

# Grants for the Arts

 Annual Report 2015 / 2016



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*Cover, clockwise, from top:*  
**Epiphany Productions'** Trolley Dance, with dancers, from left, Ong Nitipat Polchoi, Megan Lowe and Colin Epstein. PHOTO: Andy Mogg • "Suite J-Town: The Art of Resilience," **First Voice's** performance events celebrating the history of Japantown. PHOTO: Courtesy First Voice • Aleah Bradshaw at **Youth Speaks'** 2015 Teen Poetry Slam. PHOTO: Bethanie Hines • John Santos Sextet and guest Jose Roberto Hernandez with Soltrón band members at **Acción Latina's** 34th Annual Encuentro del Canto Popular. PHOTO: Russell Diaz



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### Grants for the Arts: A Continuing Legacy of Support for San Francisco Arts and Culture



PHOTO: Jack Hutch

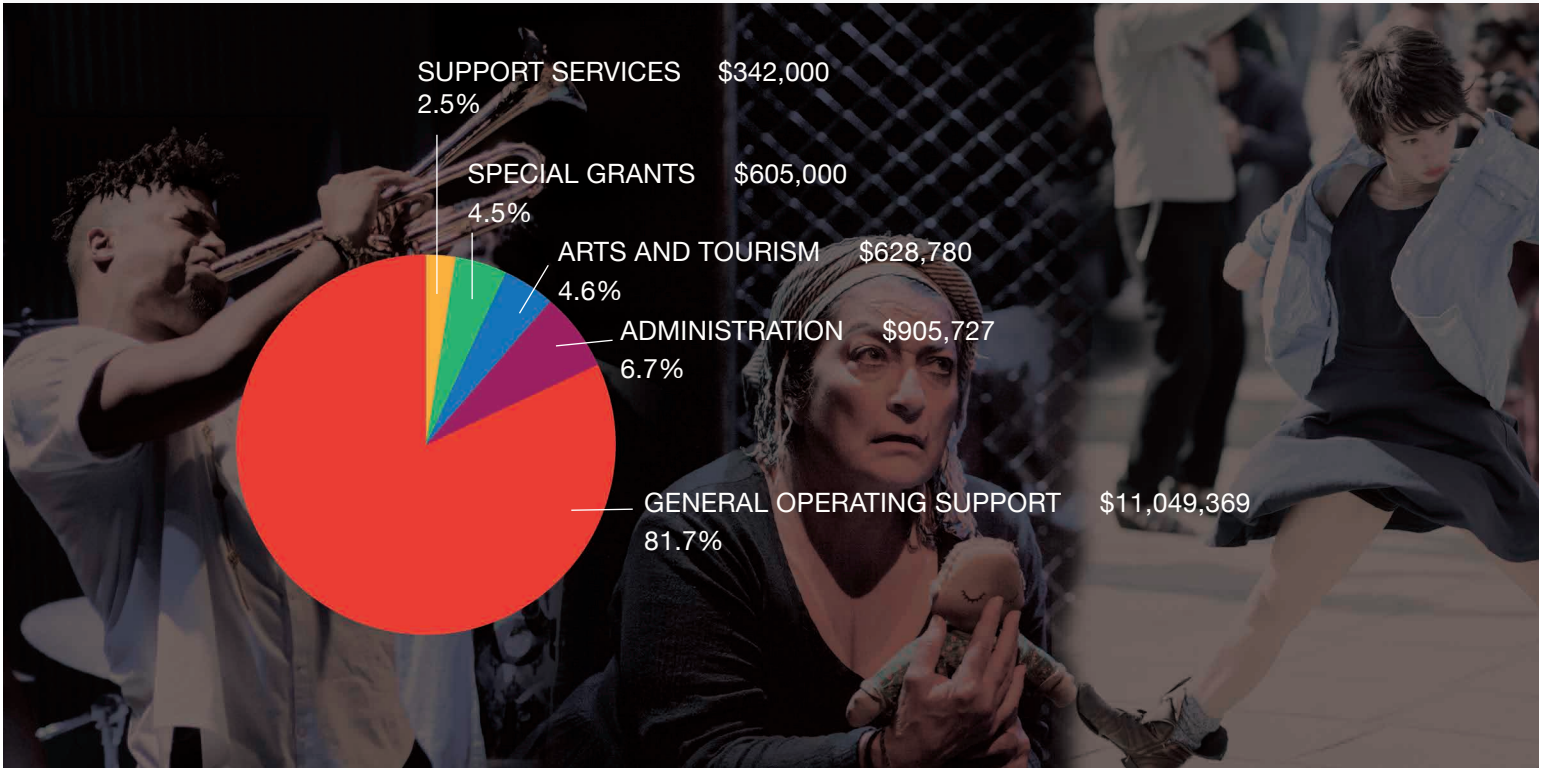
Dear Friends,

San Francisco has a long history as a world-class center for arts and culture. Maintaining such a high level of artistic achievement, particularly in this time of rapid social transformation, requires a continued investment in the community that creates our diverse and dynamic arts scene. Grants for the Arts has been providing such investment for 54 years, making it one of the nation's oldest civic-funded arts patrons. As our city has continued to grow and change, Grants for the Arts has given essential support to hundreds of San Francisco-based arts organizations. In the coming decades, we look forward to their continued excellence in the cultivation of the deep and varied artistic resources that help make San Francisco both a top destination for visitors, and a wonderful place to live.

**Naomi Kelly**  
City Administrator



# FY 2015-2016 budget



SUPPORT SERVICES line item includes: Northern California Community Loan Fund for support services to nonprofit organizations seeking office, rehearsal and performance or exhibition space in the city; Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center Festival Grants Program to support artists for technical and production assistance, in addition to an artist stipend; Center for Cultural Innovation for the Creative Capacity Fund; Theater Bay Area to support the CASH Program; San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music to support the Musical Grants Program; Southern Exposure to support the Alternative Exposures grant program; Queer Cultural Center to support Creating Queer Community; and insurance for civic events including the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the New Year's Fireworks.

SPECIAL GRANTS includes support to the San Francisco Film Commission, Fleet Week, City Guides and the Arts Commission Gallery.



### Annual Grants to San Francisco Arts Organizations

Grants for the Arts (GFTA) provides a stable, dependable base of support for the city's arts and cultural organizations that meet its funding criteria. In fulfilling its mission of "promoting the city through support of the arts," GFTA annually funds nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that help promote San Francisco as a destination for regional, national and international visitors. Grants for the Arts is committed to supporting the broadest spectrum of the San Francisco arts community.

GFTA's relationship with the city's nonprofit groups is unique in terms of national municipal support of the arts because funding is not linked to specific projects or productions. Instead, the annual grant program is designed to provide a consistent source of funds for general operating expenses. Grants for the Arts funding levels are determined on a progressive basis, with smaller budget organizations receiving a larger percentage of their budgets and larger groups a smaller percentage from the Fund. San Francisco's largest cultural institutions are given important sustaining funds in recognition of their world-renowned artistic contributions and economic importance to the city. The majority of the funds (nearly 70%) goes to the small and midsize organizations of all disciplines and cultures.

*On the following pages are the nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that received Grants for the Arts annual support for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. New groups are demarcated in red.*



# Dance



*Clockwise from top:* PUSH Dance Company artists, from left, Ashley Gayle, Kao Vey Saephanh, Elizabeth Sheets and Katerina Wong. PHOTO: Matt Haber • Antoine Hunter, Rashad Pridgen, Travis Rowland and Matthew Wickett in Zaccho Dance Theatre's "Dying While Black and Brown." PHOTO: Kegan Marling • Performances by Gamelan Sekar Jaya, left, and Tiruchitrambalam at San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival/World Arts West, 2016. PHOTOS: RJ Muna



**\$1,730,540**

**ABADA Capoeira San Francisco** is dedicated to teaching, promoting and preserving the Brazilian dance form capoeira.

\$32,020  
3221 22nd Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.206.0650  
www.abada.org

**Alonzo King LINES Ballet** develops new work blending classical ballet, ethnic and modern dance; tours regionally, nationally and internationally.

\$102,110  
26 Seventh Street, 5th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.863.3040  
www.linesballet.org

**Amy Seiwert's Imagery** is a contemporary ballet company founded by choreographer Amy Seiwert in 2004 to express her belief that the language of classical ballet has relevance for the current time. The group has received a number of local dance awards, is routinely lauded by critics, and performs an annual season locally and also tours.

\$11,820  
613 Peralta Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.305.8900  
www.asimagery.com

**Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers**, a woman-centered dance ensemble, is dedicated to fostering cross-cultural collaboration that examines difficult contemporary issues.

\$18,900  
3574 22nd Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.602.3777  
www.abdproductions.org

**Capacitor** dance company's work is inspired by technology and science, incorporating multimedia, martial arts and acrobatics.

\$17,500  
645 Haight Street, #11  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.308.1952  
www.capacitor.org

**Carolina Lugo's & Carole Acuna's Ballet Flamenco** is recognized as one of the top Flamenco and Spanish dance companies in the Americas, representing a diversity of cultures from around the globe and presented in television, dinner theater, cabaret venues, opera and symphonic formats.

\$5,000  
925 Mission Street, Suite 109  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.933.9391  
www.carolinalugo.com

**Chhandam Chitresh Das Dance** tours nationally and internationally, presents new and traditional works as well as international festivals, and runs the Chhandam School, the largest kathak institution in North America, with sister schools in Boston, Toronto, Mumbai and Kolkata.

\$43,310  
2325 Third Street, Suite 320  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.333.9000  
www.kathak.org

**Chinese Cultural Productions** features the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company, which presents classical, folk and modern dances based on the traditions of China's various ethnic groups.

\$27,350  
Fort Mason Center,  
Landmark Bldg. C-353  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.474.4829  
www.lilycaidance.org

**Dance Brigade**, a contemporary dance theater company, also produces and presents a variety of programs at Dance Mission Theater, a venue in the Mission District.

