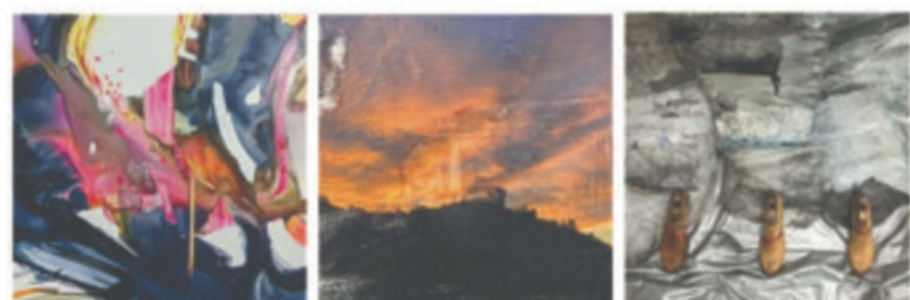
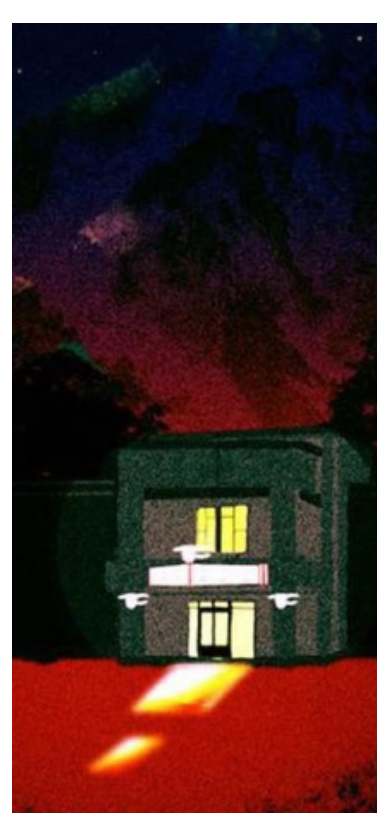
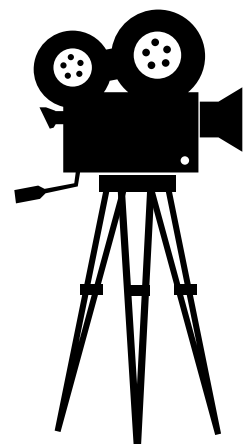


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OC PULP ARTS COLLECTIVE



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

OCMA Exhibitions

Last Chance! FREE ENTRY!

If you haven't had the pleasure of viewing both Alice Neel's *Feels Like Home*, and Yu Ji's *A Guest, A Host, A Ghost* exhibits, there is still time! Both these incredible and provoking shows will be up until **October 22nd at the Orange County Museum of Art in Costa Mesa!**

Night Of The...

Friday, 10/20 @ 7:00pm

Come see live music, visuals, and patronize local arts vendors at this exciting spooky event hosted by Evan "The Cass Man" Cassidy at **The Frida Cinema**. **\$10 at the door, All Ages!**

Incantations

OCCA Exhibit open until 10/28!

This mesmerizing exhibit hosted by the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art in Santa Ana features Artists: Marthe Aponte, Chenhung Chen, Annie Clavel, Catherine Ruane, Jane Szabo, Nancy Kay Turner, and Lisa Diane Wedgeworth. The exhibit is also available in a virtual tour on OCCA's website!

Artistic License Fair

Muckenthaler - 11/4-11/5 - Free entry and parking!

Celebrating 29 years, the Artistic License Fair is a fine crafts show featuring the highly collected work of over fifty L.A., Orange, and Riverside County artisans.

SikhLens Art and Film Festival

Chapman University & The Frida Cinema - 11/16 - 11/19

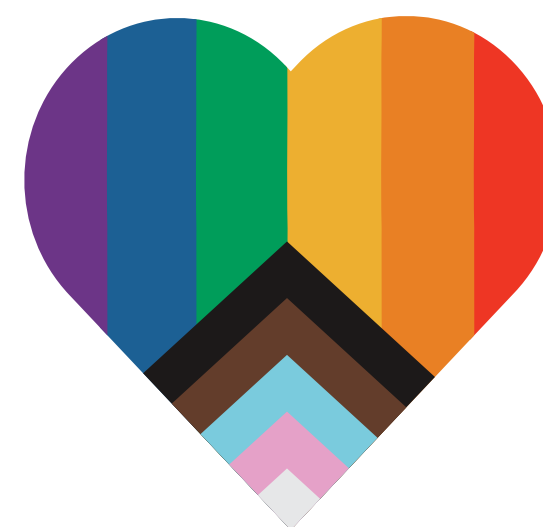
Friday Night Red Carpet Night at Dodge College (7 PM-10 PM): Chapman's Folino Theater will premiere *American Sikh* in addition to Project Pakistan's film *Connecting the Dots* and the feature film *Sarabha-Cry for Freedom*.

