

## 'Ms. Smith Goes to Washington'

Sam Waterston will join "Scandal" co-stars Joshua Malina, Jeff Perry and Bellamy Young for a reading of "Ms. Smith Goes to Washington" on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Los Angeles City Hall. The gender-switched adaptation of Sidney Buchman's screenplay for the 1939 Jimmy Stewart classic film is adapted and directed by Fountain Theatre Co-Artistic director Stephen Sachs. Councilman Mitch O'Farrell, 13th District, will host the event in the John Ferraro Council Chambers. A catered reception in the City Hall Rotunda follows the play. Admission is free; tickets required. 200 N. Spring St. [mssmith.org](http://mssmith.org).

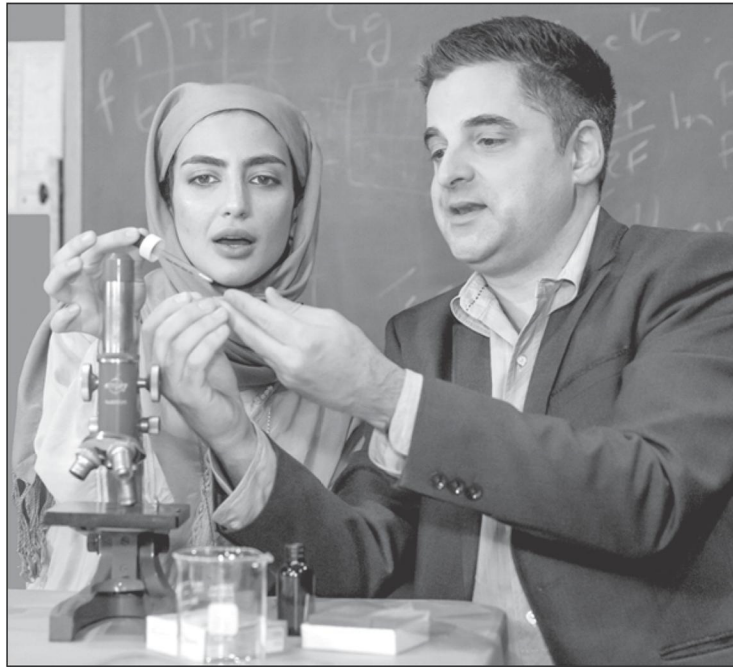
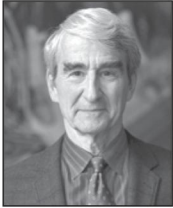


photo by Darrett Sanders

Medalion Rahimi and Jeff Marlo star in the West Coast premiere of "Paradise," a moving, funny and thought-provoking drama by Laura Maria Censabella running from Thursday, Jan. 24, through Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Odyssey Theatre. Two outsiders, a gifted Yemeni-American teenager at a poorly rated high school in the South Bronx and her disillusioned biology teacher, form an unlikely scientific partnership with the hope of securing her a scholarship. When conflicts arise over differences in religion, culture and the boundaries of mentorship, their ability to alter the course of each other's lives becomes greater than either imagined. Showtimes are 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday; 2 p.m., Sunday. Tickets are \$35. 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd. (323)960-7724, [plays411.com/paradise](http://plays411.com/paradise).

## Joe Praml on 'Frankenstein'

Join West Hollywood resident and poet Joe Praml for "Discovering Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Westwood Branch Library. Praml will share his story of discovery when he first read Shelley's "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus," as a boy. The event celebrates the book's 200th anniversary. Praml will also read from his upcoming autobiographical novel, "JFC!" 1246 Glendon Ave. (310)474-1739, [joepraml.com](http://joepraml.com).

## Rolex 24 at Daytona

The Petersen Automotive Museum will

host an immersive Rolex 24 at Daytona viewing party on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. Participants can watch the Daytona race, get behind the wheel of a simulator and listen to on-the-track interviews with some of the biggest names in motorsports. The evening will end with dinner by Drago. General admission is \$99. 6060 Wilshire Blvd. (323)964-6331, [petersen.org](http://petersen.org).

## Lunar New Year

Celebrate with the city of Beverly Hills at its eighth annual Chinese New Year celebration on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. at the Saban Theatre. The celebration of the year of the pig includes the Chinese Peking Opera and Peking Opera Fashion Show performed by the Beijing Liangxiang

Culture, Chinese folk dance performed by the Beijing Song and Dance Troupe, Chinese martial arts by the Tianjin Wushu Regiment, folk music by the Tianjin Folk Orchestra and acrobatics performed by the Hebei Acrobatic Troupe. Tickets are \$10. 8440 Wilshire Blvd. [lovebeverlyhills.com/pig](http://lovebeverlyhills.com/pig).

## Hammer Kids

Families can celebrate plants in Los Angeles with artist Sarita Dougherty during an event on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hammer Museum. Observe and draw native and non-native plants of Los Angeles, or a plant from memory. The event is part of the Hammer Kids series. Admission is free. 10899 Wilshire Blvd. (323)443-7000, [hammer.ucla.edu](http://hammer.ucla.edu).

## 'Forever Flamenco'

Fans of flamenco won't want to miss "Forever Flamenco" by Kai Narezo (pictured) on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre. Tickets are \$40.



5060 Fountain Ave. (323)663-1525, [fountaintheatre.com](http://fountaintheatre.com)

## 'Where the Chocolate Mountains'

Filmforum will host a return screening of Pat O'Neill's latest film "Where the Chocolate Mountains" on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Spielberg Theatre at the Egyptian Theatre. General admission is \$10. 6712 Hollywood Blvd., (323)377-7238, [lafilmforum.org](http://lafilmforum.org).

## Writers seminar

Aspiring writers are invited to an Independent Writers of Southern California seminar titled "What Kind of Publishing Is Right for You?" on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building in Culver City. Admission is free for IWOSC members; \$15 for nonmembers. 4117 Overland Ave. (310)773-8075, [iwosc.org](http://iwosc.org).

## 'Accidental Death Of An Anarchist'

The Actors' Gang presents Italian playwright and Nobel Prize winner Dario Fo's "Accidental Death Of An Anarchist," running from Thursday, Jan. 24, through Saturday, March 9. The play follows a man who invades a police station interrogation room where an anarchist accused of bombing a railway station has recently "accidentally" fallen out of a window. Wearing disguises and using different voices, the man manipulates policemen into a truth-inducing hysteria. Showtimes are 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. A preview on Jan. 24 is pay what you can; tickets are \$34.99. 9070 Venice Blvd. (310)838-4264, [theactorsgang.com](http://theactorsgang.com).

## Adoption meeting

People considering child adoption and foster parenting are encouraged to attend an informational meeting about resources on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at Children's Bureau Magnolia Family Place. Children's Bureau resource parents protect and nurture children, meet their developmental needs and support children's relationships with birth families. 1910 Magnolia Ave. (213)342-0162, [all4kids.org](http://all4kids.org).