

Golden West College
2025-2026
FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

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Welcome



Golden West College is excited to present another amazing season of Fine and Performing Arts!

Throughout the coming year, treat yourself to captivating plays, musical concerts, dance performances, and art exhibits, which altogether represent one of our most magnificent seasons to date. Featuring superb events, masterful performers, visionary designers, and affordable ticket prices, we are pleased to offer an unforgettable journey of artistic and creative exploration.

If you are passionate about the arts, we extend a warm invitation to make Golden West College your arts destination for the 2025-2026 season!

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Year at a Glance

SEPTEMBER 2025

FALL FESTIVAL

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
September 6 - 7
Mainstage Theater

ART EXHIBITION: OBSESSIONS

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 10 - October 3
GWC Art Gallery

OCTOBER 2025

THE DIVINERS by Jim Leonard Jr.
Directed by Tom Amen
October 10 - 19
Mainstage Theater

100 YEARS OF JAZZ

GWC Chamber Singers and Guest Performers
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Dylan Gorenberg & Dr. Donovan Raitt, Directors
October 20
Mainstage Theater

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October 22 - November 14
GWC Art Gallery

NOVEMBER 2025

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING by William Shakespeare
Directed by Martie Ramm
November 14 - 23
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DECEMBER 2025

SOUL CELEBRATION

GWC Chamber Singers with GWC Voice Students
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Conductor
December 1
Mainstage Theater

FALL INTO WINTER

GWC Symphonic Band
Dr. Collette Hausey, Conductor
December 2
Mainstage Theater

HOLIDAY ART SALE

December 2 - 3
GWC Art Gallery

GWC DANCE DEPARTMENT STUDIO CONCERT

Leslie Bitong, Director
December 4
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THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
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Mainstage Theater

FEBRUARY 2026

**ART EXHIBITION: MOTHER OF EXILES:
FROM HER BEACON HAND**
February 4 - 20
GWC Art Gallery

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EIGHT SECONDS by Tim Mueller (world premiere production)
Directed by Tom Amen
March 6 - 15
Mainstage Theater

ART EXHIBITION: PERSISTENCE

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 11 - 27
GWC Art Gallery

LA BAYADERE

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
March 21 - 22
Mainstage Theater

WE GOT THE BEAT: AN 80'S DANCE PARTY!

GWC Chamber Singers with GWC Voice and Guitar Students
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Director
March 25
Mainstage Theater

APRIL 2026

STUDENT ART SHOW
April 23 - May 15
GWC Art Gallery

A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

Books and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman
Music and lyrics by Steven Lutvak
Based on a novel by Roy Horniman
Directed and staged by Martie Ramm
April 24 - May 3
Mainstage Theater

MAY 2026

CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
May 9
Mainstage Theater

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GWC Dance Department
Leslie Bitong, Director
May 15 - 16
Mainstage Theater

SPRING INTO SUMMER

GWC Symphonic Band
Dr. Collette Hausey, Conductor
May 19
Mainstage Theater

CARMINA BURANA

GWC Chamber Singers and Symphonic Band
with Long Beach City College Orchestra and Choir
May 20
Mainstage Theater

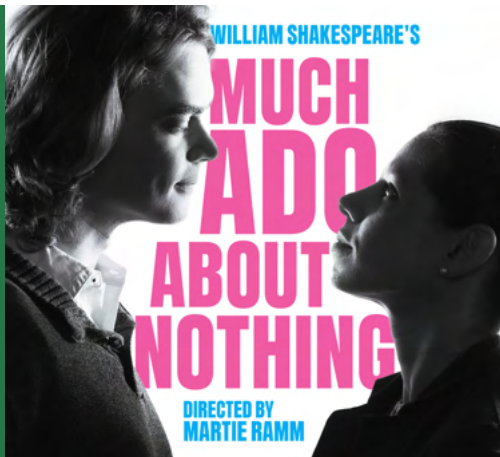
THE DIVINERS

By Jim Leonard Jr.
Directed by Tom Amen
October 10 – 19, 2025
Mainstage Theater

This award-winning American drama explores the unlikely friendship between a disturbed young man and a disenchanted preacher. Set in rural Indiana in the 1930's, *The Diviners* is a story of friendship, faith, family, and community told in a spare, hauntingly poetic voice that speaks to the heart. As playwright Jim Leonard Jr. puts it, "These are good and simple people, they have only the best of intentions." Don't miss this deeply moving and profoundly human play.

