

Holidays hearken and hint at the annual ho-hum hilarity. Yet, entertainments abound, and even on Thanksgiving, outdoor exhibits open their branches for your company. For nightlifery, visit our BARtab section.

Thu 19

Cavalia @ AT&T Park The sweeping horse and acrobatic show returns with the new *Odysseo.* \$44.50-\$289. Tue-Fri 8pm. Sat & Sur

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Comedy Returns @ El Rio

The monthly stand-up night this time features Michael Meehan, Lydia Popovich, Stefani Silverman, Nate Blanchard, and host Lisa Geduldig. \$7-\$20. 8pm. 3158 Mission St. (800) 838-3006. www.elriosf.com

Curse of the Cobra @ Hypnodrome

Thrillpeddlers' new Halloween season spine-tingling show offers terror and titillation! \$25-\$35. Wed-Sat 8pm. Thru Nov. 21. 575 10th St. 377-4202. www.hypnodrome.org

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan @ Exit Studio

The local stand-up comic performs her new solo show, *Nerd Nation*. \$15-\$25. Thu-Sat 8pm. Thru Nov. 21. 156 Eddy St. www.divafest.info

Franc D'Ambrosio @ Feinstein's at the Nikko

The Broadway crooner (*The Phantom* of the Opera) performs his annual Christmas in New York cabaret concert. \$25-\$40. 8pm. Hotel Nikko, 222 Mason St. (866) 663-1063. www.ticketweb.com

Kate Raphael @ La Peña Cultural Center, Berkeley

The author of *Murder Under the Bridge: A Palestine Mystery* discusses her new book about a Jewish lesbian and a Palestinian woman detective. 7:30pm. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. www.lapena.org

If/Then @ Orpheum Theatre Idina Menzel, Anthony Rapp and

New & Classic Films @ Castro Theatre

Nov. 19: InForum event with Chef Tyler Florence (7pm). Nov. 20: *Commando* (7:20) and *Rambo: First Blood* (9:15). Nov. 21: *Addams Family Values* with Peaches Christ's pre-show (see Sat.) Nov. 22: *Goodfellas* (2pm, 7:30) and *Carlito's Way* (4:45). Nov. 23: Wim Wenders' *Wings of Desire* (7pm) and *Faraway, So Close* (9:20). Nov. 25: *Hannah and Her Sisters* (3:15, 7pm) and *Broadway Danny Rose* (5:15, 8:55). \$10-\$15. 429 Castro St. www.castrotheatre.com

The Pandora Experiment @ Exit Theatre

Christian Cagigal's unique and mysterious solo show with magic, illusions and spooky themes, returns in a new version. \$20-\$30. Thu-Sat 8pm. Thru Nov. 21. 156 Eddy St. www.theexit.org

Pound

@ Brava Theater Center

Marga Gomez' hilarious satire solo show skewers lesbian cinema depictions with a cast of crazy characters. \$15-\$20. Thu-Sat 8pm. Sun 3pm. 18+ only! Extended thru Nov. 22. Upstairs Studio, 2781 24th St. at York www.brava.org

Steve Cuiffo is Lenny Bruce @ Curran Theatre

The actor performs a one-hour show as the legendary comic at the innovative on-stage shows at the inprogress renovated theatre. \$50. 8pm. Also Nov 20 & 21 8pm. Thru Nov. 21. 445 Geary St. www.SFCurran.com

Story Showdown @ Awaken Café, Oakland

@ Awaken Cafe, Oakland Storytelling by Baruch Porras-Hernandez, Eric Darby, Casey Gardener, Mosa Maxwell-Smith, Dylan Gray, and Mic Ting; musical guest Jade Way; Wonder Dave hosts. \$12-\$15. 7:30pm. 1429 Broadway. www.awakencafe.com

Disgraced @ Berkeley Rep Ayad Akhtar's Pulitzer- Prize-winning drama about cultural assimilation, Islamic imagery, and a family's

Islamic imagery, and a family's unraveling. \$17-\$61. Tue, Thu-Sat 8pm. Wed & Sun 7pm. Sat & Sun 2pm. Thru Dec. 20. Roda Theatre, 2025 Addison. (510) 647-2949. www.berkeleyrep.org

Figures and Interiors @ John Pence Gallery

Opening reception for a large group exhibit of gorgeous realist and modern impressionist paintings. 6pm. Reg. hours Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat 10am-5pm. Thru Dec. 19. 750 Post St. 441-1138. www.johnpence.com

Inappropriate in All the Right Ways @ The Marsh

Ann Randolph's serio-comic solo show about family loss and death. \$20-\$100. Saturdays, 5pm. Sun 2pm. Extended thru Dec. 13. 1062 Valencia St. 282-3055. www.themarsh.org

The Kid Thing @ New Conservatory Theatre Center

The local theatre company presents Sarah Gubbins' witty play about the problems two lesbian couples face with an impending pregnancy. \$25-\$45. Wed-Sat 8pm. Sun 2pm. Thru Dec. 13. 25 Van Ness ave., lower level. nctcsf.org

