

# north hollywood

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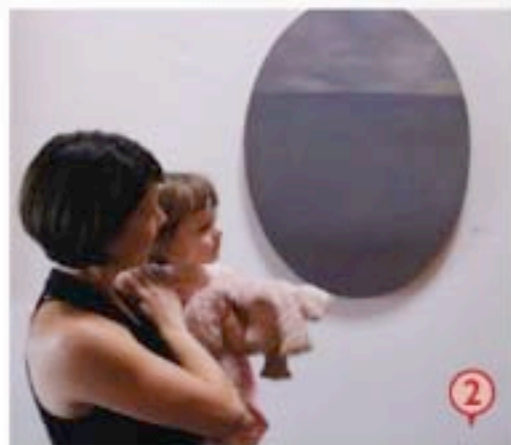


Everyone who is someone started somewhere. Up-and-coming actors, musicians and artists have claimed a section of Lankershim Boulevard as their own, so we spent a few weekend hours exploring this burgeoning arts community with our kids.

## GIGGLE GAGGLE AT THE JOY THEATRE

To discover how stand-up comics get their start, drop in for a one-hour show hosted by kids. Not everyone on stage struck us as a future Steve Martin or Jon Stewart, but that was all part of the fun. Our kids loved the audience participation and watching kids their own age. If your kids (ages 4 and up) start cracking their own jokes, sign them up for classes. Performances at 2 p.m. Sat. and Sun. \$8. Street parking available. Inside Tip: bring your own treats into the theater!

5233 Lankershim Blvd., 818-505-9355,  
[www.joytheatre.com](http://www.joytheatre.com)



## CELLA GALLERY

NoHo is known for its art galleries, which are perfect venues for pint-sized patrons. Don't be afraid to drop in and take a peek. Our kids had fun admiring the paintings at the intimate Cella Gallery, open noon-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun.

5229 Lankershim Blvd., 213-291-7908



## PITFIRE PIZZA COMPANY AND INDEPENDENT COFFEE

We dined on gourmet pizzas and creative salads before the Giggle Gaggle show. Fast and family-friendly. On the outside patio, specialty coffees to-go gave us sustenance for the rest of the afternoon.

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