THE DIVINERS

by JIM LEONARD JR.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

By William Shakespeare
Directed by Martie Ramm
November 14 - 23, 2025
Mainstage Theater

Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* is the original romantic comedy, packed with snarky banter, ridiculous misunderstandings, and a love story that only happens because of some well-placed eavesdropping. Watch as sharp-tongued rivals Beatrice and Benedick—two experts in the fine art of mockery—get tricked into falling head over heels in love, while another plot threatens to tear young lovers Hero and Claudio apart. With gossip, disguises, and just the right amount of chaos, this timeless tale of love, deception, and redemption proves that, in matters of the heart, nothing is ever quite as it seems! This is Shakespeare at his funniest.

EIGHT SECONDS

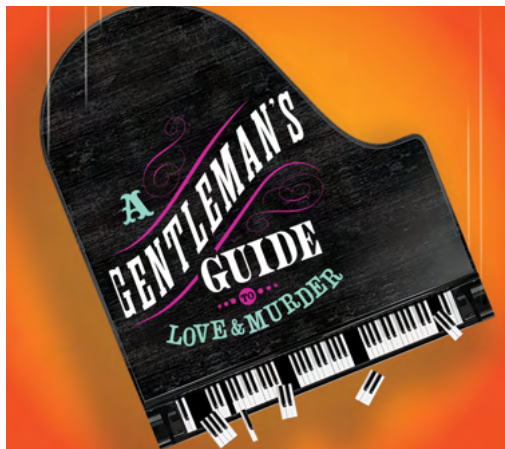
World Premiere Production
By Tim Mueller
Directed by Tom Amen
March 6 - 15, 2026
Mainstage Theater

Ellie spends much of her time online, connecting with some of the scariest people on the internet, hoping to expose the real people behind the hate and misinformation they spread. *Eight Seconds* will make you think about how you see the world, the information you absorb and believe, and how we relate to each other as a result of those beliefs. Part exploration of the darkest side of humanity and part crime drama, the story will leave you asking, "What will I do with my eight seconds?"

NOTE: This production contains adult language and situations and is intended for mature audiences.

EIGHT SECONDS





A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

Books and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

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April 24 – May 3, 2026

Mainstage Theater

Step right up for a night of devilish fun and high-society hijinks! *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is the outrageously funny, Tony Award-winning musical that took Broadway by storm—snagging 10 Tony nominations and 4 wins, including Best Musical. With show-stopping music and dazzling costumes, this award-winning and playfully funny masterpiece is a theatrical triumph!

Theater Arts

THEATER PARKING

Golden West College has resumed parking enforcement in all lots on the campus. Enforcement is Monday-Friday from 8am - 10pm. There is no charge for parking on Saturday or Sunday.

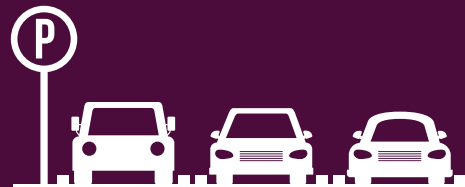
You can purchase a parking permit at any time through the Passport Parking app.

Or to purchase online, visit: www.passportparking.com/

- Click GUEST LOGIN to start your account



NOTE: Parking permits are secured through your vehicle license plate. You will need your license plate number at the time of purchase.



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Music

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100 YEARS OF JAZZ

GWC Chamber Singers with Guest Performers
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Dylan Gorenberg, and
Dr. Donovan Raitt, Directors
October 20 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Join GWC Music instructors Dawn Brooks, Dylan Gorenberg, and Donovan Raitt, along with the GWC Chamber Singers and guest performers, as they lead a journey highlighting the development of jazz through the decades.

SOUL CELEBRATION

GWC Chamber Singers with GWC Voice Students
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Director
December 1 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Welcome in the holiday season with the GWC Chamber Singers and GWC Voice Students as they present this uplifting concert showcasing soaring gospel, soul, and spirituals.

FALL INTO WINTER

GWC Symphonic Band
Dr. Collette Hausey, Conductor
December 2 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Traditional and contemporary wind band repertoire with seasonal flair.

WE GOT THE BEAT: AN 80'S DANCE PARTY!

GWC Chamber Singers with GWC Voice and Guitar Students
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Director
March 25 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Relive the glory years of music from the MTV decade with the GWC Chamber Singers and GWC Voice and Guitar Students.

