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CAMPO DE CAHUENGA SPEAKER SERIES 2025-2026



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THE LINE UP



ADAM PAPAGAN

Saturday October 4, 2025
12:00pm

Discover Los Angeles through a fresh lens with author and tour guide Adam Papagan. Explore the city's hidden stories from world-famous museums and Hollywood's golden age to urban legends. Experience the best of LA, guided by a true California original.



CARLOS CALLEJO

Saturday November 8, 2025
12:00pm

Internationally acclaimed muralist Carlos Callejo, educated at Cal State LA and Otis College of Art and Design, has created works across the U.S. and abroad. A Smithsonian collaborator and recipient of the Leila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund International Art Grant, Callejo will discuss public art policy and community centered art for emerging artists and art lovers.



ROMAINE WASHINGTON

Saturday January 17, 2026
12:00pm

Poet and educator, Romaine Washington's poetry is grounded in the personal experience of place and relationships; she has been nominated for Best of the Net and she is a twice-nominated Pushcart Prize poet. She is the editor of *These Black Bodies*, and two poetry books, *Purgatory Has an Address* and *Sirens in Her Belly*. She has presented her poetry in NPR, and KPFK.



XOCHITL JULISSA BERMEJO

Saturday February 21, 2026
12:00pm

Poet and author Xochitl Julissa Bermejo, daughter of Mexican immigrants, is known for *Incantation: Love Poems for Battle Sites* and *Posada: Offerings of Witness and Refuge*. A former Steinbeck Fellow and director of Women Who Submit, she teaches creative writing at Antioch University and UCLA Extension. Bermejo will lead a love poetry workshop.

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“THE COMMUNITY CLASSROOM”



MARY MALLORY

Saturday March 21, 2026
12:00pm

Film historian and author Mary Mallory has written five books on motion picture history. For Women's History Month, she will present trailblazing women in film from the San Fernando Valley. She will highlight how these women helped shape early Hollywood.



JOEL GARCIA

Saturday April 25, 2026
12:00pm

Joel Garcia (Huichol) is an artist, arts administrator, educator, and cultural organizer with experience working transnationally on community-centered strategies. Joel uses art and organizing to raise awareness of issues facing underserved communities, inner-city youth, and other targeted populations. You can find more info in publications such as the *LA Times*, *New Yorker*, and *Artforum* among others.



JESSICA WILSON

Saturday May 23, 2026
12:00pm

Poet and educator Jessica Wilson, earned her M.F.A. from Otis, she is the founder of the LA Poet Society. Her books of poetry include: *What Breathes*, *Raw Kit*, *Marie Morrison*, *Serious Longing*, published by Swan World Press in Paris, France. She is a mother of two and lover of 1. Wilson will conduct a workshop on "Poetry of Place."



ISSAC YBARRA

Saturday June 13, 2026
12:00pm

Isaac Michael Ybarra (Tongva, Chumash, and Xicano) is a poet, visual artist, based in Los Angeles County. As a steward of Indigenous cultural conservation, he utilizes film, photography, and poetry to amplify decolonial narratives and reclaim Indigenous pedagogies. He embraces the values of Indigenous Futurism and is guided by his community's stories, visions, and desires. He is a Made in LA showcased artist and a Liberty Hill Environmental Leadership Initiative fellow.

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WHAT WE VALUE

History
Community Engagement
Inclusion
Education & Lifelong Learning

WHAT IS OUR MISSION

Our mission is to honor the ancestral homelands of the Tongva people and preserve the site of the Treaty of Cahuenga. As a City of Los Angeles, Recreation and Parks site, we work to engage our diverse community through inclusive storytelling, shared heritage, cultural programming and community participation.



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