

# ArtCenter fest, Hollywood Fringe and more things to do in L.A.

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## Best bets: What's on our radar this week

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### 2. “American Mariachi”

As a fan of underdog motley crew movies like “A League of Their Own,” “Whip It” and “Bend It Like Beckham,” I was thoroughly satisfied with José Cruz González’s crowd-pleasing comedy about a group of 1970s women who, down on their luck, try to form an all-female mariachi band. (If we were at the same performance, that was me cheering loudly for each character as they discovered a newfound confidence in the long-held cultural tradition.) After hit runs all over the country (including Orange County and San Diego), the play is wrapping up its L.A. debut, directed by Latino Theater Company Artistic Director José Luis Valenzuela. Four performances of the big-hearted, bilingual play remain, complete with live mariachi music.

*Through June 9. Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St., downtown L.A.*

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—Ashley Lee