\$61,560  
3316 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.826.4401  
www.dancebrigade.org

**Dancers' Group** presents local dancers' work in admission-free public performances; serves as a fiscal sponsor for local artists; publishes a monthly newspaper; administers regrating programs; and supports the exchange of information about performances, arts spaces and artistic opportunities via online and email platforms.

\$61,190  
44 Gough Street, Suite 201  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.920.9181  
www.dancersgroup.org

*Following page:* Dancers Brendan Barthel and Norma Fong in **Robert Moses' Kin's** "SILT." PHOTO: RJ Muna







**Deborah Slater Dance Theater/Art of the Matter** presents work dealing with topical issues, combining original dance, theater and music with multimedia images.

\$12,940  
3288 21st Street, #71  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.267.7687  
www.artofthematter.org

**Epiphany Productions/Sonic Dance Theater** is an interdisciplinary company dedicated to the artistic vision of dance experimenter Kim Epifano, who collaborates with diverse artists to produce original works.

\$16,500  
925 Mission Street, Suite 109  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.647.1443  
www.epiphanydance.org

**Flyaway Productions** dance company produces site-specific as well as traditional venue dances, often using aerial apparatus.

\$19,000  
1068 Bowdoin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94134  
415.672.4111  
www.flyawayproductions.com

**Garrett Moulton Productions** contemporary dance company strives to be an ongoing creative force in the Bay Area, presenting annual home seasons as well as touring.

\$28,090  
351 Shotwell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.864.6716  
www.janicegarrettanddancers.org

**Hope Mohr Dance** creates, presents and fosters contemporary dance at the intersection of critical thinking and the body through two core components: to engage in rigorous creative inquiry that manifests in artistic excellence, and to deepen critical discourse around dance.

\$5,000  
P.O. Box 225237  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415.867.5570  
www.hopemohr.org

**Jess Curtis/Gravity Inc.**, a “research and development vehicle” for live performance, focuses on creating an engaging and highly physical entertainment that addresses ideas of substance and relevance to a broad public.

\$24,050  
849 Divisadero Street, #4  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.435.7549  
www.jesscurtisgravity.org

**Joe Goode Performance Group** is a modern dance company stretching the traditional boundaries of dance and theater.

\$47,740  
499 Alabama Street #150  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.561.6565  
www.joegoode.org

**Lenora Lee Dance** gives artistic voice to the experiences of Asian Americans through the creation and presentation of large scale interdisciplinary dance works integrating movement, music, video projection and text that tell stories of family, community and transformation in the face of the challenges of building a life in America.

\$11,820  
44 Montgomery Street, #2310  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.816.9376  
www.lenoraleedance.com

**LEVYdance**, a modern dance company, ignites its audience’s awareness of shared human experience through the art of dance.

\$20,460  
19 Heron Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.701.1300  
www.levydance.org

**Margaret Jenkins Dance Company** is dedicated to the making and touring of new work, international exchange, and community programs.

\$66,700  
507 Polk Street, #320  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.861.3940  
www.mjdc.org

**Mark Foehringer Dance Project** is a classical ballet company that creates both dynamic and lyrical dances that often contain comedic elements.

\$20,670  
1388 Haight Street, #28  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.640.2784  
www.mfdpsf.org

## Dance *(continued)*

**Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu**, a modern hula troupe translated as “the many feathered wreaths at the summit held in high esteem,” produces an annual season and performs to audiences across the country.

\$46,730

153 Bradford Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.647.3040  
www.naleihulu.org

**ODC/San Francisco** is a major modern dance company presenting work by its three founding choreographers in local seasons, plus national and international tours.

\$123,390

351 Shotwell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.863.6606  
www.odcdance.org

### **Presidio Performing Arts Foundation Presidio Dance**

**Theatre** creates cultural change, global dialogue and human connection through the artistry of dance, adhering to the philosophy that dance can deepen human connections, share the collective wisdom of worldwide cultures, and reinforce compassion among performers and audiences alike.

\$11,820

P.O. Box 29066  
San Francisco, CA 94141  
415.561.3958  
www.presididance.org

**PUSH Dance Company** performs vibrant contemporary dances that provide audiences with an opportunity to examine issues of identity and intersecting cultures based on a philosophy that pure movement and intellect can coexist.

\$5,000

P.O. Box 191974  
San Francisco, CA 94119  
415.439.9806  
www.pushdance.org

**RAWdance**, a company committed to driven, visceral movement, explores the power and vulnerability of the human body; it produces its own work and the CONCEPT series, a works-in-progress salon that features the work of many local dance artists.

\$11,800

105 Sanchez Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.686.0728  
www.rawdance.org

**Robert Moses' Kin** is a multiethnic dance ensemble performing innovative modern dance works.

\$25,370

870 Market Street, Suite 567  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.252.8384  
www.robertmoseskin.org

**San Francisco Ballet**, universally acknowledged as one of the world's preeminent ballet companies, brings together the finest international artists and cutting-edge productions with a passionate and knowledgeable audience, both locally and around the globe.

\$407,900

455 Franklin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.861.5600  
www.sfballet.org

**San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival/World Arts West** is a festival of dance forms from around the world presented annually in June at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. The festival, which has featured thousands of local artists, was created by Grants for the Arts in 1978.

\$217,110

Fort Mason Center  
2 Marina Boulevard, Bldg.D #230  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.474.3914  
www.worldartswest.org

**San Francisco Hip Hop Dance Festival** is an international festival featuring dance “crews” from all over the United States, Canada and parts of Europe.

\$22,200

P.O. Box 411492  
San Francisco, CA 94141  
415.297.9740  
www.sfhiphopdancefest.com



**Scott Wells & Dancers**, a contemporary dance ensemble, creates highly energetic work created as a result of touch, impact or collision with other dancers.

\$13,900

1805 Divisadero Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.931.8648  
www.scottwellsdance.com

**Smuin Ballet** carries on the legacy of Tony- and Emmy-award winner Michael Smuin by bringing the joy of dance to new and existing audiences in the Bay Area through innovative performances of uncompromising quality.

\$113,160

44 Gough Street, Suite 103  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.556.5000  
www.smuinballet.org

**Theatre Flamenco of San Francisco**, one of the city's oldest companies, is a professional ensemble that performs dances with roots in Spain as well as from Latin America, featuring both local and international artists.

\$12,400

952 Carolina Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.826.1305  
www.theatreflamenco.org

**Yaelisa & Caminos Flamencos** is dedicated to producing Flamenco programs with a fresh, contemporary approach, reflecting the contemporary Flamenco Nuevo movement.

\$26,000

26 Seventh Street, 5th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
510.531.9986  
www.caminosflamencos.com

**Zaccho Dance Theatre** creates and presents performance work that investigates dance as it relates to place, focusing on making dances that use natural, architectural and cultural environments as points of departure for movement exploration and narrative.

\$40,030

1777 Yosemite Avenue, #330  
San Francisco, CA 94124  
415.822.6744  
www.zaccho.org



Chin-chin Hsu in "Fire of Freedom"  
by **Lenora Lee Dance**. PHOTO: Robbie  
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# Literary Arts



*Clockwise from top:* Sarah O'Neal at Youth Speaks' 2015 Teen Poetry Slam. PHOTO: Bethanie Hines • RADAR Productions' Drag Queen Story Hour featuring Persia, Harvey Milk Library. PHOTO: Virgie Tovar • From the Best of Playground Festival, Rebecca Pingree, Carla Pantoja, Jomar Tagatac and Dodds Delzell in William Bivins' "Symmetrical Smack-Down," directed by Jim Kleinmann. PHOTO: mellopix.com



**\$277,620**

**Center for the Art of Translation**

promotes international literature and translation to connect readers, students and audiences with writing from around the world, and makes great literature accessible to readers and communities through a literary event series, publications and an education program.

\$20,700

582 Market Street, Suite 700  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.563.2463  
[www.catranslation.org](http://www.catranslation.org)

**City Arts and Lectures** presents several series of lectures, conversations and other literary activities with well-known authors and cultural figures.

\$55,720

1955 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.563.2463  
[www.cityarts.net](http://www.cityarts.net)

**Litquake**, an annual literary festival, presents an eclectic range of Bay Area, national and international authors in a series of readings, performances and “cross-media literary happenings.”

\$26,030

57 Post Street, Suite 604  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.750.1497  
[www.litquake.org](http://www.litquake.org)

**PlayGround**, a leading Bay Area playwright incubator, supports the development of new writers and new plays through commissions, co-productions, a Young Playwrights Project and the annual Best of PlayGround Festival.

\$26,440

268 Bush Street, #2912  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.992.6677  
[www.playground-sf.org](http://www.playground-sf.org)

**Playwrights Foundation** supports the work of contemporary American playwrights by producing the annual Bay Area Playwrights Festival, as well as other events and programs throughout the year.

\$37,870

1616 16th Street, Suite 350  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.626.2176  
[www.playwrightsfoundation.org](http://www.playwrightsfoundation.org)

**Poetry Center**, based at San Francisco State University, presents poets and writers drawn from the full spectrum of contemporary literature.

\$25,020

1600 Holloway Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
415.338.2227  
[www.sfsu.edu/~poetry](http://www.sfsu.edu/~poetry)

**RADAR Productions** presents a monthly reading series featuring emerging queer writers, as well as events featuring more well-known talent at venues throughout the city.

\$21,080

1953 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.216.9641  
[www.radarproductions.org](http://www.radarproductions.org)

**Small Press Traffic Literary Arts**

**Center** promotes and supports experimental writers of all ages, ethnicities, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds through readings, dialogues and commissioning work.

\$8,320

1111 Eighth Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.551.9278  
[www.sptraffic.org](http://www.sptraffic.org)

**Youth Speaks**, through the intersection of arts education, youth development practices, civic engagement strategies and quality artistic presentation, creates safe spaces that challenge youth to find, develop, publicly present and apply their voices as creators of societal change.

