

125 YEARS OF EMPOWERING WOMEN



OUR STORY

The Ebell of Los Angeles is a philanthropic organization founded by women, for women in 1894. Originally created for education, art and equality during a time of less opportunity, the Ebell remains strong today. Our club supports dozens of non-profits and scholarships, in addition to hosting special events, live music, dinners and community forums. The motto, “I will find a way, or make one” aligns with our core mission to encourage the educational, cultural and social growth of the diverse Los Angeles community.

The club also hosts social and cultural events that inspire and empower. It is a gathering place to connect with artists, educators, authors, entertainers, speakers and politicians. The Ebell has been honored to host diverse and outstanding women such as Amelia Earhart, the last Queen of Romania and Michelle Obama.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ It was created to bring education and arts to women at a time when education was not accessible to most women.
- ▶ The historic Ebell Clubhouse and Theatre were built in 1927 and designed by renowned architect, Sumner Hunt.
- ▶ The Ebell Clubhouse and Theatre covers 83,000 square feet. The Wilshire Ebell Theatre has more than 1200 seats.
- ▶ Judy Garland was “discovered” on our Wilshire Ebell Theatre stage.
- ▶ Amelia Earhart made her last public appearance at the Ebell.
- ▶ The Ebell has been a favorite location for film and media, and has been featured in over 50 movies including *Forrest Gump*, *The Artist*, *The Wedding Crashers* and *The Curious Case of Benjamin Buttons*.
- ▶ The Ebell Costume Collection has more than 800 pieces dating back to the mid-1800s, lovingly preserved by our members.
- ▶ The RCA Endowment awards yearly grants totaling \$120,000 to 10 non-profits that help women and children in need.
- ▶ For 100 years the Ebell Scholarship Endowment has granted more than 5,000 scholarships to local college and university students.