



# THE HARVARD CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## Upcoming Events

### Friday, September 11, 2009

#### **LA Sparks Game and Post-Game Reception**

**Location:** Staples Center (vs. Minnesota Lynx)  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$30/all attendees, includes reception  
**Contact :** Thania St. John, VRMother@aol.com, or (818) 784-1874

### Saturday, September 19, 2009

#### **Pink Martini at the Hollywood Bowl**

**Location:** Hollywood Bowl  
**Time:** 8:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$40, Members & Guests  
\$50, Non-members & Guests  
**Contact :** Katie O'Brien, (310) 310-0088 or katieo@post.harvard.edu

### Sunday, September 20, 2009

#### **Beach Karma Yoga and Brunch**

**Location:** Hermosa Beach, CA  
**Time:** 9:00 A.M.  
**Cost:** \$55, Members; \$60, Non-members  
**Contact :** Peggy Nguyen, peggy\_nguyen\_ab94@post.harvard.edu

### Thursday, September 24, 2009

#### **Professor Michael Sandel: Reception and Lecture**

**Location:** Mark Taper Auditorium, LA City Central Library  
**Time:** 6:15 P.M. (Reception); 7:00 P.M. (Lecture)  
**Cost:** \$10, Members; \$15, Non-members  
**Contact :** George Newhouse, (213) 613-9474 gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com

### Saturday, September 26, 2009

#### **Richard Neutra, Architect: Tour and Lunch**

**Location:** LA Public Library, Downtown LA VDL House & Research Center, Silverlake  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$50, Members/guests; \$55, Non-members  
**Contact :** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net

### Saturday, October 3, 2009

#### **Issues in Education — Educators Roundtable**

**Location:** Home of Priscilla Heim  
**Time:** 12:30 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$15, all attendees  
**Contact :** Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net



## HAA Launches On-Line Course: "Through the Looking Glass"

The Harvard Alumni Association is launching an on-line learning experience this fall, "Through the Looking Glass." The multidisciplinary program will include 13 online lecture videos supplemented by a course blog and bonus lecture videos of guest speakers and student discussion groups. This course is slated to begin October 21st and will run eight weeks, concluding on December 9th.

"Through the Looking Glass" will focus on the history, literature, and philosophy of childhood. Harvard Professor Maria Tatar will examine childhood's deep complexities and emotional appeal through the study of classic tales. What do children have that adults are missing? What does it mean to be a child? Further information about the course, which is offered to alumni at no charge, is available at <http://post.harvard.edu/other/html/index.html>.

The Harvard Club of Southern California will offer a local discussion group of alumni who will meet periodically to discuss the course lectures and suggested reading. Information about the local group will be posted at [www.harvard-la.org](http://www.harvard-la.org).

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## President's Message

by Ken Williams

We are finishing off a great summer for the Harvard Club of Southern California. No "lazy days of summer" for the Club. We powered through the summer with 12 diverse events, including the Friends of Harvard Football Dinner, Welcome to the City Global Networking Night, Galaxy Soccer, Yo Yo Ma at the Hollywood Bowl and a Dinner and Concert at the Levitt Pavilion in Pasadena.

The upcoming Club season for the fall will offer a fantastic array of unique programs for the Southern California Harvard community. For September alone, we already have 5 exciting events planned. Harvard's renowned Professor Michael Sandel, whose distance learning course many of you took advantage of over the past two years, is the guest of honor at a private reception and lecture in conjunction with his new book, "Justice: What is the Right Thing to Do." Or perhaps you would prefer to ease into the busy fall season at our Beach Karma Yoga and Brunch event at Hermosa Beach. Do your musical tastes run to Pink Martini at the Hollywood Bowl, or Placido Domingo at the LA Opera? Too much culture for one month? Sit back and watch the best in Women's Professional Basketball as the LA Sparks take on Minnesota. Wherever your interests lie, the chances are there is a Club event for you.

While many of you have already renewed your membership for the 2009-2010 Club year, traditionally September kicks off our membership drive and you will find this year's membership form in the back of this Club newsletter. Increasingly, many members are taking advantage of the option to join for multiple years, which provides for a discount and eliminates the need to renew annually. You can also join or renew on-line at [www.harvard-la.org](http://www.harvard-la.org). But whatever method you choose to join, do it now and don't miss out on all the events and opportunities in the coming year.



## Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School--a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet-- welcomes volunteers for the coming school year.