SPRING INTO SUMMER

GWC Symphonic Band
Dr. Collette Hausey, Conductor
May 19 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Join the Symphonic Band in kicking-off summer with a performance of new and familiar music that the whole family can enjoy.

CARMINA BURANA

GWC Chamber Singers and Symphonic Band with Long Beach CC Orchestra and Choir
Dr. Dawn Brooks, Conductor
May 20 at 7:30pm
Mainstage Theater

Dawn Brooks conducts combined choirs from GWC and Long Beach City College, joined by the LBCC orchestra, guest performers from GWC Symphonic Band, and soloists in a splendid performance of Carl Orff's thrilling 20th century masterwork.



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FALL FESTIVAL

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
September 6 at 7pm; September 7 at 2:00pm
Mainstage Theater

Fall Festival is our annual mixed bill featuring a variety of Ballet Repertory Theatre works, as well as our Summer Workshops featuring our students of Dance Academy of Southern California. These performances show the versatility of our dancers and expose the audience to the different styles of ballet, jazz, and contemporary.

\$30 General Admission; \$25 for children under 12, ASB/GWC Students, and Seniors

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STUDIO CONCERT

Leslie Bitong, Director
December 4 at 7:30pm
Rec Ed 201

Witness the soaring artistic voice of GWC ballet, modern, jazz, and hip hop dance students and choreographers in this lively concert.

Admission is free.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
December 12 – 24 (visit www.gwctickets.com for showtimes)
Mainstage Theater

Don't miss Ballet Repertory Theatre's 49th consecutive production of this family classic! Every year, BRT brings nearly the

entire student body of Dance Academy of Southern California onstage to join the company dancers in The Nutcracker. This story, along with the children performers, pre-professional dancers, as well as guest performers, represents a light-hearted and beautiful production. The Nutcracker is a holiday tradition around the world, and this production caters to that atmosphere. Enjoy this classic with the entire family!
\$30 General Admission; \$25 for children under 12, ASB/GWC Students, and Seniors

LA BAYADERE

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre
March 21 at 7pm; March 22 at 2:00pm
Mainstage Theater

This unique tale of love and fate showcases the harmonious rhythm of the company's corps de ballet and the skillful versatility of its lead dancers. Set in the royal India of the past,



Dance

La Bayadère exhibits a distinct style that threads continually through the choreography. It culminates with the legendary "Kingdom of the Shades," where a breathtaking parade of arabesque and rigorous adagio work highlights the talents of the company's corps de ballet. Ballet Repertory Theatre's La Bayadère will transport you to a world where the spirit of love endures against all odds. La Bayadère remains one of the great Petipa classics.

\$30 General Admission; \$25 for children under 12, ASB/GWC Students, and Seniors

CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

Presented by Ballet Repertory Theatre

May 9 at 7pm
Mainstage Theater

This represents the 2nd Choreography Showcase for Ballet Repertory Theatre. It features four completely brand new works by a variety of different choreographers. The performance consists of pieces by Dance Academy of Southern California faculty, student choreographers, and a world premier by a special guest choreographer! This production offers BRT members exposure to a variety of movement and provides the audience with a completely different experience compared to our more

classical productions. Come challenge yourself and enjoy new and innovative artwork in the making!

\$30 General Admission; \$25 for children under 12, ASB/GWC Students, and Seniors

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Leslie Bitong, Director

May 15 at 7:30pm; May 16 at 2:30pm

Mainstage Theater

The Golden West College Dance Department merges the talents of faculty and students in a concert that promises to be wildly entertaining. Celebrate the vibrancy of modern, jazz, and musical theater dance in American culture. Performed by the dynamic dancers of Golden West College and special guest artists.

Visit www.gwctickets.com to purchase tickets. For more information regarding performances or tickets, call the Theater Box Office at (714) 895-8150.





