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GARY BASEMAN: THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN Related Public Programs

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OPENING-NIGHT EVENT: "Gary Baseman's House Party" features live performance painting by **Gary Baseman** with indie rock band **Nightmare and the Cat**, a DJ set by street artist **Shepard Fairey**, gallery tours, art making, and cash bar with specialty cocktails. 18+ only. (Thursday, April 25, 7:30–11:00 p.m.)

DOCENT TOURS: Visit Baseman's "office" and "living room," learn about his family history, travel around the world with his beloved character Toby, and more on this "open-house" tour of the exhibition. (Tuesday–Sunday except May 15, 1:00 p.m., plus Saturday–Sunday, 2:30 p.m.)

TODDLER PROGRAM: During this six-session class, toddlers enjoy storytelling, go on adventures in the Museum, and create characters for their very own picture book inspired by Gary Baseman's adventurous art. (Thursdays, May 2–June 6, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

FREE FILM SCREENINGS: In May and June, the Skirball's Classic Films series focuses on fantasy films for all ages. To be screened are the following: *Animal Farm* (Tuesday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.); *The Point*, featuring a guest introduction by director **Fred Wolff** (Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 p.m.); *Wizards* (Tuesday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.); and *The Incredible Mr. Limpet* (Tuesday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.)

PANEL DISCUSSION: Like Gary Baseman, graphic novelists use illustration to explore fantastic worlds of their own making. **Sina Grace** (*Not My Bag*, *Li'l Depressed Boy*) moderates a lively discussion about graphic novels with panelists **Hope Larson** (*A Wrinkle in Time*), **Nick Thorburn** (*What a Gas* and lead singer of the band Islands), and **Malachi Ward** (*Expansion*, *Utu*, and *Ritual*). (Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 p.m.)

FAMILY ART WORKSHOP: Toby, Dumb Luck, Chou Chou and other Baseman characters are the models for a family-friendly life drawing class led by the artist. (Sunday, May 19, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)

ARTIST'S TALK: **Gary Baseman** discusses his recent travels to his parents' homelands in Eastern Europe. Reflecting upon his heritage, he will explore how his art has been informed by the complex history of the area and tell tales of the "mythical creatures" he heard during his journey. A Q&A and book signing follow the program. (Wednesday, May 22, 8:00 p.m.)

MORE FAMILY ART-MAKING: As part of the Skirball's popular Last Weekends of the Month series, families work together to decorate a "bigger-than-life" Baseman character. (Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, 12:00–2:30 p.m.) Baseman's art also inspires the Skirball's drop-in Family Art Studio projects on select days throughout the summer.

ADULT-EDUCATION COURSE: Organized by the Skirball and UCLA Extension, the two-session course “Gary Baseman: Pervasion and Play” is part lecture/part tour, and examines the trajectory of Baseman’s pervasive practice and its historical context. (Saturdays, June 15 and 22, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

BUS TOUR: An excursion to “Gary Baseman’s Los Angeles,” led by Los Angeles historian **Jim Heimann** includes a tour of Baseman’s childhood neighborhood in the Fairfax district, a stop at his favorite bar in Chinatown, a visit to an East Hollywood art gallery that has shown his work, and a lunch at Canter’s Deli, where Baseman’s mother worked the bakery counter for more than thirty years. (Sunday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

LATE-NIGHT PARTY: Presented as part of the Skirball’s popular “Into the Night” series, this late-night event centers around Gary Baseman’s art, featuring an appearance by Baseman, live music by two bands TBA, DJ sets, animated film screenings, gallery tours, art making, games, balloon art, and cash bar with specialty cocktails. 21+ only. (Friday, July 12, 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.)

FAMILY SLEEPOVER: As part of its popular series of family sleepovers, the Skirball invites families to an overnight getaway to the whimsical world of Gary Baseman. Participants work on their own Baseman-inspired artwork, take an after-hours tour of the exhibition, and enjoy bedtime stories and a tasty dinner. (Saturday, July 20, 6:00 p.m.–Sunday, July 21, 9:00 a.m.)

CONVERSATION: Lifelong friends **Gary Baseman**, TV writer/producer **Seth Kurland** (*Friends*), and composer/writer/educator **Barry Smolin** reminisce about their youth growing up in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles and discuss their lives and careers. (Sunday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.)