

2025 Fall Term Tuesday, October 28 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, L.A.!

Presented by Tom Sanchez

he City of Los Angeles was founded 234 years ago, in September 1781. Historian and LA enthusiast Tom Sanchez – known as Mr. LA – takes us on an amazing, unseen adventure showing how and where Los Angeles began, when 44 people traveled months through desert, heat, and near-death to found one of the world's great cities, bringing with them the Spanish colonial adobe architecture that defines Los Angeles. This presentation will be in-person and will not be recorded.











Tom Sanchez is a native Angeleno who grew up with a passion for the history and various cultures of Los Angeles. After a stint working as a researcher for a United Nations agency in Caracas, Venezuela, he became an educational consultant at the Claremont Graduate School, and encompassed a 25-year career as an elementary educator for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He created his own tour company, MrLA Tours, in 2015, which along with his blog "MrLA," spotlights the enormous cultural diversity and history of Los Angeles' neighborhoods. Mr. Sanchez has also spent much of his life studying the history of Hollywood, both the place, and the entertainment industry. In 2020, he created "Television Noir", a Facebook page dedicated to the use of Film Noir techniques and personnel on television drama from 1957-1972.