\$56,440

1663 Mission Street, Suite 604  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.255.9035  
[www.youthspeaks.org](http://www.youthspeaks.org)



# Media



*Clockwise from top:* Eric Garcia, StormMiguel Florez, Shawna Virago and Sean Dorsey at the 2015 **San Francisco Transgender Film Festival**. PHOTO: Lydia Daniller • Buffy Sainte Marie at the **American Indian Film Institute's** 2015 motion picture awards gala. PHOTO: Courtesy AIFI • Still from "On the Bride's Side," 2014, **Arab Film Festival**. PHOTO: Marco Garofalo © GINA Films

**\$577,070**

**3rd I.S.E. International South Asian Film Festival** is committed to promoting diverse images of South Asians through independent film with monthly screening events and the annual SF International South Asian Film Festival.

\$21,290

992 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.824.3890  
www.thirdi.org

**American Indian Film Festival** is the oldest international festival showcasing films and videos by and about Native Americans.

\$40,300

333 Valencia Street, Suite 322  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.554.0525  
www.aifisf.com

**Arab Film Festival** showcases independent films with Arab themes to enhance understanding of Arab cultures and experiences.

\$22,770

3739 Balboa Street, Suite 125  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
415.564.1100  
www.aff.org

**Artists' Television Access** supports the production and exhibition of work by new artists in video, film, visual arts and multimedia performances.

\$12,500

992 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.824.3890  
www.atasite.org

**Berlin and Beyond**, presented by the Goethe-Institut San Francisco, is America's leading festival of new and celebrated films from Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

\$11,100

530 Bush Street, Suite 204  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.263.8760  
www.goethe.de/sanfrancisco

**Center for Asian American Media** presents CAAMFEST, an annual Asian American film festival.

\$60,520

145 Ninth Street, Suite 350  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.863.0814  
www.asianamericanmedia.org

**Frameline** presents the annual San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival, offers free screenings of socially relevant films to the local community, makes completion grants to LGBT filmmakers, and distributes their work nationally.

\$69,690

145 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.703.8650  
www.frameline.org

**Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project** creates, exhibits and distributes new films that reflect the lives of queer women of color and presents the free, annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival.

\$27,050

59 Cook Street  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
415.752.0868  
www.qwocmap.org

**Roxie Theater** promotes and preserves the art of film and encourages independent filmmaking and artistic experimentation through daily film screenings, specialty film festivals, self-produced series, live events, educational programs and visual arts exhibitions.

\$21,210

3117 16th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103-3327  
415.431.3611  
www.roxie.com

**San Francisco Cinematheque** presents year-round screenings of art film classics, neglected films, and works by local and national avant-garde filmmakers.

\$14,800

55 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.552.1990  
www.sfcinematheque.org

**San Francisco Film Society** presents the annual San Francisco International Film Festival and a year-round array of exhibition, education and filmmaker services programs.

\$124,840

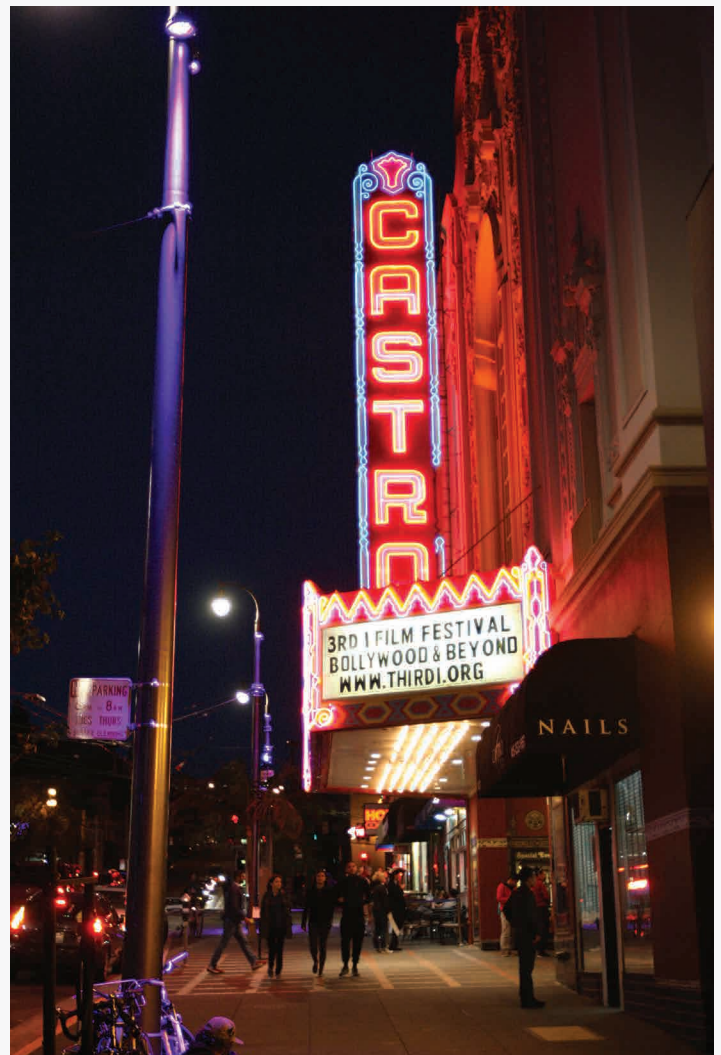
39 Mesa Street, Suite 110  
The Presidio  
San Francisco, CA 94129  
415.561.5000  
www.sffs.org

**San Francisco Independent Film Festival** produces a season that includes “IndieFest,” a February festival of screenings and events dedicated to the presentation of independent film, video and animation; “DocFest,” a May documentary film festival; and “Another Hole in the Head,” a horror/fantasy film festival held in June.  
\$34,990  
2240 16th Street, Suite 107  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.820.3907  
www.sfindie.com

**San Francisco Jewish Film Festival**, the world’s oldest and largest independent Jewish film festival, promotes awareness and pride in the diversity of the Jewish experience and people.  
\$59,540  
145 Ninth Street, Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.621.0556  
www.sjfff.org

**San Francisco Silent Film Festival** presents four days of a diverse selection of films made during the silent era with live musical accompaniment at the Castro Theatre.  
\$49,870  
145 Ninth Street, Suite 230  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.777.4908  
www.silentfilm.org

**San Francisco Transgender Film Festival** builds a strong and diverse queer community by screening films and videos that promote transgender visibility by challenging the mainstream media’s negative stereotypes, and by providing transgender media artists opportunities to reach their intended audiences.  
\$6,600  
375 27th Street, #A  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415.420.1630  
www.sftff.org



Castro Theatre marquee announces the 3rd i San Francisco International South Asian Film Festival, 2015. PHOTO: Najib Joe Hakim





# Multi-Arts



*Clockwise from top left: MEDIATE Art Group's "Submerged Turntables," by Evan and Karina Holm, at the California Academy of Sciences. PHOTO: William Hollander • Dezi Solè in a Queer Rebel Productions' program at African American Art & Culture Complex. PHOTO: Robbie Sweeny • Rhodessa Jones (front) and cast in Cultural Odyssey's Birthright? piece entitled "Woman Holding Bowl." PHOTO: David Wilson*



**\$1,147,190**



**509 Cultural Center** is dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the Tenderloin neighborhood with multicultural programming featuring performing artists and gallery exhibits.

\$39,230

1007 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.255.5971  
www.luggagestoregallery.org

### **Arab Cultural and Community**

**Center**, established in 1973 as a community-based organization for the growing Arab immigrant population in the Bay Area, presents an array of activities at its facility and off-site, including the Arab Cultural Festival and Arab Women's Conference.

\$5,000

2 Plaza Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415.664.2200  
www.arabculturalcenter.org

**Asian Improv aRts** supports the creation, production, performance and recording of new Asian American work in music, poetry and dance.

\$33,600

44 Montgomery Street, Suite 2310  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.908.3636  
www.asianimprov.org

### **Brava! For Women in the Arts**

produces, co-presents and presents a variety of theater, music, spoken word and film activities by local and touring artists in its renovated 370-seat Mission District venue.

\$71,850

2781 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.641.7657  
www.brava.org

**California Institute of Integral Studies' Performing Arts Series**, housed within Public Programs & Performances (PPAP), has as its mission to uplift and engage Bay Area communities by offering a local showcase of global performing arts and educational events.

\$15,550

1453 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.575.6176  
www.ciis.edu/public\_programs

**CounterPulse** is building a movement of risk-taking art that shatters assumptions and builds community, providing space and resources for emerging artists and cultural innovators, and serving as an incubator for the creation of socially relevant, community-based art and culture.

\$44,810

80 Turk Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.626.2060  
www.counterpulse.org

**Croatian American Cultural Center** fosters the arts and culture of Croatia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Balkans; GFTA supports its public events, including the Croatian Heritage Festival, San Francisco Tamburitza Festival, Hungarian Dance House and the Festival of the Mandolins.

\$37,500

60 Onondaga Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
510.649.0941  
www.croatianAmericanWeb.org

**CubaCaribe** preserves and promotes the vibrant cultural and artistic heritage of Cuba, the Caribbean and the wider African diaspora through classes, performances and exhibitions, including an annual festival each spring.

\$11,400

3316 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110-3803  
415.826.4441  
www.cubacaribe.org

**Cultural Odyssey** creates, produces and presents original interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary works rooted in African American music, dance and theatrical traditions.

\$37,900

PO Box 156680  
San Francisco, CA 94115-6680  
415.292.1850  
www.culturalodyssey.org

**Duniya Dance and Drum Company** performs and teaches traditional and unique blends of dance and percussion-based music from Punjab, India, and Guinea, West Africa, in a range of program formats, from traditional proscenium shows to performances and dance lessons at San Francisco clubs and restaurants, and presentations at free public festivals and parades. The company also tours and teaches classes at schools throughout the West Coast, and travels annually to West Africa.

