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Los Angeles too often gets boiled down to its least interesting element: Hollywood. It's an insult to a region with a vibrant Koreatown (sit in the hot salt at Wi Spa and then feast on roast gui at Dong Il Jang); two nationally recognized high school show choirs (John Burroughs and Burbank); art galleries like the quirky Parker, in a Los Feliz mansion; and five professional sports teams, two of them soon moving to a new \$2.6 billion stadium. But in late 2019 there will be an honest-to-goodness Hollywood reason to visit L.A. After delays, the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures is scheduled to open in a Renzo Piano-designed complex on Wilshire Boulevard. Promised are interactive exhibits about the art and science of filmmaking, starry screenings in two theaters and to-die-for memorabilia — the collection includes a pair of ruby slippers, 12 million photographs, 61,000 posters and 190,000 video assets. BROOKS BARNES



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