

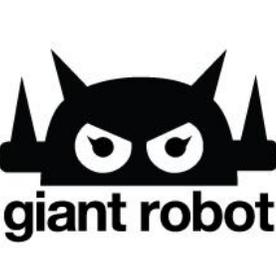
NHM First Fridays – March 6, 2026 Event Guide



First Fridays celebrates 20 years as Los Angeles’ premier museum after-hours experience, where exclusive access to the museum after dark brings music, science and culture together for a fun and engaging evening of conversation and community.

TIME	INFO	LOCATION
5:30 PM	Membership Early Entry	
6 PM - 10 PM	Event Starts	
	<p>DJ Lounge</p> <p>Dance the night away in our DJ lounge featuring your favorite local DJs in our African Mammal Hall. Additional seating and second bar available.</p> <p>DJ sets by Artform’s Collective of Vinyl Selectors Sherry Younge, Maribel Reveles, Jazmin Hicks, and Amanda Brown</p> <p>Celebrating Artform Studio’s 20th year in business as a Hair Salon & Record Store located in Highland Park, Los Angeles. A neighborhood salon and record boutique providing hair services while we play records throughout the day. Pop up shops and workshop events are hosted by creative artists who specialize in curly haircuts, hair color, makeup artistry, and handmade goods such as jewelry and clothing. Special events at Artform include celebrating to</p>	<p>African Mammal Hall, Level 1</p>

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	<p>keep vinyl alive during National Record Store Day and our Wax Wednesdays Vinyl Dj sets streaming live every last Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>Artform inspires and empowers artistic self expression by blending beauty and melody. We provide artists and creative professionals a curated experience through our heritage of hair and music.</p>	
<p>6 PM - 10 PM</p> 	<p>Scientist Meet & Greets and Curiosity Crawl</p> <p>Visit the Research & Collections, Museum Educators and Volunteer pop-ups for access to NHM collections and have a chat with our NHM experts.</p> <p>Don't forget to participate in the Curiosity Crawl Stamp Rally!</p>	<p>Various Locations</p>
<p>6 PM - 9:45 PM</p>	<p>Two Bar Locations On Level 1</p> <p>Specialty cocktails and refreshments in the Foyer and DJ Lounge at the African Mammal Hall Level 1</p>	<p>Foyer, Level 1 and African Mammal Hall, Level 1</p>
<p>6 PM - 9:45 PM</p>	<p>Food Trucks</p> <p>A variety of delicious eats from local food trucks on the Nature Gardens level at the Neighborhood Grill patio</p>	<p>Neighborhood Grill Patio on the Nature Gardens</p>
<p>6 PM - 10 PM</p>  	<p>Pop-Up Experiences</p> <p>A mix of lively pop-ups featuring museum experts, local artists, and community partners, art activities, creative vendors, and interactive moments.</p> <p>Amoeba</p> <p>Beloved Los Angeles independent record store returns to First Fridays with vinyl, merch, and fantastic deals!</p> <p>Giant Robot Store and GR2 Gallery established in 2001 and 2003 features products from around the world. Notably, fun house wares, gifts, stationeries, t shirts, comics, plush and toy figures. Giant Robot is often cited as the birthplace for Asian Pop Culture products and Uglydolls. GR2 Gallery features art by both local and international artists.</p>	<p>Foyer, Level 1</p>

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Exhibitions take place more than once a month including the Post It Note Show in December.

Giant Robot Magazine was a bi-monthly magazine of Asian and Asian American popular culture founded by Eric Nakamura in 1994. It was published by Eric Nakamura and co-edited by Eric Nakamura and Martin Wong. It was initially created as a small, punk-minded magazine that featured Asian pop culture and Asian American alternative culture, including such varied subject matter as history, art, music, film, books, toys, technology and more. The magazine ended in 2010 after 68 issues.

Golden Apple Comics

The **Golden Apple Comic and Art Foundation** was started by Kendra and Ryan Liebowitz, owner of the world-famous Golden Apple Comics on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles. The purpose of the foundation is to preserve, safeguard and showcase private collections and ensure that comics, books, art, and collectibles are secured for future generations to enjoy.

