

# Festival of Goddesses

Celebrating the Extraordinary in All Women!

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<http://www.festivalofgoddesses.com>

The Festival of Goddesses returns to Southern California for its third year to celebrate and honor women. Scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012, the event will again take place on the grounds of the famed Festival of Arts (home to the legendary Pageant of the Masters) and in the Forum Theater located at 650 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. The all-day event features activities on the grounds and in the theater from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and wraps up with an evening concert and celebration concluding at 10 p.m. Founder Yamini Redewill explains the festival's intent. "We offer women a wonderful opportunity to escape from their normal commitments and celebrate the goddess in all of us, revealing our true nature as uniquely beautiful expressions of the Divine Feminine. And, of course, we invite and welcome men to come celebrate with us." Redewill shares.

This year, the charitable partner of the Festival of Goddesses is Orange County-based Laura's House, an organization committed to ending domestic violence. A portion of the proceeds raised during the event will benefit the charity. "We're honored and thrilled to be collaborating with the Festival of Goddesses," says Andrea McCallister, Director of Development & Communications for Laura's House. "Raising awareness of domestic violence in Orange County and continuing to support the women and children who are affected by domestic violence is critical." The efforts of another charitable organization, The Teen Project, serving recently emancipated (homeless) foster children, will also be highlighted during the festival. A silent auction and various raffles will enable guests to donate towards these worthy organizations.

Festival guests will enjoy the wide variety of vendors selling unique merchandise and gourmet food. Other activities on the grounds include a fashion show, art exhibit, belly dancing, hula hooping, yoga demonstrations, live entertainment, and a singles "rapid dating" mixer. General admission tickets are only \$10 each. Full festival passes offer access to additional events occurring in the Forum Theatre. The ever popular and talented Mistress of Ceremonies, Lynn Rose will open the program with a lively "get up and dance" song. Then two panel discussions moderated by TV news personality, Kaci Christian will feature celebrity panelists discussing "How to Find Your True Purpose & Prosper in This Economy" and "How to Love Yourself & Be Fully Self-Expressed". Among the panelists are best selling authors and international speakers, LuAn Mitchell, Marsh Engle, Kelly Sullivan Walden, Dr. Elizabeth Lambaer, Marigold Somerset and Suzy Prudden, among others.

After lunch, The Funniest Housewives of Orange County, will perform their hilarious show, spoofing the popular TV series, Real Housewives of Orange County, and then hold a mock panel discussion of their own. These amazing comedienne's have performed on Oprah, The Tonight Show, Comedy Central and Dr. Phil and have entertained to packed houses throughout Southern California. The final session of the day will discuss "How to Find Your Soulmate" with a panel of women and men, facilitated by Hollywood celebrity matchmaker, Renee Piane, followed by the singles mixer on the festival grounds. The day will conclude with an awards ceremony honoring extraordinary women. The evening concert in the Forum theater will feature the haunting Celtic stylings of Christina Duane and her band, followed by the evening's headliner, the popular and dynamic spiritual rock star, Larisa Stow and Shakti Tribe. Access to these events is limited to the theatre's capacity and a sellout crowd is expected. A limited number of full festival passes are available in advance for \$45 until February 15<sup>th</sup> when it goes up to \$65 and then \$75 at the door, based on availability. Tickets are available at [www.festivalofgoddesses.com](http://www.festivalofgoddesses.com) or by calling Yamini Redewill at 949-494-0294.

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