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**SUMMER AND MUSIC ROCKS OUT FOR TWISTED AT THE PIKE  
WITH L.A. WITCH, COSMONAUTS AND MORE**

*Free summer music series brings fan-favorite back to The Pike featuring an eccentric carnival theme layered with a punk-rock flavor.*

**LONG BEACH, Calif.** (July 2, 2018) Presented by Downtown Long Beach Alliance, Summer and Music (SAM) continues with Twisted at The Pike, the second of four free music events located in Downtown Long Beach this summer. Located at The Pike Outlets, the event starts at 5 PM on July 14 and will be headlined by the hypnotic punk band, L.A. Witch.

This season's Twisted at the Pike will add elements from last year's well-attended Punk Rock Prom, to its carnival-centric programming, so come dressed to impress! The evening will showcase Sirena Serpentina's tribal fire belly dancers, stilt walkers, fire breathers, magic and more! Celebrating what makes Long Beach innovative, immersive, and unique, Twisted at The Pike presents visual and audible sensations for attendees to feed that inner rebel.

"Twisted honors uniqueness and the beauty of being true to yourself. Long Beach is extraordinary in its diversity and encouragement of creative self-expression. LB is progressive, bold and proud of who we are. This event revels in that," stated SAM co-founder Ashley Hectus. "It's all about being fearless - being proud of who we are, accepting and appreciating each other and celebrating what makes us different."

This year's performers are [L.A. Witch](#), [Fartbarf](#), [Cosmonauts](#), and [Shave](#). Headliner, L.A. Witch has a sound that's been described as everything from haunted surf-rock and psych-punk to road trip blues and forlorn Americana. Influenced by Mazzy Star, Kurt Cobain, The Cramps and Johnny Thunders, this female rock trio creates a sultry, dream-like sound that captivates. Back home briefly from a world-wide tour, SAM is lucky to steal them for a night of magic at Twisted at The Pike.

Josh, Dan and Brian, three unassuming, well-mannered fellows from a town near the sea, are collectively known as Fartbarf. These "Post-Neanderthal Analogue Synthesists" captivate audiences with relentless melodies, robotically tight rhythms, and danceable beats by use of a strict limitation of tools at hand: vintage analog synthesizers, vocoders, drum machines, analog modular systems, and live drums.

Burger Records family member, Cosmonauts, don't exactly fit neatly into the fabric of their scene: too psychedelic to be punk, too punk to be psychedelic, and too absorbed in making its own brand of music to care. The California-based garage punk band is known for its simple, physically powerful songs and punishing stage volume, but not without nods to affecting lyrics.

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Shave ripped it up in the Bong Leach collective and beyond with their local classic albums Jesus Shaves and Trans Universal Worldwide. Rocking with high intensity and an electric punk sound, Shave's legendary onstage antics are guaranteed to make you a fan for life - this band knows how to have fun and shred.

The picturesque event venue, The Pike Outlets, is located at 95 S. Pine Ave. Parking is available at the Pike parking structures: free for the first 30 minutes and \$3 per hour thereafter, validation for 2 free hours is available from the retailers and restaurants of The Pike Outlets; subject to change, so read parking signage.

There is also a free bike valet station courtesy of Pedal Movement. Carnival food will be available along with craft beer from Beachwood Brewery. Twisted at the Pike's generous event sponsors are The Pike Outlets, interTrend Communications, Total Production Group, and Fingerprints.

Additional remaining SAM events are Bicycle Drive-In August 4 and Buskerfest in the East Village Arts District on September 8.

For more information on SAM, visit [www.summerandmusic.com](http://www.summerandmusic.com).

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**About DLBA:** The Downtown Long Beach Alliance is a non-profit, community-based organization whose mission is to cultivate, preserve and promote a healthy, safe and prosperous Downtown. By balancing the interests of the residents, as well as businesses, the DLBA creates tangible progress by way of vested interest and solidified partnerships across local, municipal, and commercial lines. For additional information, visit [www.downtownlongbeach.org](http://www.downtownlongbeach.org).

**About SAM:** Now in its tenth year, Summer and Music (SAM) is Downtown Long Beach's homegrown concert series, providing an entire summer of free music to the public. Produced by the Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DLBA), SAM has been voted OC Weekly's "Best Music Festival" three times in a row for its display of local acts at outdoor venues. With performances spanning all genres over its ten years, SAM truly has something for everyone to listen to and love all summer long.

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