Saturday at The Frida Cinema (10 AM – 9:30 PM): A full day of films and special events from 10 AM to 6:30 PM, including **20+ new short films**, Q&As with filmmakers, a **Creative Sikhs discussion**, and a **two-person play** by Davinder Singh. The evening concludes with two feature film presentations – *Mastaney* and *Sardara & Sons*.

Sunday at The Frida Cinema (10:30 AM – 8:30 PM): Another full day begins at 10:30 AM with **20+ short films** and Q&As until 3:30 PM. Then we present Sunday's featured films, *Godday Godday Cha* and *Land of Gold*.

WHO ARE WE?

OC Pulp is a blooming arts collective based in Orange County, California, founded with the goal of helping local artists find community and a platform to share their work. We are a very small collective, still very much in our infancy, but we have big plans! Currently, we are hosting mini workshops at local arts events such as Brain & Body Music Studio's monthly Open Stage. If you would like to join the collective, offer venue space, collaborate, submit artwork, or to be featured in our Artist Spotlight, head to our website, www.ocpulp.org!



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WITH THE GREATEST
TREASURES WE'LL
EVER HAVE IN LIFE.
ONE OF THOSE
TREASURES IS YOUR
MIND, ANOTHER IS
YOUR HEART."**

— SUSAN ABULHAWA

LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

LOLA OLVERA (SHE/THEY)

Lola Olvera (she/they) is a poet, photographer, multimedia artist, and journalist working in Orange, CA. Her poetic and artistic work explores their childhood, cultural experience, and interpersonal relationships, while her journalism covers a broad range of issues, from local politics to animal rights.

Olvera's interest in writing started in her childhood, where she found inspiration in fantasy novels and plays. They began writing at a young age, mostly prose and plays, and have recently branched out into poetry, where they have found a strong artistic voice. Her poetic breakthrough began by discovering the work of Rupi Kaur, whose work revealed to Olvera that using poetry to process feelings about family and the diasporic experience was possible.

"After discovering Rupi Kaur," says Olvera, "I went out and looked for local poets, and found a huge, welcoming community. Poetry became a way for me to process a lot of the stuff that I didn't think about when I was young. It lets me honor my experiences, and connect broadly to others' experiences, too."

Having grown up with no knowledge of the transformative power of poetry, Olvera now seeks to speak to be an example for children now, providing access to words that can explain the experience of childhood, fostering a relationship with art from a young age.

"I try not to be pessimistic or optimistic," says Olvera of her poetry. "I'm grieving things that didn't happen."

In their work, Olvera addresses a range of subjects: animals, friends, lovers, and parents. For her, poetry is boundless and expansive. "Poetry is synonymous with all art," they explain. "Music and film can be poetry. All it is is a way for humans to express and reflect on their emotions or to connect with one another. I'm very interested in cine-poetry, where a spoken poem is paired with film to create a multi-sensory experience."

Olvera has many projects in the works, including her work on a full-length book of poetry and a series of single-channel videos, titled "Forgotten Pleasures." Olvera's poetry speaks to our hearts, nourishes our souls, and lights a torch for future generations to follow.

You can find her work on their Instagram, [@lolaolvera](#), as well as at her website, [lolaolvera.com](#).

Your children are hard on the outside
but soft on the inside —
eggs that refused to bow under heat
and pressure



Excerpt from "Your Children" a zine by Olvera



THIS COUNTRY HAS DRAINED YOU LIKE A LEMON,
EXTRACTED EVERYTHING IT CAN OUT OF YOUR HANDS —
THE ONLY THING THIS NATION KNOWS IS HOW TO DRINK
THE FRUITS OF OTHERS' LABOR ON ITS LAND

LOLA OLVERA

Excerpt from "LIMONÉS," a photo series by Olvera