ART EXHIBITION: OBSESSIONS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 10 - October 3

GWC Art Gallery

Obsession: the domination of one's thoughts or feelings by a persistent idea, image, desire, etc.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, we welcome six artists to GWC Art Gallery for "Obsessions." Includes work by Michelle Andrade, Louis Jacinto, Leigh Salgado, Ed Valfre, and others. Curated by Tony Pinto. *Admission is free.*

Opening reception: September 11, 4 - 6pm

Gallery hours: Wednesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

ART EXHIBITION: SELF/NOT SELFIE

October 22 - November 14

GWC Gallery

"Self/Not Selfie" is a group show of self portraits by Los Angeles and Orange County area artists. The difference between a self-portrait and a selfie is artistic

intent. A self-portrait is a more formal, artistic representation, often conveying deeper meaning or emotion, and can be many mediums, including photography, drawing, and painting; a selfie is basically a snapshot - a casual, usually spontaneous photograph, typically taken with a smartphone. Curated by Tony Pinto. *Admission is free.*

Opening reception: October 23, 4 - 6pm

Gallery hours: Wednesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

HOLIDAY ART SALE

December 2 - 3

GWC Art Gallery

Each year, our Fine Arts students sell hand-crafted artwork in time for holiday gift-giving. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and purchase original ceramics, drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, and prints! A portion of the proceeds goes to the Guest Artist Lecture Fund. *Admission is free.*

December 2 and December 3, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Visit our website for updated schedule:
www.goldenwestcollege.edu/art-gallery

Fine Arts

ART EXHIBITION: MOTHER OF EXILES: FROM HER BEACON HAND

February 4 - 20
GWC Art Gallery

"Mother of Exiles: From Her Beacon Hand" explores a broad and inclusive image of the contemporary "American" identity – a picture inspired by "The New Colossus," the famous poem by Emma Lazarus linked to the Statue of Liberty. This vision of America would include all those who are "yearning to breathe free" and would serve as a world-wide beacon of hope to all those seeking freedom and refuge from oppression. The artists in this exhibition each hold a torch to illuminate the diverse communities for whom this American promise of freedom resonates. Curated by Jeff Rau. *Admission is free.*

Opening reception: February 5, 4 - 6pm
Gallery hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm

ART EXHIBITION: PERSISTENCE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March 11 - 27
GWC Art Gallery

Persistence is an exhibition in celebration of Women's History Month that features artwork from contemporary women artists whose work builds on or has been inspired by other women who have come before them. This generational pattern of continued affirmation, support, and advocacy has been an important hallmark in the continuing work of women artists, bringing light to historically overlooked or under-appreciated women and the messages they continue to carry forward with persistence. Curated by Jeff Rau. *Admission is free.*

Opening reception: March 12, 4 - 6pm
Gallery hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm

STUDENT ART SHOW

April 23 – May 15
GWC Art Gallery

This juried exhibition provides GWC Fine Arts students with the opportunity to display their work in a professional gallery. The community is invited to see some of the best artwork created in our studio art classes. Guest juror: Jeff Rau. *Admission is free.*

Opening reception: April 23, 4 - 6pm
Gallery hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 2pm

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Art Gallery

FINE ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Throughout the year, the Fine Art Gallery offers a diverse range of exhibitions by professional artists that provide GWC students, faculty, and staff as well as the community-at-large exposure to a wide variety of artistic practices.

GUEST ARTIST LECTURES

Each semester, the Fine Art department invites professional artists and art historians to speak to our students and the community about their work and careers.

GALLERY HOURS

Wednesday-Friday from 10am - 2pm. Gallery days and times are subject to change. Please call to ensure gallery is open: 714-895-8772.

CONTACT US

Guided tours and special group visits can be arranged in advance. Contact us at (714) 895-8316 or via email at gwcartgallery@gwc.cccd.edu. For additional information, please visit our website: www.goldenwestcollege.edu/art-gallery

FINE ART GALLERY - *Volunteers wanted*

Volunteers are needed in the Fine Art Gallery to greet patrons and answer questions. Contact the Arts & Letters division office at 714-895-8772 for more information.



TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

for Theater Arts, Music and Dance

ONLINE at www.gwctickets.com

IN PERSON The box office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm - 5pm. The box office is located at the front entrance of the Mainstage Theater on the GWC campus.

BY PHONE Charge your ticket orders by calling (714) 895-8150 during box office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm - 5:00 pm.

GROUP SALES We love GROUPS! Enjoy the thrill of live performance in the company of family, friends or colleagues! Groups of 10 or more enjoy discounts on every ticket. Contact the Box Office at (714) 895-8150.