Monica Palacios @ Galeria de la Raza

The lesbian Latina comic performs *Mi Amor!*, her solo show about the hilarious side of the 1980s in San Francisco. \$15. 8pm. Also Nov. 21. 2857 24th St. www.monicapalacios. com www.galeriadelaraza.org

The Monster-Builder @ Aurora Theatre, Berkeley

Bay Area premiere of Amy Freed's dark drama about post-modern megaarchitect Gregor Zubrowski, and design theft. \$3-\$50. Tue 7pm, Wed-Sat 8pm. Sun 2pm & 7pm. Thru Dec. 6. 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 843-4822. www.auroratheatre.org

Olympians Festival @ Exit Theatre

Annual festival of new plays with a theme of ancient gods and mythology, this year with 30 new plays. \$10-\$12. Wed-Sat 8pm thru Nov. 21. 156 Eddy St. www.sfolympians.com

Pirates of Penzance @ Arts Passage

Gilbert & Sullivan's bouyant musical operetta gets an energetic new staging. \$25-\$65. Tue-Thu-Sat 8pm; Wed & Sun 7pm; Sat & Sun 2pm. Thru Dec. 20. Osher Studio, 2055 Center St., Berkeley. www.berkeleyrep.org

Shakespeare Goes to War @ Thick House

John Fisher wrote, directed and costars in the new comedy-drama about a teacher who inspires a student in the 1970s, World War II prison camps, the anti-gay Briggs Initiative, and The Bard. \$10-\$35. Tue 7pm (Nov. 17 & 24 only). Wed & Thu 7:30nm Fri & Sat 8nm Sat 3nm Thru

Sat 21

Ada and the Memory Machine @ Berkeley City Club

Central Works' production of Lauren Gunderson's play about Ada Lovelance, 19th-century countess, metaphysician, daughter of Lord Byron, and the world's first computer programmer; performed with original live music by The Kilbanes. \$15-\$28. Thu-Sat 8pm. Sun 5pm. Thru Nov. 22. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 558-1381. www.centralworks.org

Addams Apple Family Values @ Castro Theatre

Peaches Christ presents another hilarious drag musical show that precedes a screening, this time Addams Family Values; with Sharon Needles as Morticia, Heklina as Uncle Fester, plus Jinkx Monsoon, Peggy L'Eggs, Chaka Corn and other talents. \$32-\$140. 2pm & 8pm. 429 Castro St. www.peacheschrist.com www.castrotheatre.com

Bright Half Life @ Rueff Room, Strand Theatre

Tanya Barfield's drama about two women whose lives together are interrupted, then brought together through time. \$35-\$75. Tue 7pm. Wed-Sat 8pm. Sat & Sun 2:30pm. Thru Dec. 6. 1127 Market St. 441-8822. www.magictheatre.com

Craft Fair @ La Peña Cultural Center

Get your holiday gift shopping done in one trip at the showcase of multicultural handmade crafts, cermaics, paintings, clothing, pottery and more, most at \$30 and under; with live music, and food and drinks for pirchase. 10am-4pm. 3105 Shattuck ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568. www.lapena.org

Heroes & Villains Fan Fest @ San Jose Convention Center

John Barrowman (*Torchwood*), Steven Amell (*Arrow*), Haley Atwell (*Agent Carter*), Karen Gillan (*Doctor Who*), and many other stars of comic and scifi-themed TV shows and movies will be at this fan convention. \$30-\$850 (VIP celeb meet & greet packages). 10:30am-6pm. Also Nov. 22, 10:30am-5pm. 150 West San Carlos St., San Jose. www.heroesfanfest.com



ASL Epic @ Sweet Inspiration

Wet inspiration The monthly LGBT-friendly deaf open 'mic' night, for hearing-impaired and others, with storytelling, rap, comedy, skits and more. 4pm-7pm. 2239 Market St. www.meetup.com/asl-294

Hope Briggs, Symphony Parnassus @ Herbst Theatre

The accomplished soprano performs works by Bartok, Barber and other

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Mon 23

Daily and Transcendent @ SF Public Library Dual exhibit of LGBT-themed photos by veteran photographers Jane Philomen Cleland and Rick Gerharter. Jewett Gallery, lower level. 100 Larkin St. Thru Jan. 3. www.sfpl.org

Material of Survival @ Magnet

Artist Grahame Perry's exhibit of works portraying the longterm struggle of HIV, shown in the new health space, including *Every AIDS Obituary*, a montage of 100's of *B.A.R.* obits. Thru Nov. 470 Castro St. www.j.mp/hiv-survive www.magnetsf.org

Steven Saylor

@ Book Passage The prolific gay author of Roman historical novels reads from and discusses his latest, Wrath of the Furies: a novel of the Ancient World, set in 88 B.C. 6pm. 1 Ferry Bldg. at Embarcadero. 835-1020. www.bookpassage.com

Tue 24

Panama Pacific

@ Harvey Milk Photo Center Centennial photography exhibit of historic images from the 1915 World Expo. Opening reception Nov. 12, 4pm-9pm. Thru Dec. 23. 50 Scott St. 554-9522. harveymilkphotocenter.org

