



**Children's Law Center**  
of Los Angeles

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**Viva La Art! Benefit Party**

An art showcase benefitting the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (CLC), featuring 22 artists including Audrey Kawasaki, Luke Feldman, Isabel Samaras, Bobby Hundreds and Luke Chueh.

The Wokcano Lounge, Santa Monica

July 25, 2009 / 8 pm – 12 am

LOS ANGELES (July 25, 2009) – CLC's committed attorneys and social work investigators work as tireless advocates for the nearly 24,000 abused and neglected youth in Los Angeles county, guiding them through the complicated and often overwhelming foster care system and accompanying court process.

In an effort to support CLC's work protecting these vulnerable youth, Viva La Art!, in partnership with Philanthro Productions, is hosting a benefit party at The Wokcano Lounge in Santa Monica on Saturday, July 25. The benefit, a silent art auction and gallery, will feature donated artworks of 22 renowned artists including Audrey Kawasaki, Michael Steele, Isabel Samaras, Luke Feldman, Andrew Bell, Bobby Hundreds and Luke Chueh. Attendees will have a chance to bid to purchase the artwork with 100% of proceeds benefiting CLC. A non-profit legal services provider, CLC's work extends beyond the courtroom to provide each foster child with opportunities to explore their potential and to participate in activities including local art and music programs. "We are thrilled to have the support of Viva La Art!, Philanthro Productions, and the generous artists so willing to give of their time and talent. This event will help us maximize our ability to meet each child's complex educational, health, and emotional needs. These children have so much potential; now is the time for our community to help them realize their dreams," says Leslie Starr Heimov, Executive Director of CLC.

The evening will also feature music provided by celebrity DJ Casey Connor -- who has DJ'ed for Britney Spears, Paris Hilton, Kanye West, Madonna and many more.

The Wokcano Lounge is located at 1413 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA. Doors open from 8 pm – 12 am (Auction ends at 11 pm); ages 21+. Suggested donation of \$20 at the door.

For the complete list of participating artists and/or more information about the event, please go to [www.vivalaart.org](http://www.vivalaart.org). Community members may make donations to support CLC's efforts to help needy children and families throughout the year by visiting [www.clcla.org/donate.htm](http://www.clcla.org/donate.htm). All donations are tax-deductible.

**About Viva La Art! ([www.vivalaart.org](http://www.vivalaart.org))**

Viva La Art! is a movement organizing and empowering the art community to help socially responsible programs and charities in Los Angeles. By partnering with local non-profit organizations, Viva! hosts events celebrating the love of art and the humanitarian spirit, while also providing awareness and financial support for local non-profits and socially responsible organizations.

**About Philanthro Productions ([www.philanthroproductions.org](http://www.philanthroproductions.org))**

Philanthro Productions is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to get more young adults involved in charity by hosting first-rate events in partnership with leading non-profits. Philanthro's goal is to eliminate the trade-off for young adults between going out with friends and giving back by creating unique opportunities for charitable giving where there were none before. Less than two years after inception, Philanthro Productions has chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego, which together have raised over \$100,000 for partner charities.

**About Children's Law Center of Los Angeles ([www.clcla.org](http://www.clcla.org))**

Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (CLC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) direct legal services provider, acting as the voice in court for close to 100% of Los Angeles County's nearly 24,000 foster children who have been abused, and neglected. CLC's devoted staff works closely with the children, foster family, extended family members, and family of origin to ensure a holistic approach to each child's well-being. Their work extends beyond the confines of the courthouse to provide extra-curricular resources, including art and music classes, to inspire and improve the lives of foster children.