Brooklyn Charm

Brooklyn Charm opened its storefront in 2010 in the heart of the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn, NY. We had to close our doors in Williamsburg at the end of 2020, but are now open in Greenpoint on Manhattan Ave and in Ventura, CA about an hour out of Los Angeles.

A combination of metals, charms, and visionary thinking allowed Brooklyn Charm to reimagine itself from an internet supply business to an interactive jewelry store. Brooklyn Charm has been featured in television and print media because of its unique method of asking patrons to design and build their own jewelry.

PINAYSPHERE, non-profit organization supporting Filipina/x American (Pinay) girls and young adults on their artistic journey. We offer transformative programs, fostering creativity, growth, and empowerment. Our mission is to unlock potential, challenge cultural narratives, and create a brighter future together through creativity, diversity, and sisterhood.



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	<p>Umakyat, My work is to disrupt the cycles that devalue your gifts and aren't representing your deepest truths. Through intuitive readings + sound healing + variety of meditation modalities, we can shift the mind to prioritize the body, allowing the internal and external energies to align with you in a more authentic reality.</p>	
<p>6:30 PM - 7:15PM</p>    	<p>Featured Discussion: Life at the City Scale Presented in Collaboration with the Planetary Program at the Berggruen Institute</p> <p>Co-presented by NHM and the Berggruen Institute. An engaging live conversation exploring how cities are not just built for people, but function as complex ecosystems teeming with living beings of every shape and size. Featuring Dr. Christine Wilkinson, Assistant Curator of Community Science, NHM; Nurit Katz, Chief Sustainability Officer, UCLA; moderated by Dr. Yewande Pearse.</p> <p>Dr. Christine Wilkinson is a conservation scientist, carnivore ecologist, and science communicator whose research examines social-ecological drivers of human-wildlife interactions in California and Kenya. Broadly, Dr. Wilkinson integrates participatory community engagement, wildlife ecology, and an environmental justice lens to advance resilient human-nature relationships globally.</p> <p>UCLA's first Chief Sustainability Officer, Nurit Katz is a sustainability leader, educator, and urban ecology researcher. She serves as Commissioner for LADWP and member of the City of LA Biodiversity Expert Council. Ms. Katz is also Co-Director for the LA Raptor Study, supported by Friends of Griffith Park.</p> <p>London-born and Los Angeles-based, Dr. Yewande Pearse is driven by the belief that science has the power to connect people and communities. A neuroscientist with over fifteen years of research experience at King's College London and Harbor-UCLA, she translates science as an expert advisor, speaker, moderator, writer, and media contributor, broadening where science belongs by bringing it out of the lab and into cultural institutions.</p> <p>Dr. Pearse has brought science storytelling to the Natural History Museum, Sundance Film Festival, LA Phil, Headspace, TEDMED, and Science Gallery. She's produced and hosted Sound Science on Dublab Radio, served as Director of Science Editorial and Content for Emergence (part of the Getty's PST Art initiative), and worked as an</p>	<p>Commons Theater</p>

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	<p>Account Supervisor at Stellate Communications, helping some of the greatest minds in science translate their discoveries into meaningful public impact. She currently serves as an advisor to the California Science Center and Community Fellow at The Center for Diverse Leadership in Science at UCLA.</p> <p>ASL interpretation will be provided during the discussion by LifeSigns ASL.</p>	
<p>7:15 PM - 7:45 PM</p>	<p>Post Discussion Meet & Greet</p> <p>Take a moment to meet our guest speakers and moderator for a quick Post-Discussion chat.</p>	<p>Commons Theater Gallery</p>
<p>8 PM</p> 	<p>Live Music / Opener</p> <p>al menne came up in the music scene as the lead singer of Seattle-based rock band Great Grandpa. With <i>Freak Accident</i>, their debut solo album, probes this feeling as it unfurls with the patient ease of a passing landscape while harboring the kinetic weight of life's chaos at its core.</p>	<p>North American Mammal Hall, Level 1</p>
<p>9 PM</p> 	<p>Live Music / Headliner</p> <p>THAO's 6th studio album will be released in 2026 and is currently at work writing her debut book for Graywolf Press (2027) and developing a musical. Balancing personal vulnerability with broader cultural commentary, THAO remains a prominent voice in the contemporary music scene and beyond.</p>	<p>North American Mammal Hall, Level 1</p>