

The Arts

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THE YEAR'S HIGH FIVES

FILM



"The Daytrippers"

- ① "Boogie Nights"
- ② "La Promesse"
- ③ "Titanic"
- ④ "Ulysses' Gaze"
- ⑤ "The Daytrippers"

— David Elliott

THEATER

- ① "Three Tall Women" by Edward Albee (Nov. 1, San Diego Repertory Theatre)
- ② "The Dangerous Border Game" by Guillermo Gomez-Pena and Roberto Sifuentes (June 19, Centro Cultural de la Raza)
- ③ "Rent" by Jonathan Larson (July 13, La Jolla Playhouse)
- ④ "Zoot Suit" by Luis Valdez (Oct. 4, San Diego Repertory Theatre)
- ⑤ "A Moon for the Misbegotten" by Eugene O'Neill (Jan. 25, the Old Globe Theatre)

— Anne Marie Welsh



Katherine McGrath in "A Moon for the Misbegotten"

DANCE

- ① Adventures in Motion Pictures in Matthew Bourne's "Swan Lake" (April 22, Ahmanson Theatre, Los Angeles)
- ② Les Grands Ballets Canadiens (April 6, California Center)

CLASSICAL CONCERTS



FILE PHOTOS

Plácido Domingo

- ① Yo-Yo Ma, cello (Sept. 18, Civic Theatre)
- ② Puccini's "Turandot," presented by San Diego Opera (April 26, Civic Theatre)
- ③ Tenor Plácido Domingo (April 10, Civic Theatre)
- ④ Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Daniele Gatti conducting (Oct. 15, Civic Theatre)
- ⑤ Percussionist Evelyn Glennie (April 19, California Center for the Arts, Escondido)

— Valerie Scher

TELEVISION

- ① Princess Diana's Sept. 6 funeral is TV's most-watched event
- ② Heaven's Gate breaks on TV (March 26)
- ③ "Ellen" comes out (April 30)
- ④ Bryant Gumbel leaves "Today" (Jan. 3)
- ⑤ The jury in the O.J. Simpson civil trial reaches a verdict just as networks are ready to cover the State of the Union address (Feb. 4)



Princess Diana's funeral

— Robert P. Laurence

DANCE

- 1 Adventures in Motion Pictures in Matthew Bourne's "Swan Lake" (April 22, Ahmanson Theatre, Los Angeles)
- 2 Les Grands Ballets Canadiens (April 6, California Center for the Arts, Escondido)
- 3 Mark Morris Dance Group in "L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato" (April 3, Orange County Performing Arts Center)
- 4 California Ballet in Dame Sonia Arova and Thor Sutowski's staging of "Swan Lake" (Feb. 8, California Center for the Arts, Escondido)
- 5 Joe Goode Performance Group in "The Maverick Strain" (Nov. 20, Sushi Performance and Visual Art)



Denise Dabrowski and Mark Lanham in the California Ballet's "Swan Lake"

— Anne Marie Welsh

ALBUMS

- 1 The Negro Problem, "Post Minstrel Syndrome"
- 2 k.d. lang, "Drag"
- 3 Roni Size & Reprazent, "New Forms"
- 4 Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds, "The Boatman's Call"
- 5 Richard Thompson & Danny Thompson, "Industry"

— George Varga



- 1 Beth Orton, "Trailer Park"
- 2 Whiskeytown, "Strangers Almanac"
- 3 U2, "Pop"
- 4 The Chemical Brothers, "Dig Your Own Hole"
- 5 The Verve, "Urban Hymns"

— Karla Peterson

SINGLES

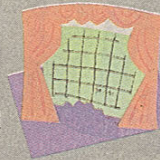
- 1 "MMMBop," Hanson
- 2 "6 Underground," Sneaker Pimps
- 3 "On and On," Erykah Badu
- 4 "You Make Me Wanna..." Usher
- 5 "Jack-Ass," Beck

— Karla Peterson

From k.d.'s 'Drag' to real drags, here's a look at the year that was

Tick, tick, tick. The clock hasn't quite wound down to midnight, but that's not about to stop us from looking back. It's been a strange year: disco fever all over again, the Beatles traversing that long and winding road to (finally) winning three Grammys, the "Star Wars" empire striking back at the box office. It could have been 1977.

Whatever year it was, the arts staff has revisited its highs and lows. On this page, our critics pick their high fives. As for the lows, and everything in between, turn to our time line, beginning on Page 3.



POP CONCERTS

- 1 Ray Charles (Oct. 7, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay)
- 2 Joe Henderson Trio (Jan. 10, 4th & B)
- 3 Beck (Feb. 19, RIMAC Arena, UCSD)
- 4 Ivan Lins, Kenny Garrett, Dave Alvin, the Starlights, Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers (Sept. 5-7, San Diego Street Scene '97)
- 5 Emmylou Harris & Spyboy (June 24, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay)

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Fiona Apple

- 1 Fiona Apple (March 14, Spreckels Theatre)
- 2 Shawn Colvin (April 12, 4th & B)
- 3 Metallica (Jan. 11, San Diego Sports Arena)
- 4 Dar Williams (June 12, Canes)
- 5 Daryl Hall and John Oates, (July 20, Humphrey's)

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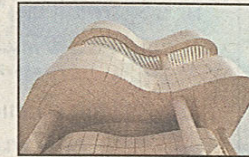


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VISUAL ARTS

- 1 Opening of The Getty Museum in Los Angeles (Dec. 16)
- 2 inSITE97, 50 works throughout San Diego County and Tijuana (Sept. 26)



The Getty Center

Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego (May 18)

- 4 Robert Gober, untitled installation, Geffen Contemporary at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (Sept. 7)
- 5 Sebastião Salgado, "Workers," photographs, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego (May 18)

— Robert L. Pincus

ARTS NEWS

- 1 The San Diego Symphony's Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy converted to Chapter 11 reorganization (Jan. 27)
- 2 San Diego Museum of Art trustees adopted new administrative policies and procedures (Jan. 28)
- 3 Poor attendance cuts short a series of symphonic summer pops concerts at San Diego State's Open Air Theater (Aug. 25)
- 4 An East Coast consulting firm suggested the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, should change the way it does business (Jan. 3)



"Jewels of the Romanovs"

- 5 The San Diego Museum of Art is one of only four U.S. museums to exhibit "Jewels of the Romanovs: Treasures of the Russian Imperial Court" (Aug. 16)

— Preston Turegano