

Encuentro de las Américas in L.A.

The essentials: This three-week festival presents 14 works of Latino theater. Familiar L.A. performers such as Culture Clash and the Latino Theatre Company play in repertory with artists from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Peru and Colombia. Performances run simultaneously in all five theaters in the LATC, and tickets are available singly or in bundles.

Why this? If the Encuentro festival in 2014 is any indication, Spring Street is in for three lively, buzzy weekends. The shows have been chosen to represent a range of contemporary international theater-makers, and audiences can hop from one to the next. All works are presented in English and Spanish.

Details: Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St. Runs Thursday-Nov. 19. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays (check website for complete schedule). \$44 per show, with discount packages available. (866) 811-4111, www.thelatc.org.