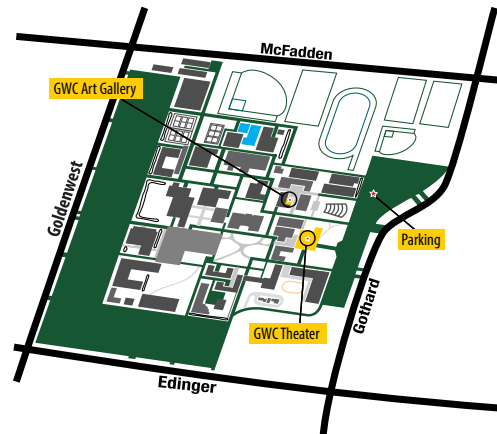
HOW TO GET HERE & PARK

15751 Gothard Street, Huntington Beach

Fwy 405 North, exit at Beach Blvd off-ramp, use exit designated "Huntington Beach." From Beach Blvd, turn right onto Center Avenue. The Mainstage Theater and Fine Art Gallery will be straight ahead.

Fwy 405 South, exit at Beach Blvd off-ramp. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Center Avenue. The Mainstage Theater and Fine Art Gallery will be straight ahead.

Fwy 22 East/West, exit Beach Blvd. Travel south, turning right onto Center Ave. The Mainstage Theater and Fine Art Gallery will be straight ahead.



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2025-26 THEATER SEASON PACKAGE

General \$75 – an \$11 savings over single ticket prices. This package includes our season of four Mainstage productions. Students & Seniors (age 60) \$65 – a \$9 savings over single ticket prices. Order your tickets today!



PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES

Personal listening devices are available to our Theater patrons. Please see the House Manager to obtain a device.



REFUNDS & EXCHANGES

There are no refunds on ticket purchases. Prior to the performance date, tickets may be exchanged for the same production only, pending availability. A \$3 transaction fee will be charged for all ticket exchanges.

PURCHASING TICKETS



Tickets for performances may be purchased online at www.gwctickets.com

For more information regarding performances or tickets, call the Theater Box Office: (714) 895-8150

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS VENUES



All Fine and Performing Arts venues are located at 15751 Gothard Street on the east side of the Golden West College campus at the corner of Gothard Street and Center Avenue.



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www.gwctickets.com*

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“TAKE A SEAT” CAMPAIGN:

TAKE A SEAT – LEAVE A LEGACY



Show your support for the Golden West College Theater Arts Department and honor someone special by sponsoring a new theater seat in their name. Seat naming is a wonderful gift for theater and performing arts lovers, and a lasting tribute to a family member or loved one. For only \$300, names will be engraved on a plaque affixed to one of the seats in GWC’s Mainstage Theater. Seats are limited...get yours before it’s too late!

As a seat donor, you will receive:

- Your name or the name of a loved one engraved on a plaque that will be permanently affixed to the theater seat in the Mainstage Theater (engraving is limited to two lines, 50 characters total, including spaces).
- A tax-deductible donation to the Golden West College Foundation, to the extent allowed by law.

***Please note:** Seat name recognition does not guarantee that you will be seated in that particular seat when you purchase a ticket to a performance.

www.gwchbfoundation.com

PARKING INFORMATION

Golden West College enforces parking Monday-Friday from 8am – 10pm. There is no charge for parking on Saturday or Sunday.

You can purchase a parking permit at any time through the Passport Parking app.

Or purchase parking passes online at: www.passportparking.com/

- Click GUEST LOGIN to start your account.



PARKING PERMIT PRICING

Daily Permit	\$5
Monthly Permit.	\$10
Annual Permit	\$100
Fall Semester Permit (September through January 31st)	\$40
Spring Semester Permit (February through May 31st)	\$40
Summer Permit (June through August 31st)	\$20

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Friends of the Arts

As a Friend of the Arts at Golden West College, you will receive exclusive benefits, including invitations to opening night festivities for various Fine & Performing Arts events, guest lectures and demonstrations, and backstage and costume shop tours.

Join a Friends group for just \$50 or become a member of all five for \$200! Your annual donation to support the arts at GWC is tax-deductible and helps us continue to bring the magic of the Fine and Performing Arts to our community. We deeply appreciate your generosity in supporting GWC's vibrant and dynamic arts program!

Please consider supporting the arts at GWC by joining one or more of the following groups:

- Friends of Theater
- Friends of the Fine Art Gallery
- Friends of Dance
- Friends of Instrumental Music
- Friends of Choral Music

For more information on becoming a Friend of the Arts at GWC, call (714) 895-8772 (Arts and Letters division) or (714) 895-8316 (GWC Foundation).



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