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Bling! went the strings of the Metro hearts

- Operation 'Metro Love' etched a Valentine's Day message onto the L.A. skyline
- [\[LINK\]](#) Postcards from L.A. > Creative Services photographer Peter Watkinson in Downtown

Photographed by Mark Clifford



(Feb. 15, 2008) Metro's iconic lighting of the Headquarters building on Valentine's Day inspired Los Angeles photographer Mark Clifford to capture the Metro heart as it sparkled in the Los Angeles skyline on the romantic evening of Valentine's Day.

Thanks to clear skies swept clean after a morning drizzle by northwest winds in the early evening hours, the heart-shaped light configuration on all four sides of the Metro Headquarters shone crisp and clear throughout the night.

Three local network television stations -- KABC 7, KCAL 9, and KCOP 13 -- broadcasted fly-over shots during the 11 o'clock news.

The volunteer effort to stage the massive light show went off nearly without a hitch, said organizer Michele Moore, a designer in Creative Services. Moore thanked the volunteers for their "tireless efforts" that involved checking the window blinds on all 25 floors, at least twice, and patching errant windows reported out-of-alignment by volunteers stationed on the ground.

"I was impressed at what we accomplished despite the locked doors, dead cell phones, and pressing engagements," she said in a thank-you e-mail to volunteers the morning after.

"Great job!" said Maya Emsden, DEO, Creative Services, who likened the effort to corralling cats. "And, what cool cats!"

The 20-some cadre of energetic volunteers, often aided on the spot by helping hands from various cubicles, began their prowl at 4 p.m. and continued until the lights became visible in the evening sky.

-- from Gayle Anderson

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