Temporal Cities

@ Tenderloin Museum Exhibit of images, drawing and events about community in San Francisco. Thru Dec. 17. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. 398 Eddy St. at Leavenworth. 351-1912. www.tenderloinmuseum.org

Wed 25

The Nightmare Before Christmas

© Davies Symphony Hall Composer Danny Elfman and the San Francisco Symphony perform music from the popular animated Tim Burton film with a screening; Joshua Gersen conducts. \$25-\$160. 8pm. Also Nov. 27 & 28 at 8pm. 201 Van Ness Ave. www.sfsymphony.org

Reigning Queens @ GLBT History Museum

New exhibit of 1970s San Francisco drag ball photos by Roz Joseph; with curator Joey Plaster, DJ Irwin Swirnoff. Thru Feb. 2016. Reg, hours Mon, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm. Sun 12pm-5pm. 4127 18th St. www.glbthistory.org

Thu 26: Thanksgiving

Holiday Ice Rink @ Union Square

Lachanze star in the national touring company of Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey's Tony-nominated hit Broadway musical about parallel lives, chance and possibilities in contemporary New York City. \$40-\$212. Tue-Sat 8pm. Wed, Sat & Sun 2pm. Thru Dec. 6. 1192 Market St. (888) 746-1799. www.ifthenthemusical.com www.shnsf.com

Megan Timpane @ The Marsh

The film, stage and TV actor performs her solo show, *Having Cancer is Hilarious!* \$15-\$50. Thu & Fri 8pm. Sat 8:30pm. Thru Nov. 28. 1062 Valencia St. 282-3055. www.themarsh.org

Monstress @ Strand Theatre

American Conservatory Theatre's staging of Philip Kan Gotanda and Sean San José's drama about Filipino-American Bay Area life and struggles. \$20-\$100. Tue-Sat 7:30pm. Wed & Sat 2pm. Sun 2pm & 7pm. Thru Nov. 22. 1127 Market St. 749-2228. www.act-sf.org

Fri 20

Akram Khan Company @ YBCA Theater

The London-based dance company performs the evening-length work *Kaash*, a hybrid work of traditional Indian and Modern dance. \$40-\$65. 7:30pm. Also Nov. 21. 700 Howard St. www.ybca.org www.sfperformances.org

Beach Blanket Babylon @ Club Fugazi

The musical comedy revue celebrates its 40th year with an ever-changing lineup of political and pop culture icons, all in gigantic wigs. Reg: \$25-\$160. Beer/wine served; cash only; 21+, except where noted. 678 Beach Blanket Babylon Blvd (Green St.). 421-4222.

www.beachblanketbabylon.com

Nov. 28. 1695 18th St. at Arkansas. (800) 838-3006. www.TheRhino.org

Stage Kiss @ SF Playhouse

Gabriel Marin and Carrie Paff star in Sarah Ruhl's new romantic farce that blends on- and offstage romance between actors. \$20-\$45. Tue-Thu 7pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, Wed, Sat & Sun at 2pm & 3pm. Thru Jan. 9. 450 Post St. www.sfplayhouse.org

Theatre Flamenco @ Cowell Theatre

The world-famous locally-based dance and music company performs *Ad Libitum: or How I Freed Myself From Chains*, with flamenco superstar Andres Marin.\$40-\$75. Fri & Sat 8pm. Sun 3pm. Fort Mason Center, 2 Marina Blvd. theatreflamenco.org

Transgender Day of Remembrance @ LGBT Center

Gathering to commemorate transgendered people lost to violence. 6pm-9pm. 1800 Market. tdorsf.org composers with the Bay Area symphony. \$10-\$75. 3pm. 401 Van Ness Ave. www.symphonyparnassus.org

Mother's Milk @ The Marsh Berkeley

Mother's Milk: A Blues Riff in Three Acts, Wayne Harris' new solo show set against his Southern Baptist upbringing amid the civil rights struggle. \$20-\$100. Sun 5pm. Thu 8pm. Thru Dec. 10. 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. 282-3055. www.themarsh.org

SF Hiking Club @ Point Reyes

Join GLBT hikers for a 14-17-mile hike at Point Reyes National Seashore. Carpool meets 8am at the Safeway sign, Market & Dolores. (707) 720-3097. www.sfhiking.com



Enjoy skating, hot drinks and fun in the downtown center of holiday shopping. \$7-\$11. Skate rental \$6. Thru Jan. 14. Various times, 10am-11pm. 333 Post St. www.unjonsguareicerink.com

Wildflower Exhibits @ SF Botanical Gardens

See autumnal fall foliage displays, trees and plants in various beautiful gardens specific to region, plus *Fotanicals: the Secret Language of Flowers*, an exhibition of photographs by artist joSon. Daily walking tours and more. Free admission on Thanksgiving! Optional donation \$15. Tours, lectures, classes and more. Daily. Golden Gate Park. 661-1316. www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

