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## North Hollywood's

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#### HUMMING WITH UNPRETENTIOUS CASUAL SOPHISTICATION,

The Garland is one of North Hollywood's rediscovered hot-spots. Named one of the "Top 15 Hotels in Los Angeles" in *Conde Nast Traveler's* 2015 Reader's Choice Awards, this retro-cool boutique hotel is also one of the San Fernando Valley's hippest wedding and reception locales.



Recognized for film and television actress Beverly Garland, whose husband built the oasis for her, The Garland has been a neighborhood fixture since the 1970s. "It's the personal touch that counts," Garland used to say, and it remains the mantra of the hotel to this day. Her son, James Crank, now oversees the property and its recent \$20 million redesign. "My goal in the renovation was to bring back Los Angeles in a simpler time," he says. "I wanted to highlight L.A.'s lost bohemian days of endless sunshine, macramé, pottery and color."

A visit to The Garland is like stepping back to another era. "The hotel remains recognizable from its 1971 grand opening," says Crank. "But it's all grown up, in all the right ways."

The redesign included the creation of a new wedding and event venue, Beverly Park. This stunning 4,000 square-foot "secret garden" is perfect for weddings and receptions. Towering sycamores, lush foliage, an enchanting fountain and Executive Chef Chris Turano's locally sourced, unparalleled culinary wizardry will make your event unforgettable.

The Garland offers proximity to Hollywood's most popular attractions without the chaos of an inner-city hotel. Quiet and relaxed, you're in good hands and close enough to the action for quick jaunts to cool spots.





**PLAY**

**Universal Studios**

Hop onto The Garland's free trolley to one of Los Angeles' most popular attractions. Spring for the VIP Experience for guided behind-the-scenes access to the famous backlot, sound stages and front-of-line access to all the rides.

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Enjoy an urban stroll through charming Studio City. Follow The Garland's map and keep an eye out for the original house used for the exterior shots of *The Brady Bunch*. Refuel at Aroma Coffee & Tea Company for an amazing cup of locally sourced coffee and magnificent baked delicacies. **ido!**

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