

WEEKEND PICKS

MUSIC

Partch pieces it together

It's music to our ears: Partch, the ensemble dedicated to re-creations of the clanky-and-jangly compositions and contraptions of 20th century musical maverick and instrument inventor Harry Partch, returns to downtown L.A. REDCAT, 631 W. 2nd St., L.A. 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$20, \$25. www.redcat.org

THEATER

Memories of Lenny Bruce

An icon of the 1960s counterculture is remembered in "I'm Not a Comedian... I'm Lenny Bruce." Writer-performer Ronnie Marmo portrays the comic in this new biographical solo show directed by Joe Mantegna. Theatre 68, 5112 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday; ends July 29. \$25. www.Theatre68.com



SEAN DECKERT

TERESA "Toogie" Barcelo is among those who will be performing in the production in San Pedro.

DANCE

By the sea

Ship ahoy! Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre teams with composer Juhi Bansal and singers from L.A. Opera for "Beyond the Waterfront," a new site-specific dance fantasy inspired by Elia Kazan's classic 1954 film "On the Waterfront." Port of Los Angeles, 2456 S. Signal St., Berth 58, San Pedro. 8 p.m. Saturday. \$50. www.heididuckler.org

CLASSICAL

California Phil at the movies

The Valkyries will take flight once again as the California Philharmonic, under the baton of maestro Victor Vener, opens its annual summer concert series with "Wagner at the Movies," featuring several works by the 19th century German composer plus selections from the scores for "Titanic," "Thor: The Dark World" and more. Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., L.A. 2 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$112. www.calphil.com

THEATER

'Dogfight' coming to a close

It's your last weekend to catch "Dogfight." Payson Lewis and Nicci Claspell star in After Hours Theatre Company's staging of this musical, based on a 1991 film about a young Marine and the young woman he meets on the night before he ships out for Vietnam. An L.A. Times Critics' Choice. Hudson Mainstage Theatre, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. \$40. www.plays4it.com

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Break into group song

Put your pipes to good use at either or both of two family-friendly shows Saturday. First up, it's "Big Sing L.A.," a community event in downtown L.A. hosted by Los Angeles Master Chorale. Then, the hills will come alive with the sound of the annual "Sing-a-long Sound of Music" celebrating the 1965 musical. "Big Sing," Grand Park, 200 N. Grand Ave., L.A. 1 p.m. Saturday. Free. www.lamasterchorale.org. "Sound of Music," Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood. 6:30 p.m. Saturday. \$12-\$87. www.hollywoodbowl.com