\$11,820

1832 Castro Street  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415.401.5948  
www.duniyadance.com

**First Voice** produces, presents and sponsors performing arts projects that explore the Asian American experience through storytelling and Asian-influenced jazz expressions that blend past and present.

\$27,700

41 Parsons Street, Suite A  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
415.221.0601  
www.firstvoice.org

**Footloose Dance Company** produces and presents a mixed format of original theater, dance, music, improvisational comedy and film/video.

\$13,750

P.O. Box 885393  
San Francisco, CA 94188  
415.920.2223  
www.ftloose.org

**Fort Mason Center** provides several well-equipped venues for diverse small and midsize groups from all performing arts disciplines, subsidized by GFTA funding to the Fort Mason Center Presents series.

\$45,930

Fort Mason Center  
2 Marina Boulevard, Bldg. A  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.345.7500  
www.fortmason.org

**Fresh Meat Productions** creates, presents and tours multidisciplinary transgender arts programs, including performance, film and the work of resident company Sean Dorsey Dance.

\$27,050

375 27th Street, Apt. A  
San Francisco, CA 94131-2011  
415.355.0071  
www.freshmeatproductions.org

**Genryu Arts** promotes, presents and participates in Japanese and Japanese American culture through taiko (Japanese drumming) and other traditional and contemporary music and dance forms.

\$12,300

2345 Bush Street, #12  
San Francisco, CA 94115-0282  
415.420.3151  
www.genryuarts.org

**Humanities West** presents multidisciplinary programs in the arts and humanities that complement lectures on history, economics, politics, literature and the arts with live performances of music, drama and dance.

\$30,450

P.O. Box 546  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.391.9700  
www.humanitieswest.org

**Intersection for the Arts**, a broad-based, community-focused group presents theater, performance art, literary arts, visual arts and music in its exhibition/performance space in the Central Market/South of Market district.

\$54,700

925 Mission Street, Suite 109  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.626.2787  
www.theintersection.org

**Jewish Community Center of San Francisco** presents lectures from renowned authors, newsmakers and thought leaders along with multidisciplinary performances, including dance, theater, music, film and family events.

\$41,250

3200 California Street  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
415.292.1200  
www.jccsf.org

**Kearny Street Workshop** produces, presents and promotes the work of Asian American artists in all disciplines.

\$16,450

1246 Folsom Street, #100  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.503.0520  
www.kearnystreet.org

**Kulintang Arts**, popularly known as Kularts, presents contemporary and tribal Pilipino arts.

\$20,000

474 Faxon Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415.239.0249  
www.kularts.org

**The Lab SF**, an interdisciplinary organization, supports the development and presentation of new visual, performing, media and literary art.

\$18,770

2948 16th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.864.8855  
www.thelab.org

**The Long Now Foundation** initiates and inspires conversations about long-term thinking through year-round live programs that explore the theme of “longer, slower, better” and build community through new ideas in music, art and creativity.

\$5,000

Fort Mason Center, Building A  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.561.6582  
www.longnow.org

**The Marsh** annually presents hundreds of diverse productions in its multivenue space in the Mission.  
\$59,580  
1062 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.282.6024  
www.themarsh.org

**MEDIATE Art Group** showcases contemporary sound, installation and performance works primarily through its Soundwave Festival, a summer-long sound and arts festival that draws audiences to unconventional environments for site-specific multidisciplinary performance experiences and is the culmination of a curated two-year program.  
\$5,000  
P.O. Box 170305  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.484.6278  
www.me-di-ate.net

**ODC Theater**, a multipurpose venue, offers a broad range of local, national and international artists in contemporary and traditional dance, music, performance and poetry.  
\$53,240  
351 Shotwell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.863.6606  
www.odcdance.org

**OX**, founded in 2008 by performance artist Mica Sigourney, presents arts events exploring themes of family, lineage, history, race and class issues, transgender issues and the significance of drag.  
\$11,200  
1310 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
347.243.7439  
www.cargocollective.com/mi-casigourney

**Queer Rebel Productions** explores the histories of LGBT people of color, builds community, fosters intergenerational dialogue, and has launched experimental film, poetry and music programs.  
\$5,000  
762 Fulton Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.308.9883  
www.queerrebel.com

**Red Poppy Art House** serves as a performance venue, art gallery, and community resource, hosting more than 100 events per year, including concerts, art exhibits, workshops and artist residencies.  
\$14,160  
2698 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
www.redpoppyarthouse.org

**SAFEhouse Arts** (formerly SAFEhouse for the Performing Arts) presents multidisciplinary arts performances; provides low-cost space and technical support for emerging performers to self-produce with a focus on performance art, LGBT groups and contemporary dance; and produces the West Wave Dance Festival.  
\$25,750  
1 Grove Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.518.1517  
www.safehousearts.org

**San Francisco Center for the Book** is the only center in the Western United States for the creation and display of various forms of “book art,” including fine printing, book structures, lettering and more.  
\$55,160  
375 Rhode Island Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.565.0545  
www.sfcfb.org

**San Francisco Performances** presents internationally acclaimed and emerging artists in recitals, chamber music concerts, jazz and dance programs.  
\$139,050  
500 Sutter Street, Suite 710  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.398.6449  
www.performances.org

*Following page: Red Tipped Worms from Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu's "MU," a production of First Voice, costumes by Beaver Bauer. PHOTO: Courtesy First Voice*







**Society for Art Publications of the Americas** presents cross-cultural and multidisciplinary visual arts exhibits, musical performances and public forums to expand the audience for contemporary art, particularly that of international artists.

\$30,450

1007 General Kennedy Avenue,  
Suite 209  
San Francisco, CA 94129  
415.398.7229  
[www.meridiangallery.org](http://www.meridiangallery.org)

**Stern Grove Festival Association** presents free, high-quality performances for all Bay Area residents and visitors; provides paid opportunities for professional artists and performing groups in the summer months; serves diverse audiences by presenting a season of varied musical and performance genres and artists; and enhances San Francisco's renown as a world center of arts and culture.

\$71,430

832 Folsom Street, Suite 1000  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.252.6253  
[www.sterngrove.org](http://www.sterngrove.org)

**Z Space**, a hub for artists and audiences to revel in the creation, development and production of outstanding new work, commissions, develops, presents and produces a full season of new works from a variety of disciplines including theater, dance, music, performance art and new media.

\$55,160

499 Alabama Street, #450  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.626.0453  
[www.zspace.org](http://www.zspace.org)



*Left: OX production of "Birthday or Boats," commissioned by the FRESH Festival, 2015. PHOTO: Robin Sweeney • Tanya Bello's Project. B. performance at SAFEhouse Arts' West Wave Dance Festival, 2015. PHOTO: Suzanne Bronk*



# Music



*Clockwise from top:* New Orleans trumpeter Christian Scott at SFJAZZ. PHOTO: Ronald Davis • Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the San Francisco Symphony. PHOTO: Bill Swerbenski • Loco Bloco drummers at Dia de los Muertos event, 2014. PHOTO: Courtesy Loco Bloco

**\$2,852,840**



## Music

**Acción Latina** presents an annual fall concert series of music from throughout Latin America and the United States.

\$19,370

2958 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.648.1045

[www.accionlatina.org/encuentro](http://www.accionlatina.org/encuentro)

**American Bach Soloists** presents and records historically informed, virtuoso instrumental and vocal performances of Baroque and early classical music.

\$47,220

44 Page Street, Suite 403  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.621.7900

[www.americanbach.org](http://www.americanbach.org)

**Bay Area Omni Foundation for the Performing Arts** presents concerts featuring a variety of world-renowned and emerging acoustic guitarists who explore the stylistic range of the instrument.

\$24,440

PMB 1, 236 West Portal Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94127  
415.242.4500

[www.omniconcerts.com](http://www.omniconcerts.com)

**Bay Area Rainbow Symphony** provides a safe, supportive environment for musicians of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, and performs works by LGBTQ Composers; produces concerts in the spring, summer and fall; and is one of seven LGBTQ orchestras in the United States, and one of only 12 worldwide.

\$9,400

2261 Market Street, #178A  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.578.4852

[www.bars-sf.org](http://www.bars-sf.org)

**Center for New Music** fosters contemporary music's growth by giving practicing artists access to professional resources and expertise, and by providing them with opportunities to share knowledge and explore new ideas.

\$5,000

55 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.275.2466

[www.centerfornewmusic.com](http://www.centerfornewmusic.com)

**Chamber Music San Francisco** produces a concert series at Herbst Theatre that features high-profile local and touring artists.

\$32,120

1314 34th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415.759.1756

[www.chambermusicSF.org](http://www.chambermusicSF.org)

**Cypress String Quartet** champions works by living American composers, exploring the classic string quartet repertoire and uncovering unjustly overlooked works.

\$44,390

44 Page Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.500.2150

[www.cypressquartet.com](http://www.cypressquartet.com)

**Del Sol Performing Arts Organization** presents concerts, does educational outreach, and commissions new works and recordings, heightening awareness of contemporary chamber music and making the art form more accessible.

\$26,270

754 46th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121-3202  
415.374.0074

[www.delsolquartet.com](http://www.delsolquartet.com)

**Door Dog Music Productions** supports and promotes music from various ethnic traditions and produces the annual World Music Festival.

\$39,100

1007 General Kennedy Avenue  
Suite 215  
San Francisco, CA 94129  
415.561.6571

[www.sfworldmusic.org](http://www.sfworldmusic.org)

**Earplay**, a contemporary music ensemble, performs American music with an emphasis on works by Bay Area and lesser-known composers.

\$13,750

560 29th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415.585.9776

[www.earplay.org](http://www.earplay.org)

**Fifth Stream Music** creates, performs, records and teaches music that blends Pan-Asian and African American sensibilities in a season that includes an annual free co-produced show at the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival; performances/collaborations with numerous Bay Area artists, groups and venues; and national and international tours.

