, Every other Month**  
Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St., San Diego, CA. 92109 (858) 794-2687  
8:30 pm to 11:30 pm, with featured & guest belly dancers & Frank Lazzaro & Dave Dhillon

<http://dantzrecords.com>

**NEW COLUMN  
COMING IN THE  
SEPTEMBER ISSUE**



Know about a great ethnic restaurant? Have a favorite recipe passed down through the family from the old country? Have an improvement on that old family recipe?

Coming in the September issue of this newsletter, we will start to explore food from all over the world. Get your taste buds ready.

Send your favorite restaurant info or recipe to:

**earthculturesproject  
@yahoo.com**

You may see it published!

**Support the Arts & Education!**

**DONATION AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Educational Communications always needs volunteers in the office. If you are interested in volunteering please call Nancy at (310) 559-9160.



Your donation will help bring the arts back to education under the Earth Cultures Project, or help fund other projects of Educational Communications.

Visit the Earth Cultures Project website at [www.earthculturesproject.org](http://www.earthculturesproject.org) to find easy ways to donate to any of our projects. Use "goodsearch" to search the web as you always do, and a small percentage goes to the non-profit of your choice. Sign up for "eScrip" or "GoodShop." Spend as you would anyway and donate to your cause at the same time. We hope you'll choose Educational Communications in Los Angeles as your non-profit of choice.

**LINKS OF INTEREST**  
(see below for clickable links if viewing on the webpage)

**MUSEUMS**

**Bowers Museum**  
<http://www.bowers.org>

**Craft & Folk Art Museum**  
<http://www.cafam.org>

**Metropolitan Museum of Art**  
(search the database for works of art, costumes & more)  
[http://www.metmuseum.org/works\\_of\\_art/](http://www.metmuseum.org/works_of_art/)

**Museum of Latin American Art**  
<http://www.molaa.org>

**Pacific Asia Museum**  
<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE  
LOS ANGELES AREA**

**Current Cultural Happenings  
Around Los Angeles**  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/caltechfolkdance>

**Olvera Street in Los Angeles**  
<http://olvera-street.com>

**Folkworks** (click on "calendar")  
<http://www.folkworks.org/>

**FOLK DANCE & FOLK MUSIC  
INFORMATION**

**Dick Oakes' Folk Dance Pages**  
<http://www.phantomranch.net/folkdanc/folkdanc.htm>

**Folkways** (ethnic music)  
<http://www.folkways.si.edu/index.aspx>

**ARC Music** (ethnic music CDs)  
<http://www.arcmusic.co.uk>

**ARTS AND CULTURES**

**Smithsonian Magazine  
Arts & Cultures**  
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture>

**Smithsonian Center for Folklife  
and Cultural Heritage**  
<http://www.folklife.si.edu/>

**BBC - Holidays Around the  
World and so much more!**  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/humanplanetexplorer/events\\_and\\_festivals](http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/humanplanetexplorer/events_and_festivals)

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**BYKI**  
Free language software downloads  
<http://www.byki.com/>

**FREELANG**  
Free bilingual dictionary downloads  
<http://www.freelang.net/>

(These links are for reference only and are not endorsed by Educational Communications)

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EARTH CULTURES PROJECT**

Earth Cultures is one of the projects of Educational Communications, a non-profit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization founded in 1958, dedicated to improving the quality of life on this planet. The organization produces documentaries and works with several performing groups and individuals through its Earth Cultures Project to promote cultural awareness and provide education through the arts.

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