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Happening Saturday

Long Beach Funk Fest, new Los Angeles Folk Festival and more

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ART

China Modern: Designing Popular Culture, 1910-1970 Divided into two parts, "Cosmopolitan Capitalism: Shanghai Under the Republic" and "A Revolution in Culture: Designing the People's Republic," this new exhibition tracks the iconographic representation of political ideologies and cultural values on decades of everyday objects, household commodities, fashions, plays, operas, posters and advertisements, numbering 100 iconic pieces in total. Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Now open, Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$7-\$9; free for members and children ages 11 and younger. (626) 449-2742. <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org>.

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POP MUSIC

Long Beach Funk Fest Music lovers will fill the streets and throw up the funk sign at the second annual Long Beach Funk Fest, a daylong celebration of interplanetary grooves. The Ladies of P-Funk — an all-female collective of Parliament-Funkadelic alumnae — top the bill, which also features the Original Stone City Band, the Big Ol' Nasty Getdown and plenty more. As a karmic bonus, the festival's stages are solar powered. Pine Avenue and Broadway, Long Beach. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. <http://www.lbfunkfest.com>.

New Los Angeles Folk Festival Celebrating the burgeoning experimental folk scene in L.A., the festival is all about this generation's take on a musical genre that's rich in historical overtones. Acoustic, electric, traditional and avant-garde, the eclectic lineup includes Linda Perhacs, Ariana Delawari, Mia Doi Todd, Les Shelleys, L.A. Ladies' Choir, He's My Brother She's My Sister and many more. Festival proceeds will go to the Environmental Defense Fund. Historical Monument 157, 3110 N. Broadway., L.A. 2 p.m.-midnight. \$15. (330) 701-5304, <http://www.lafolkfest.com>.

EVENTS

Sri Lanka Day Expo 2010 More than 40,000 visitors are expected to attend. The annual event features a wide array of cultural entertainment from the little island country off southern India whose most famous export may be the rapper M.I.A. Entertainment highlights include authentic Sri Lankan food stalls, live music and dance acts and a festive parade. Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. <http://www.slday.com>

U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition A weekend of events for adults and families is scheduled at Imperial Beach, culminating in a surely brutal, exhausting sand castle competition. On Saturday, traffic will be closed by the beach for a street festival. Sunday is the day of the official U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition, where professionals and amateurs will carve through sand to impress judges, vie for the title of Master's Champion and collect cash they can then spend on ever more elaborate buckets. Imperial Beach. Free. usopensandcastle.com.

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