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I was told there was a "Woman's Building" near downtown L.A. What do women do there?

By Chris Nichols

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Two L.A. buildings went by that name. Fed up with being left out of the burgeoning L.A. art scene, artists Judy Chicago, Arlene Raven, and Sheila de Bretteville opened the downtown women's center in 1973 at the former Chouinard Art Institute near MacArthur Park. Galleries, classrooms, and performance spaces dedicated to women thrived. A couple of years later they moved to a brick building on Spring Street until the money ran dry in 1991. The building now houses art studios for rent. Relive the time at Doin' It In Public: Feminism and Art at the Women's Building, an exhibit at Otis College of Art and Design through February 22.



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