\$7,400

1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
510.220.4807

[www.fifthstreammusic.org](http://www.fifthstreammusic.org)

**Golden Gate Men's Chorus**, a 40-plus voice ensemble, performs a repertoire that ranges from classical programs to fully staged cabaret productions.

\$19,000

116 Eureka Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.668.4462

[www.ggmc.org](http://www.ggmc.org)

**Golden Gate Performing Arts**

presents the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in a home season of various productions and more than 30 community events with classical, pop and holiday repertoires.

\$51,510

398 Eleventh Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.865.3650  
www.sfgmc.org

**Kronos Quartet** commissions, performs and records contemporary string works, tours internationally for five months each year, and collaborates with artists from all over the world.

\$83,790

1242 Ninth Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415.731.3533  
www.kronosquartet.org

**Lamplighters Music Theatre**, one of the top Gilbert and Sullivan companies in the world, performs an annual season of light opera classics.

\$59,680

469 Bryant Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.227.4797  
www.lamplighters.org

**Left Coast Chamber Ensemble, Inc.**

produces a concert series featuring a repertoire of masterpieces by traditional composers and modern classical works.

\$16,200

1 Topaz Way  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
415.617.5223  
www.leftcoastensemble.org

**Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco** celebrates all sexual orientations and gender identities, providing an open and artistic environment for singers committed to musical excellence.

\$8,570

584 Castro Street, #486  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.861.7067  
www.lgcsf.org

**Loco Bloco** brings together traditional rhythms, movements and aesthetics of the African diaspora within Latin America and fuses them with contemporary urban styles of music, dance and theater.

\$38,070

3543 18th Street, #20  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.864.5626  
www.locobloco.org

**Magnificat**, an ensemble of voices and instruments, produces an annual concert series of 17th century works and provides instrumental support to Bay Area professional and community choirs.

\$17,860

453 30th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
415.625.2942  
www.magnificatbaroque.com

**Melody of China, Inc.** is an instrumental ensemble performing Chinese music that reflects the synergy between ancient cultural tradition and the modern American experience.

\$16,640

2720 41st Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415.640.9825  
www.melodyofchina.org

**MSA/People in Plazas** presents free summer concerts by local musicians in various San Francisco outdoor locations.

\$19,900

1346 Stevenson Street, B202  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.350.7071  
www.peopleinplazas.org

**Musical Traditions**, home of the Paul Drescher Ensemble, creates, produces and tours works of new opera/music theater; commissions and performs new chamber music; collaborates with other artists; and supports their creative work with technical, financial and advisory assistance.

\$51,710

333 Valencia Street, Suite 301  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.558.9540  
www.dresherensemble.org

**New Century Chamber Orchestra**, a Grammy Award-nominated ensemble of string musicians, brings a fresh approach to classical music.

\$50,930

665 Third Street, Suite 345  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.357.1111  
www.ncco.org

**Noe Valley Chamber Music Series**

presents monthly Sunday afternoon concerts that feature well-known and emerging chamber music ensembles.

\$11,700

1021 Sanchez Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.648.5236  
www.nvcm.org

*Following page:* Eki Shola at New Music Open Mic, **Center for New Music**, January 2016. PHOTO: Meerenai Shim





**Noontime Concerts** is a free weekly lunchtime classical music series held at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral.

\$16,390  
660 California Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.777.3211  
www.noontimeconcerts.org

**Old First Concerts** presents affordable, year-round performances of classical and cutting-edge chamber and recital repertoire by emerging and mid-career Bay Area professional musicians, as well as visiting professionals from around the world.

\$22,700  
1751 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
415.474.1608  
www.oldfirstconcerts.org

**Opera Parallele** is dedicated to the professional development, performance, commissioning and recording of contemporary chamber opera.

\$21,650  
50 Oak Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.503.6279  
www.ensembleparallele.com

**Other Minds** presents an avant-garde music festival featuring composers and artists from around the globe in concerts, workshops and panel discussions; operates an extensive online new music archive; presents various special new music events; and releases albums on its CD label.

\$41,560  
55 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.934.8134  
www.otherminds.org

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** recreates 17th and 18th century music on original instruments in local, national and international concerts.

\$118,200  
414 Mason Street, Suite 606  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.252.1288  
www.philharmonia.org

**Pocket Opera** performs Donald Pippin's witty original English translation of operas in an intimate, chamber format.

\$38,700  
469 Bryant Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.972.8930  
www.pocketopera.org

**Rova:Arts** is a saxophone quartet that explores musical possibilities through commissioned works with other artists presented at annual concerts.

\$14,870  
333 12th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.487.1701  
www.rova.org

**San Francisco Bach Choir** is an auditioned volunteer choir providing Bay Area concerts focused particularly on the music of J.S. Bach, his contemporaries and predecessors, and on rarely heard music of the Renaissance and baroque periods.

\$35,500  
2443 Filmore Street, #195  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.922.6562  
www.sfbach.org

**San Francisco Boys Chorus** musically trains boys, 5 to 13, who regularly perform in concerts throughout the Bay Area, sing with the San Francisco Opera and Symphony, and tour internationally.

\$64,970  
333 Hayes Street, Suite 116  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.861.7464  
www.sfbc.org

**San Francisco Chamber Orchestra**, Northern California's oldest professional chamber orchestra, presents classical, contemporary and commissioned works that reflect the diverse music and cultural traditions of America's past and present.

\$36,890  
P.O. Box 191564  
San Francisco, CA 94119-1564  
415.692.5297  
www.sfchamberorchestra.org

**San Francisco Chanticleer** is an all-male chorus acclaimed for its artistry and versatility that performs locally, nationally and internationally.

\$121,800  
44 Page Street, Suite 604  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.252.8589  
www.chanticleer.org

**San Francisco Choral Artists** is a chamber ensemble dedicated to the performance of choral masterpieces of all eras, styles and regions.

\$11,300  
PMB 344, 601 Van Ness Avenue, #E  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.979.5779  
www.sfca.org

**San Francisco Choral Society**, a 200-member community choir, specializes in large compositions for chorus and orchestra.  
\$32,020  
236 West Portal Avenue, Suite 775  
San Francisco, CA 94127  
415.566.8425  
www.sfchoral.org

**San Francisco Conservatory of Music**, a fully accredited music college, produces numerous public events including year-round student and faculty concerts and community service performances.  
\$57,580  
50 Oak Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.503.6230  
www.sfcm.edu

**San Francisco Contemporary Music Players**, the oldest new music ensemble outside the East Coast, uses performances, collaborative projects, commissions, and educational outreach activities to help audiences discover musical repertoire that is new to them — and to use these experiences as ways to better understand, interact with, and enjoy their lives and our world.  
\$40,100  
55 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.278.9566  
www.sfcmp.org

**San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music** offers a year-round variety of concerts featuring small ensembles performing baroque, classical, new, jazz, and creative music, including its signature annual event, SFMusic Day Live + Free.  
\$11,920  
135 Main Street, Suite 1140  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415.710.0551  
www.sffcm.org

**San Francisco Girls Chorus** provides an intensive, international-caliber choral music performance and education program for more than 400 girls and young women from all cultural and economic backgrounds.  
\$92,650  
44 Page Street, Suite 200  
San Francisco, CA 94102-5986  
415.863.1752  
www.sfgirlschorus.org

**San Francisco Guzheng Music Society** presents concerts featuring the guzheng, a type of flat harp, and other ancient Chinese instruments.  
\$4,570  
450 2nd Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
415.668.8111  
www.guzheng.org

**San Francisco Jazz Organization** presents world-class live jazz concerts year-round, including the annual San Francisco Jazz Festival, SFJAZZ Spring Season and the free, outdoor SFJAZZ Summerfest Series.  
\$148,450  
201 Franklin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.398.5655  
www.sfjazz.org

**San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band**, the first openly gay music organization in the United States, performs both marching and concert band repertoire throughout the Bay Area and on tour.  
\$18,100  
584 Castro Street, #841  
San Francisco, CA 94114-2594  
510.823.3931  
www.sflgfb.org

**San Francisco Live Arts** presents a series of performances, primarily at St. Cyprian's Church, that ranges from music to theater to performance art.  
\$7,560  
2097 Turk Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.454.4665  
www.noevalleymusicseries.com

**San Francisco Opera**, a world-renowned grand opera company, presents annual seasons of classic and contemporary works featuring international artists, and offers young artist professional training programs, free community concerts, and educational activities.  
\$667,000  
301 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.861.4008  
www.sfopera.com

**San Francisco Symphony**, acknowledged as one of the best orchestras in the United States, programs a nine-month concert season, numerous free educational and community activities, and tours nationally and internationally.  
\$639,600  
Davies Symphony Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.552.8000  
www.sfsymphony.org



**sfSound** is dedicated to the creation, promotion and support of live contemporary music performances at the intersection of the Bay Area's new music establishment and experimental underground, and produces the annual San Francisco Tape Music Festival.

\$5,500  
55 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.759.9041  
www.sfsound.org

**Voices of Music**, an ensemble of up to 30 multi-instrumentalists and vocalists who perform renaissance and baroque chamber and orchestral music, introduces new audiences of all ages to early music, combining historically informed performance, unique collaborations and consummate artistry.

\$10,700  
127 Downey Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.260.4687  
www.voicesofmusic.org

**Volti** is a professional vocal ensemble dedicated to commissioning and performing new music, primarily by American composers.

\$25,450  
P.O. Box 15576  
San Francisco, CA 94115-0576  
415.771.3352  
www.voltisf.org



**Cypress String Quartet**, from left, Cecily Ward, Tom Stone, Jennifer Kloetzel and Ethan Filner, performs final concerts in June 2016 after 20 years together. Photo: Basil Childers

# Theater



*Clockwise from top:* Bella Warda in "Bitterenders" by Hannah Khalil, Golden Thread Productions' 2015 ReOrient Festival. Photo: David M. Allen • We Players' "Ondine," Carly Cioffi and Ava Roy co-directors, 2015. Photo: Stacy Davis • African-American Shakespeare Company's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," directed by Becky Kemper. Photo: Lance Huntley



**\$1,131,260**



**42nd Street Moon** is a theater company that celebrates the scripts and scores of uncommon, rarely performed 20th century Broadway musicals, presented in an intimate theater with live music and without amplification.