Please contact the following Board members for further information:

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# Beach Karma Yoga and Brunch

*A Benefit for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Survivors*

- Date:** Sunday, September 20, 2009
- Time:** 9:00 A.M.
- Location:** Hermosa Beach, CA (Exact Location will be emailed to registered guests.)
- Cost:** Members, \$55; Non-members, \$60
- Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>
- Contact:** Peggy Nguyen, [peggy\\_nguyen\\_ab94@post.harvard.edu](mailto:peggy_nguyen_ab94@post.harvard.edu)  
Kay Park at [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com) or (818) 957-0923



Feel your breath and body align with the rhythm of the surf. This will be a morning of peaceful meditation and relaxation, healthy gourmet food, good karma, and fun in the sun with your fellow alumni, friends, and family. All levels welcome (please consult your physician prior to participating). Bring a sheet to do yoga on. Wear comfortable clothing/swimsuit/sunscreen. Proceeds will be donated to the Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF) (<http://www.cpaaf.info/About.html>), a non-profit organization established in 1978 that provides a multilingual/multicultural hotline, emergency shelter, and transitional housing program for Asian Pacific Islander survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse who otherwise could not access such services due to limited English. CPAF is recognized nationally for its pioneering work in the L.A. community.

Your event fee includes certified yoga instruction, brunch, a \$20 tax-deductible donation to CPAF, and an opportunity to win a \$100 ticket to the CPAF 2009 Garden Party in L.A. on September 25th (attended last year by State Controller John Chiang and actress Tamlyn Tomita, among others).



Additional donations to CPAF are encouraged, and are tax-deductible (check payable to CPAF at picnic, or electronically through website). Please feel free to donate even if you cannot attend. Thank you for giving back.





# PINK MARTINI AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M.



Visit [pinkmartini.com](http://pinkmartini.com) for more info on the Harvard-bred musical group.

**Date:** Saturday, September 19, 2009  
**Time:** 8:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$40, members & guests  
 \$50, non-members & guests  
**Location:** Hollywood Bowl  
 2301 North Highland Avenue  
 Hollywood, CA 90068  
**Contact:** Katie O'Brien, (310) 310-0088 or  
 write [katieo@post.harvard.edu](mailto:katieo@post.harvard.edu)

Celebrate Pink Martini's return to the Hollywood Bowl! The ensemble brings old Hollywood glamour to life through their extraordinary blend of French chanson, Argentine tango, soft merengue beats and vintage-chic style.

Pink Martini, the Portland, Oregon-based 'little orchestra,' was founded in 1994 by Lauderdale, a Harvard graduate and classically trained pianist, to play political fundraisers for progressive causes such as civil rights, the environment, affordable housing and public broadcasting. Lauderdale met China Forbes, Pink Martini's "diva next door" lead vocalist, when the pair was at Harvard. He was studying history and literature while she was studying painting, English literature and theatre. Late into the night in their college dormitory on the Harvard campus, Forbes would sing Verdi and Puccini arias while Lauderdale accompanied her on piano, and their creative collaboration blossomed.

There is a limited number of tickets! Seats are sold on a first-come, first-served basis -- Please read carefully!

- Cost is \$40 each ticket for HCSC members and their guests, and \$50 each for non-members and guests.
- Ticket orders must be received with a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Checks should be made payable to: Harvard Club of Southern California



RSVP Hollywood Bowl Event. Ticket orders must be received with a **STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

Mail completed reservation form to:

Katie O'Brien, 366 N Orange Grove Ave, #3, LA, CA 90036, (310) 310-0088 or write [katieo@post.harvard.edu](mailto:katieo@post.harvard.edu)

Please make checks payable to: **Harvard Club of Southern California**  
**Hollywood Bowl Registration Form**

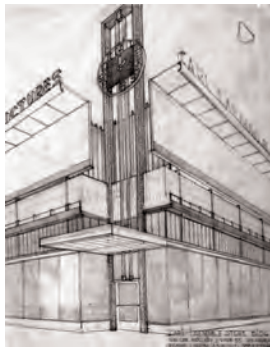
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Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$40 each for members/guests or \$50 each for non-members/guests



Universal Pictures Building,  
Los Angeles - 1932-33  
pencil on paper  
Department of Special Collections  
Charles E. Young Research  
Library, UCLA

## Richard Neutra, Architect: Lunch and Tour

Join us for a private tour of the Richard Neutra exhibit at the LA Public Library and special lunch at the adjacent Cafe Pinot. We will also visit the noted VDL (Van Der Leeuw) House and Research Center in Silverlake. Tour will be led by Dion Neutra, son of the famous architect and a prominent architect himself.

