Petar Mandich is shaping the careers of some of YouTube’s hottest stars, and maybe the future of entertainment.

YOUTUBE’S GATEKEEPER

By Gene Maddaus
DANCE AND THEATER

Dance, Dance, Revolution

The Scarlet Stone is a dance-theater performance in which ancient Persian mythology meets modern-day events; it chronicles the struggles of young Iranians fighting for democracy and justice. Based on the poem written by Iranian political activist Siavash Kasrai while in exile, which was itself inspired by Ferdowsi's Shahnameh (think a Middle Eastern version of The Odyssey), the performance features internationally renowned dancers mixed with real-time video animation. It was adapted, directed and composed by Shahrokh Yadegari.
Gary Campbell. Cinefamily/Silent Movie Theatre, 611 N. Fairfax Ave., Fairfax; Sat., Aug. 29, 9:30 p.m.; $12. (323) 655-2510, cinefamily.org. —Sian Babayan

**COMICS**

**Honey, They Shrunk Comic-Con**

The San Fernando Valley Comic Book Convention has an intimate, old-timey vibe, with hourly raffles, dozens of vendors and a spathe of golden-age and silver-age comics, along with free pizza for the first 100 paid attendees. Special guests include retired policeman Ken Osmond, who played Eddie Haskell on Leave It to Beaver. Scott Tracy Griffin, an expert on the work of Edgar Rice Burroughs, also makes an appearance, as does Lana Wood, aka Plenty O'Toole in the 1971 James Bond film Diamonds Are Forever. The original model for Disney's Tinker Bell, Margaret Kerry, also stops by, along with other special guests. It's like a mini San Diego Comic-Con right in our own backyard. Granada Pavilion, 11128 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills; Sun., Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; $5; kids under 12 free. (818) 852-1384, facebook.com/SanFernandoValleyComicBookConvention. —Tanja M. Louden

**FOOD AND BOOKS**

**A Readable Feast**

Need some cookbooks to help deal with the overflow of late-summer produce? The Culinary Historians of Southern California's annual used cookbook sale is, conveniently, at the Hollywood Farmers Market. This is the place to find rare and classic cookbooks, magazines and other food-related ephemera. All sales benefit the Los Angeles Public Library's culinary collections, which are among the best in the world, and the source of the library's popular "To Live and Dine in L.A." exhibit, on view through Nov. 15. Hollywood Farmers Market, 1660 Ivar Ave., Hollywood; Sun., Aug. 30, 8 a.m.; free. chsc.org. —Sascha Bos

**COMEDY**

**Comedy Mishmash**

Previously held in downtown and Hollywood, the latest installment of Casey Rup and Kevin Riggin's comedy/music/art mash-up, Super Tight, tonight makes its way to Cinefamily. The comedy portion features stand-up comic Jay Wein Garten, DJ Dougpound of Tim & Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!, Alana Johnston singing selections from her album Self-Esteem Party and a musical by none other than writer-actor ("Star-Burns" on Community) Dino Stamatopoulos. TV Carnage's Derrick Beckles shows bad VHS video clips, Galen Pehrsdonn screens an animated short and band KrOn play synth grooves. Following the performances, the theater's patio displays art installations by Thom Rugo, Kyten Janas, Jeanette Bonds, Angela Stempel and Johnny Woods, in addition to food curated by Cinefamily chef...

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**STORYTELLING**

**Once Upon a Time**

The new monthly storytelling salon Origin Story carries on comic book movies' grand tradition of focusing on a person's beginnings. Hosted by Moth GrandSLAM winner Margot Leitman, the evening of exposition and exultation will include stories from voice-over actress and comedian Andrée Vermeulen, America's Funniest Home Videos' Jennifer Semler, actor and comedian Jonathan Bradley Welch, Jacob Reed of the improv group Bangarang! and Heather Sundell of the L.A. Times. UCB Sunset, 5419 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood; Mon., Aug. 31, 8:30 p.m.; free. (323) 908-8700, sunset. ucbsuntheatre.com. —David Cotner

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Margot Leitman of Origin Story: See Monday.

who was influenced by Iran's Green Movement, which launched protests after the 2009 election. The performance is in Persian with English subtitles. UCLA Royce Hall, 340 Royce Drive, Westwood; Sat., Aug. 29, 8 p.m.; $35-$810. (310) 825-4401, scarletstone.com. —Orly Minazad