\$58,350

601 Van Ness Avenue, #E3-621  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.255.8205  
www.42ndstmoon.org

**African-American Shakespeare Company** produces classical works with a strong cultural perspective, providing minority artists and their communities opportunities to view these works in a manner that is inclusive of their cultural heritage.

\$23,710

762 Fulton Street, Suite 306  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4119  
415.762.2071 x8  
www.african-americanshakes.org

**Afro Solo Theatre Company** promotes and presents the experiences of African Americans and people from the African Diaspora in solo performances and the visual and literary arts.

\$8,490

762 Fulton Street, Suite 307  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.771.2376  
www.afrosolo.org

**American Conservatory Theater**, considered one of the top regional theaters and actor-training conservatories in the United States, produces a 10-month season of plays ranging from world classics to contemporary premieres.

\$344,500

30 Grant Avenue, 7th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.834.3200  
www.act-sf.org

**BATS Improv** presents a variety of improvisational theater from “Theatresports” to improvised Shakespeare and Broadway musicals.

\$41,510

Fort Mason Center, B350  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.474.6776 x.4  
www.improv.org

**Bindlestiff Studio**, founded in 1989 as a multidisciplinary theater space, emerged as a home for Filipino artists in 1997, reflecting and celebrating the diverse values, traditions and histories of Filipino and Filipino American cultures through artistic expression and community engagement.

\$5,000

P.O. Box 190205  
San Francisco, CA 94119  
415.255.0440  
www.bindlestiffstudio.org

**Campo Santo** is an award-winning theater ensemble that develops and performs culturally diverse work using the collaborative power of theater to create broader community.

\$25,370

925 Mission Street, Suite 109  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415-626-2787  
www.theintersection.org

**Circo Zero**, founded in 2001 by Keith Hennessy, makes live performances sparked by current and historic social realities, particularly around queer identity, with interdisciplinary and experimental work rooted in contemporary dance and performance, and drawn from circus, theater, music, visual and conceptual art.

\$9,400

2842 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.842.2273  
www.circozero.org

**Crowded Fire Theater Company** produces poetic, bold work, innovative in structure, that is created by new and contemporary artists who address the diverse political and social concerns of its audiences.

\$21,460

870 Innes Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94124  
415.255.7846  
www.crowdedfire.org

**Custom Made Theatre Company** performs a repertoire consisting mainly of works by established playwrights with a small but consistent level of output from emerging writers and regional premieres at its permanent home in Union Square.

\$14,430

533 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
www.custommade.org

*Following page:* Eddie Lopez as Koko in **American Conservatory Theater’s** “The Unfortunates.” PHOTO: Kevin Berne





**The Cutting Ball Theater** is dedicated to developing experimental new plays and re-envisioning classics with an emphasis on language and images.

\$26,930

141 Taylor Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.572.7834  
www.cuttingball.com

**Encore Theatre Company** offers innovative stage presentations of new and rarely produced drama fostering social awareness.

\$7,100

2612 25th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415-336-7027  
www.encoretheatreco.org

**EXIT Theatre** produces experimental plays, absurdist classics and performance art in four venues in the Tenderloin, as well as the annual Fringe Festival.

\$48,100

156 Eddy Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.931.1094  
www.sffringe.org

**foolsFURY Theater Company** produces and presents new works and performance styles that include music, dance, circus, audience interaction and three-dimensional visual art.

\$17,200

499 Alabama Street, #450  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.377.5277  
www.foolsfury.org

**Golden Thread Productions** explores Middle Eastern cultures and identities as expressed around the globe, presenting alternative perspectives by developing and producing aesthetically varied and politically and viscerally engaging theatrical work.

\$26,890

499 Alabama Street, #450  
San Francisco, CA 94110-2064  
415.626.4061  
www.goldenthread.org

**La Pocha Nostra**, a multidisciplinary, multimedia company created by performance artist Guillermo Gomez-Peña, explores the cultural borders between languages, cultures, technology and art.

\$23,900

2857 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
www.pochanostra.com

**The Lobster Theater Project** produces sketch-comedy shows, full-length plays, an annual film festival, monthly cabarets, short films and musical recordings.

\$18,620

2101 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.558.7721  
www.killingmylobster.com

**Lorraine Hansberry Theatre/SEW Productions** presents plays by leading African American playwrights, as well as a play-reading series featuring new works.

\$52,200

762 Fulton Street, Suite 204  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.345.3980  
www.lhtsf.org

**Magic Theatre** is the Bay Area's original home for visionary new theater dedicated to the cultivation of bold new plays, playwrights and audiences, which reflect the rich history of the world in which we live.

\$79,770

Fort Mason Center, 2 Marina  
Boulevard, Bldg. D  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.441.8001  
www.magictheatre.org

**New Conservatory Theatre Center**, a performing arts complex and professional theater arts school, presents the year-long LGBT & Allied Pride Season, YouthAware Educational Touring Program, New Play Development and Emerging Artist Residencies, and a Family Matinee Children's Theatre series.

\$65,100

25 Van Ness Avenue, Lower Lobby  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.861.4914  
www.nctcsf.org

**Phoenix Arts Association Theatre/Gallery** encourages the development of new plays by providing performance, workshop and rehearsal space in its downtown venues at a reasonable cost for theater companies with a wide range of work.

\$11,500

138 Carl Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415.336.1020  
www.phoenixtheatresf.org



**San Francisco Mime Troupe**, the city's oldest professional theater company, is recognized internationally for creating political theater in parks and other outdoor locations.

\$47,700

855 Treat Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94110-2723  
415.285.1717  
www.sfimt.org

**San Francisco Playhouse** produces an Off-Broadway-style mainstage season of six full productions annually, including world and West Coast premieres, the Sandbox New Play Program and the Rising Stars Program, a high school theater attendance initiative.

\$38,410

588 Sutter Street, #318  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.677.9596  
www.sfplayhouse.org

**San Francisco Shakespeare Festival** presents "Free Shakespeare in the Park" in the Presidio each summer, as well as school tours, camps and educational programs throughout the Bay Area.

\$64,480

P.O. Box 460937  
San Francisco, CA 94146  
415.558.0888  
www.sfshakes.org

**Shadowlight Productions** creates one-of-a-kind interdisciplinary works that blend ancient shadow theater techniques, modern theater, cinematic effects, live music and other media.

\$32,240

22 Chattanooga Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
415.648.4461  
www.shadowlight.org

**Theatre Bay Area** is the largest regional theater service organization in North America. GFTA supports the advertising, marketing and operations of its TIX booth at Union Square.

\$57,140

1119 Market Street, 2nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.430.1140  
www.theatrebayarea.org

**Theatre of Yugen** is the only U.S. company producing new works based on the Japanese Noh and Kyogen theater forms.

\$30,000

2840 Mariposa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.621.0507  
www.theatreofyugen.org

**Theatre Rhinoceros** develops and produces original works that examine the personal lives and social concerns of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities.

\$27,710

1 Sansome Street, #3500  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.552.4100  
www.therhino.org

**We Players** presents site-integrated performance events that transform public spaces into realms of participatory theater, bringing communities together and reclaiming local spaces for public discourse and civic celebration through art.

\$5,000

1462 14th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415.547.0189  
www.weplayers.org



# Visual Arts



*Clockwise, from top:* Museum of Craft and Design's exhibition "Hands Off: New Dutch Design at the Confluence of Technology & Craft." PHOTO: Matthew Millman • Laura Ming Wong's "Reclaim" from Asian American Women Artists Association's "A Place of Her Own" exhibition at SOMArts. PHOTO: Cynthia Tom • Visitors at California Historical Society's exhibition "Unbuilt San Francisco: The View from Futures Past." PHOTO: Courtesy California Historical Society



**\$1,647,770**

**Artists Guild of San Francisco** was founded to give artists control over the marketing of work through regular free public outdoor exhibits in highly visible locations.

\$5,600

3801 Third Street #1098  
San Francisco, CA 94124  
415.835.0610  
www.artistsguildsf.com

**ArtSpan/Open Studios of San Francisco** builds community by connecting the public to visual arts in San Francisco through SF Open Studios, and youth and adult education and art-centric events, creating a platform for artists to thrive and fostering a Bay Area that values the arts.

\$39,000

934 Brannan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.861.9838  
www.artspan.org

**Asian American Women Artists Association**, dedicated to ensuring the visibility, documentation and well-being of Asian American women in the arts, presents programs, exhibitions, lectures and workshops that challenge societal assumptions and promote dialogue across cultures and generations.

\$5,000

1890 Bryant Street, #302  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.722.4296  
www.aawaa.net

**Burning Man Project** creates and sites temporary interactive, contemporary art installations in collaboration with San Francisco communities and neighborhoods.

\$33,170

660 Alabama Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.626.1248  
www.burningman.org

**California College of the Arts**, a leading arts education institution, presents exhibitions, lectures and symposia that feature local, national and international artists, architects, designers, writers, and multimedia experts.

\$58,460

1111 8th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.703.9555  
www.cca.edu

**California Historical Society**, founded in 1871, inspires and empowers people to make the state's richly diverse past a meaningful part of their contemporary lives.

\$37,550

678 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415.357.1848  
www.californiahistoricalsociety.org

**Cartoon Art Museum** is the only museum west of the Mississippi dedicated to preserving and exhibiting cartoon art in all its forms.

\$47,850

655 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415.227.8666  
www.cartoonart.org

**Chinese Culture Foundation** sparks intercultural discovery through art, education and engagement, presenting contemporary, innovative Chinese and Chinese American exhibitions and performances, and producing educational Chinatown tours, lectures series and California excursions.