**Deadline to register: September 22, 2009**

Space is limited, first come, first served. Directions and parking directions will be sent to registrants.

**Date:** Saturday, September 26, 2009  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** LA Public Library, Downtown LA  
VDL House and Research Center, Silverlake  
**Cost:** \$50.00, members & guests;  
\$55, non-members  
**Contact:** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net



## The 2009 Club Directory

Be on the lookout! The 2009 Harvard Club of Southern California Directory has been printed and will be mailed to all current and recently expired Club members in September.

The 2009 Directory provides a quick and easy reference point for all your friends from the Harvard Club of Southern California and a source for finding old friends and classmates living in the area. The 2009 Directory is being provided free of charge and is one of the many benefits of your membership. If you have any questions, please e-mail Dan Medina at dan@capknowledge.com.



## L.A. Opera: Handel's Tamerlano at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion — *Starring Plácido Domingo*

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for Handel's Tamerlano starring Plácido Domingo.

Plácido Domingo stars - in the 126th role of his brilliant career! - as Bajazet, a Turkish sultan. And what a role it is. With rapid coloratura, heart-rending arias, and a death scene to rival Verdi's Otello, this is a welcome opportunity to hear the "King of Opera" (Newsweek) in sparkling Baroque repertoire. Princess Asteria will be Sarah Coburn, the gifted young soprano Opera News described as "blissfully sublime" and one of today's leading countertenors, Bejun Mehta, will sing the title role.



There will be an optional pre-performance lunch prior to the performance.

**Date:** Saturday, November 28, 2009  
**Time:** 2:00 P.M. (optional lunch starting at 11:30 – location TBD)  
**Location:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012  
**Cost:** \$50 (Balcony B Front seating)  
**Contact:** Kay Park at kayparkmd@yahoo.com or (818) 957-0923  
**Deadline to Register:** October 20, 2009



## Harvard Professor Michael Sandel

### *Reception and Lecture — Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*

Join us for a private reception and lecture by Prof. Michael J. Sandel as he visits the Los Angeles Public Library in conjunction with the publication of his book, *Justice: What is the Right Thing To Do?* (Faust, Straus & Giroux). Prof. Sandel's course is one of the most popular and influential at Harvard and challenges us to think our way through the hard moral challenges we confront as citizens.



The Harvard Club has a limited number of tickets which are available on a first come, first served basis.

**Date:** Thursday, September 24, 2009  
**Time:** 6:15 P.M. (Reception); 7:00 P.M. (Lecture)  
**Location:** Mark Taper Auditorium, LA City Central Library, Fifth & Flower Streets  
Parking: 524 S. Flower St. Garage, \$1 until 8:45 p.m. with validation  
**Cost:** \$10, Members; \$15, Non-members  
**Contact:** George Newhouse at [gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com](mailto:gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com) or (213) 613-9474  
**Deadline to Register:** September 9, 2009



## LA Sparks Game vs. Minnesota Lynx



### and Post-Game Reception

Bring the whole family to see the Sparks and enjoy a post-game reception with team owners Kathy Goodman AB '83 and Carla Christofferson.

Last home game of the Season! Reception following game including a behind-the-scenes tour of the Staples Center.

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## ISSUES IN EDUCATION — Educators Roundtable

Educators and all of you concerned or interested in education, please join us in a roundtable discussion, to share your views and hear those of others and just to learn. The subject is "Coping With the Crisis," moderator TBA.

Luncheon will be served. This is the fourth such gathering held under the sponsorship of the Harvard Club. Please come and contribute to an expanding conversation on educational issues in our community.

**Date:** Saturday, October 3, 2009  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Home of Priscilla Heim, 500 Levering Ave. (near UCLA)  
**Cost:** \$15.00  
**Contact:** Priscilla Heim, [priheim@verizon.net](mailto:priheim@verizon.net)







c/o Membership VP  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MICHAEL SANDEL  
 RECEPTION AND LECTURE  
 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 ~**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND GENERAL CLUB NEWS, VISIT THE CLUB WEB SITE AT  
[www.harvard-la.org](http://www.harvard-la.org)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2.

\*All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST*	CONTACT
Sept. 11, Friday 7:30 P.M.	LA Sparks Game vs. Minn. Lynx and Reception	Staples Center Los Angeles	\$30, all attendees	Thania St. John, VRMother@aol.com
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