\$63,150

750 Kearny Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.986.1822  
www.c-c-c.org

**Chinese Historical Society of America** collects, preserves and exhibits art, artifacts and archives reflecting the experiences of Chinese in America.

\$54,610

965 Clay Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.391.1188  
www.chsa.org

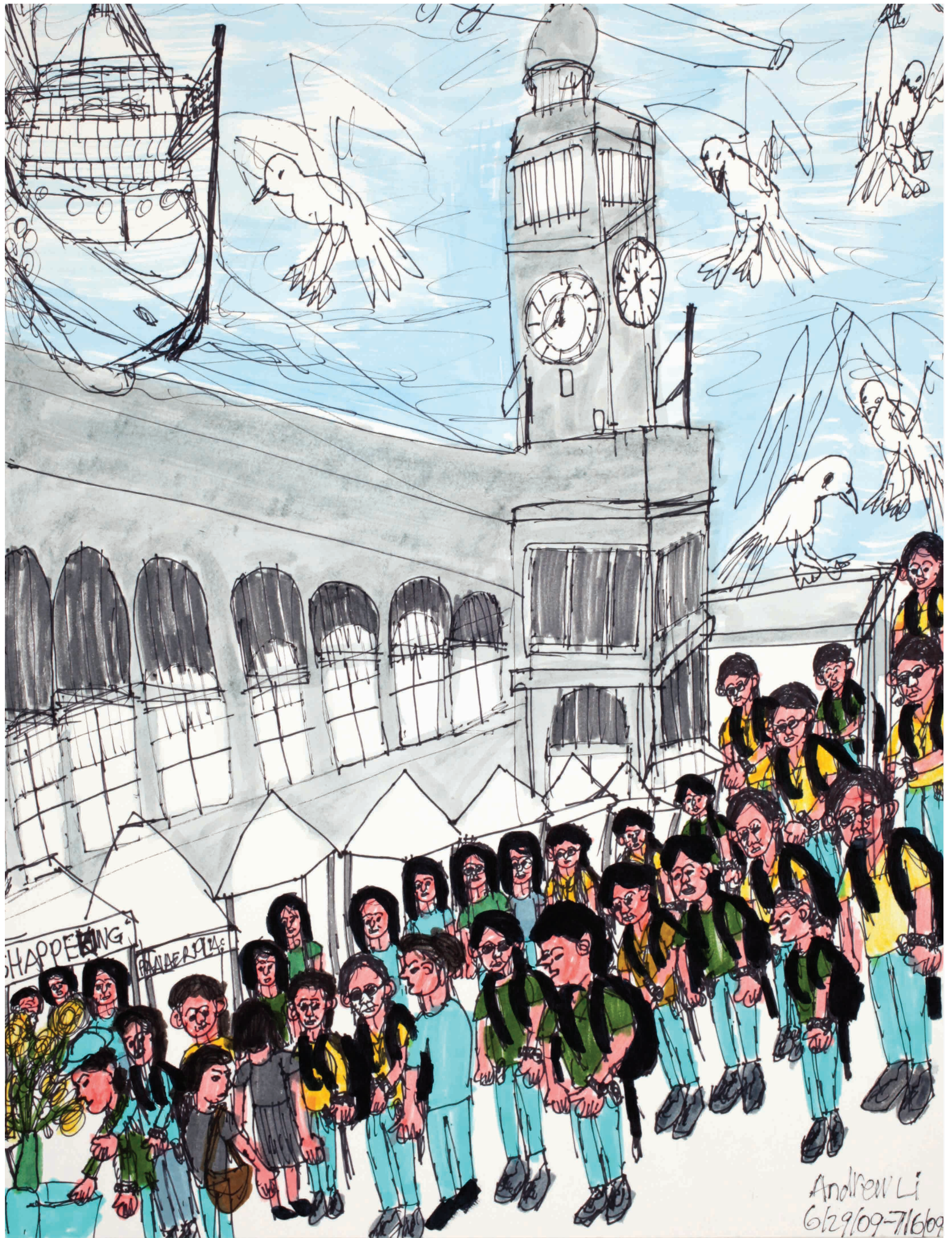
**Contemporary Jewish Museum** makes the diversity of the Jewish experience relevant for a 21st century audience and offers them new perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art and ideas through innovative exhibitions and programs that educate, challenge, inspire and engage.

\$104,810

736 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415-655-7808  
www.theccjm.org

*Following page: "Ferry Building," ink and watercolor on paper by Andrew Li, 2009, for Creativity Explored.*





Andrew Li  
6/29/09-7/16/09



**Creativity Explored** advances the value and diversity of artistic expression, providing artists with developmental disabilities the means to create, exhibit and sell their art in the organization's studio and gallery and around the world.

\$44,410  
3245 16th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.863.2108  
www.creativityexplored.org

**Exploratorium**, an internationally renowned museum of science, art and human perception, presents exhibitions, performances, film programs, lectures and workshops.

\$335,000  
Pier 17, Suite 100  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
415.563.7337  
www.exploratorium.edu

**Galería de la Raza** presents the contemporary work of Bay Area Latino/Chicano artists, musicians and theater groups.

\$36,030  
2857 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.826.8009  
www.galeriadelaraza.org

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Historical Society** fosters the recovery, preservation, presentation and understanding of lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gay culture through exhibits, an oral history project and public readings.

\$48,970  
657 Mission Street, #300  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415.777.5455  
www.glbthistory.org

**Museo ItaloAmericano** researches and displays artworks of all media by Italian and Italian American artists.

\$44,240  
Fort Mason Center  
2 Marina Boulevard, Bldg. C  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415.673.2200  
www.museoitaloamericano.org

**Museum of Craft + Design** presents exhibits and programs that actively explore the role of craft and design in everyday life.

\$30,940  
2569 Third Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.773.0303  
www.sfmcd.org

**Museum of Performance & Design** presents public exhibitions, educational programs, performances, lectures and screenings, and maintains online resources, an oral history project and research facilities, all reflecting San Francisco's performing arts history.

\$37,800  
893B Folsom Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
415.255.4800  
www.sfpalm.org

**National Japanese American Historical Society** is a multiarts organization that uses exhibition and performing arts to present the diversity of the Japanese American experience.

\$41,810  
1684 Post Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.921.5007  
www.njahs.org

**Precita Eyes Muralists Association** offers daily mural walks throughout the Mission District, gallery exhibitions, classes and workshops, produces the Urban Youth Art Festival, and sponsors Mural Awareness Month.

\$39,600  
2981 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.285.2287  
www.precitaeyes.org

**Root Division**, a multiuse space of studios, gallery, and classroom, serves the community in the production, education, and presentation of contemporary visual art.

\$25,850  
P.O. Box 411605  
San Francisco, CA 94141  
415.863.7668  
www.rootdivision.org

**San Francisco Architectural Heritage** is dedicated to preserving the city's architectural and cultural identity; GFTA funding supports tours of the Haas-Lilienthal House and Heritage Walks.

\$33,500  
2007 Franklin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
415.441.3000  
www.sfheritage.org

**San Francisco Art Institute's** public programming, supported by GFTA, features exhibitions and presentations by emerging and internationally recognized artists and scholars.

\$66,990  
800 Chestnut Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133-2299  
415.749.4549  
www.sfai.edu

**San Francisco Camerawork** presents exhibitions, lectures and workshops on contemporary fine art photography.

\$43,050  
1011 Market Street, 2nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.512.2020  
www.sfcamerawork.org

**San Francisco Museum and Historical Society** is dedicated to preserving, interpreting and presenting the city's historical heritage through a broad spectrum of programs, exhibitions and special events.

\$34,760  
P.O. Box 420470  
San Francisco, CA 94142-0470  
415.537.1105  
www.sfhistory.org

**San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** is dedicated to making the art of our time a vital, meaningful part of public life through its unparalleled collections, exhilarating exhibitions and engaging public programs.

\$402,200  
151 Third Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.357.4000  
www.sfmoma.org

**Southern Exposure** supports visual artists through extensive, innovative programming, experimentation, collaboration and education, providing a resource center and forum for Bay Area and national artists and youth in their Mission District space and off-site in the public realm.

\$45,520  
3030 20th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.863.2141  
www.soex.org

*Presente: A Tribute to the Mission Community, ©2015 Precita Eyes Muralists Association, directed by Fred Alvarado and Max Marttila with the Precita Eyes Urban Youth Arts Program, 24th and Folsom Street. PHOTO: Dogpaw Carrillo*





# Annual Celebrations & Parades



*Clockwise from top:* Miss Major Griffin-Gracy during the SF LGBT Pride Celebration's 2014 parade. PHOTO: Arrian Jahangiri • Filipino-American Development Foundation's 2015 Parol Lantern Festival and Parade. PHOTO: Tony Sy • Aztec dancers at the Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival. PHOTO: Courtesy Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival



**\$1,647,770**

## Annual Celebrations and Parades

**California Dragon Boat Association** is a two-day event in September featuring more than 100 dragon boat teams from across the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia, as well as a cultural festival, the largest competitive dragon boat event in the United States.  
\$16,990  
268 Bush Street, #888  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
415.956.8152  
www.sfdragonboat.com

**Carnaval** is a two-day Mission District festival of cultural and community groups culminating in a parade, considered the largest multicultural outdoor parade/festival on the West Coast.  
\$80,890  
2781 24th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.641.7657  
www.brava.org

**Castro Street Fair**, one of the city's larger and longest-running street fairs, celebrates cultural and sexual diversity each October.  
\$14,470  
2929 19th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.621.2665  
www.castrostreetfair.org

**Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival**, held annually to honor the life and work of civil rights/labor leader and co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, Cesar E. Chavez, celebrates the rich history, art and culture of the Mission District, and supports the economic vitality of the community.  
\$6,570  
2929 19th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.621.2665  
www.cesarchavezday.org

**Chinatown Merchants Association** is a two-day festival celebrated in Chinatown every September, featuring crafts, performances, exhibitions and traditional foods.  
\$20,270  
667 Grant Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.982.6306  
info@moonfestival.org

**Chinese Chamber of Commerce** organizes the Chinese New Year Parade, an annual celebration in honor of the Lunar New Year, one of the largest of such events in the world.  
\$73,770  
730 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415.982.3000  
www.chineseparade.com

**Cinco de Mayo/Mission Neighborhood Centers** sponsors the outdoor celebration with cultural and community groups to mark Cinco de Mayo, featuring Ballet Folklorico/mariachi performances and local artists performances in the Mission District.  
\$19,460  
362 Capp Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.206.7747  
www.mnccsf.org

**Columbus Day Celebration**, sponsored by the city's Italian American community, caps a month-long celebration with a parade, a pageant depicting Columbus' landing, and the ceremonial blessing of the fishing fleet.  
\$35,390  
678 Green Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133  
415.434.1492  
www.sfcolumbusday.org

**Comedy Day, Inc.**, a free event held in August at Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park, features diverse local and national comedians.  
\$6,980  
1036 Pacheco Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116-1318  
415.987.3663  
www.comedyday.com

**Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico** produces the annual El Grito Ceremony, an outdoor event commemorating Mexican Independence Day.  
\$5,070  
P.O. Box 40001  
San Francisco, CA 94140  
415.350.8344  
info@comitemexicano.org

**Dyke March** is the largest annual lesbian event in the world, held on the evening before the LGBT Pride Parade in June. GFTA supports the cultural event at Dolores Park that features women poets, comedienne, singers and local all-female bands.  
\$6,570  
3543 18th Street, #2  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
415.252.9230  
thedykemarch.org

**Filipino-American Development Foundation** organizes an annual festival featuring the Parol, a lantern shaped like a five-pointed star, that symbolizes hope and guidance.  
\$6,640  
1010 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.348.8042  
www.bayanihancc.org



## Annual Celebrations and Parades *(continued)*

**Jerry Day** is a civic and cultural event that pays tribute to the legacy of Jerry Garcia, a San Francisco native son and rock legend, held at the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater in McLaren Park, celebrating his Excelsior roots.

\$6,640  
809 France Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
[www.jerryday.org](http://www.jerryday.org)

**Nihonmachi Street Fair, Inc.**, a celebration of the Asian/Pacific American communities, emphasizes the non-profit organizations that serve them and features musical and cultural performances, exhibits, food, Asian artisans, Children's World and non-profit information tables.

\$13,960  
1581 Webster Street, Suite 240  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.771.9861  
[www.nihonmachistreetfair.org](http://www.nihonmachistreetfair.org)

**Russian Center of SF, Inc.** presents the Russian Festival, a three-day event celebrating the diversity of Russian culture through performances, crafts, demonstrations, food and delicacies.

\$13,860  
2450 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.921.7631  
[www.russiancentersf.com](http://www.russiancentersf.com)

**Sakura Matsuri, Inc.** celebrates Japanese arts and culture through exhibits, performances, demonstrations, martial arts, food and a street fair, culminating in a grand parade.

\$34,450  
1759 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.563.2313  
[www.nccbf.org](http://www.nccbf.org)

**SF LGBT Pride Celebration Committee, Inc.** celebrates the full expression of LGBT culture by producing the annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade and other Pride Week events.

\$73,160  
1841 Market Street, 4th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.864.0831  
[www.sfpride.org](http://www.sfpride.org)

**SOMA Merchants' and Individuals' Lifestyle Events' Folsom Street Fair**, an annual South of Market event, is the largest celebration of alternative lifestyles in the United States, featuring top live entertainment from alternative bands, a growing artist's area, and more.

\$30,240  
131 10th Street, Suite 302  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
415.777.3247  
[www.folsomstreetevents.org](http://www.folsomstreetevents.org)

**United Irish Societies of SF, Inc.** sponsors the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, one of the city's oldest and largest parades, featuring Bay Area bands, drill teams and floats.

\$16,920  
P.O. Box 16026  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415.665.4595  
[www.uissf.org](http://www.uissf.org)

**Vietnamese Community Center of San Francisco** marks the arrival of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, also known as Tet, with an annual event held in the city's Tenderloin District that also celebrates the Vietnamese and Southeast Asian communities.

\$15,920  
766 Geary Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
415.351.1038  
[www.vietccsf.org](http://www.vietccsf.org)

# Cultural Centers, Civic Events and Regranting Programs

## Cultural Centers \$441,229

Supports operations, programming and maintenance of the four city-owned cultural centers: Bayview Opera House Ruth Williams Memorial Theater, African American Art and Culture Complex, South of Market Cultural Center and Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts.

## Civic Events \$45,670

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance** is the largest observance on the West Coast, a Northern California regional effort featuring a freedom train, march and ceremonies at Yerba Buena Gardens.

\$20,300

330 Ellis Street, #407  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.674.6000  
www.norcalmlk.org

**Memorial Day Ceremony** is a traditional program presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Presidio Trust and the National Cemetery Administration, which includes a parade and formal ceremony at the Presidio National Cemetery.

\$10,150

War Memorial Veterans Building  
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 101  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.710.5293



The traditional **Memorial Day** parade and formal ceremony is held at the Presidio National Cemetery. PHOTO: Eric Poelzl, 2004

**Veterans Day Parade** is a traditional event to honor those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and is presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars.

\$15,220

War Memorial Veterans Building  
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 101  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
415.710.5293

## Regranting Programs \$145,000

GFTA makes grants to other, smaller granting programs to serve constituencies we may otherwise not reach.

**Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center Festival Grants Program** awards funds to API artists for technical and production assistance, in addition to an artist stipend.  
\$20,000

**Queer Cultural Center Creating Queer Community** is a capacity-building, commissioning and presenting program that annually enables culturally diverse LGBTQ artists to produce and promote art projects that explore social justice issues.  
\$20,000

**San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music Musical Grant Program** makes awards to support outstanding projects of San Francisco Bay Area professional chamber music ensembles, presenters, and individuals with chamber music projects.  
\$30,000

**Southern Exposure/Alternative Exposure** grants program supports "locally grown, artist-centered projects."  
\$25,000

**Theatre Bay Area CASH Program** makes awards to small theater and dance companies, as well as to individual artists.  
\$50,000



## Arts and Tourism

*A Partnership with the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau*

Grants for the Arts established the first Arts and Tourism Program in the United States in 1989 with the goal of promoting San Francisco as a cultural destination to travel industry professionals, including tour wholesalers, travel agents, convention planners and others.

In 1991, the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau became the first agency to incorporate an Arts and Tourism office as a crucial part of its marketing to visitors and business travelers. Since then, the Arts and Tourism program has worked to increase visitor attendance at arts events by designing programs that highlight all the facets of San Francisco's thriving cultural community.

Arts and Tourism also works closely with local arts and cultural organizations, informing them how to best use the services offered by the Convention and Visitors Bureau. One of the services offered has been a series of free, educational PR seminars created especially for the arts community.

## San Francisco Arts Monthly

A project of Grants for the Arts, San Francisco Arts Monthly is an outreach publication to San Francisco visitors. It is provided free to hotel guests and concierges and is distributed in theater lobbies, Moscone Center, restaurants and cafes, bookstores and other targeted locations in San Francisco.

"Arts Monthly has been a huge success in building audiences," according to a study by Dance USA, commissioned by the Bay Area foundation community. "This publication, started by Grants for the Arts as a tool for concierges, lists arts events for each month. When editors arranged to insert the publication in the New York Times in the first Sunday of each month, artists started advertising in it, and the perception was that the artists were in the New York Times. The cost of producing it is relatively low. And it raised the visibility and credibility of dance."



GFTA has been listing monthly San Francisco arts offerings in print for 26 years and virtually at SFArts.org for 15 years.

**H**ow do artists and audiences take advantage of Web technology and the Internet to promote the arts in San Francisco? This has been the topic of discussion by Grants for the Arts and its constituent groups for a number of years. As part of GFTA's mandate, linking its activities to attract visitors to San Francisco, GFTA led the way in creating a searchable, clutter-free database of San Francisco arts offerings on the Web with the 2001 launch of SFArts.org. This online calendar is a widespread, indispensable tool for anyone interested in the arts in San Francisco.

Organizations that receive GFTA support are listed on the site. Each group is invited to create a reciprocal link to SFArts.org so visitors can go directly to an art group's Website and get more details about program offerings. Thousands of promotional cards that feature the Web addresses are distributed through the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, on-site at various locations in San Francisco, as well as online to individuals and groups interested in visiting the city.

SFArts.org bookmarks also are placed at the California State Fair, in theater lobbies, bookshops and cafes, or stuffed into programs and newsletters. Radio and print ads, BART signs and more have promoted the site, which is now ranked No. 1 on most of the country's top search engines.

**The Neighborhood Arts Collaborative** is a joint project of Grants for the Arts, the San Francisco Arts Commission, the Mayor's Community Challenge Grant Program, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Mayor's Office of Economic and Work Force Development, and the Arts & Tourism Program of the San Francisco Travel Association.

The program was developed to provide funding for collaborative arts activities that take place in proximity to each other within a specific geographic boundary. This multiagency effort supports community arts activities within some of San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods to promote the arts, businesses, schools, social service and other nonprofits located in close proximity, and to encourage the development of mutually beneficial relationships among community stakeholders.

For fiscal year 2015-2016, the target neighborhoods were:

- Central Market/Tenderloin
- Chinatown
- Lower 24th/Mission
- Castro
- Fillmore
- Excelsior

**Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund** Sometimes described as "the little grants that make a big difference," the Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund was established in 1984. An innovative program that allows San Francisco property taxpayers and others to add a tax-deductible contribution to their biannual tax payments, it makes small grants to arts organizations for capital improvements, facilities maintenance and equipment acquisition.

*For more information, visit our Website at [www.sfgfta.org](http://www.sfgfta.org).*







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