Spring '23

### Newsletter



## Welcome To The St. Regis San Francisco

Spring is in the air. Our rainy season has been robust, and with it comes the promise of new growth and new beginnings. How appropriate that with Spring comes Earth Day. We also celebrate Arbor Day, cherry blossoms come alive in Japantown, and the grass surrounding the plates at Oracle Park has never been greener. No longer are we staring at inclement weather through panes of glass and are eager to venture out and breathe in the fresh air. The San Francisco Giants Home Opener is the perfect way to welcome in the season. Just ask any San Franciscan.

In Spring, we dust off your Easter bonnets in celebration of Easter Sunday. Passover is also observed. Mothers and fathers each get their day, and we pause on May 29th to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our country.

We are a diverse city, eager to honor its many vibrant communities. Look to festivals celebrating the Japanese, Latinx, and Italian heritages. Pride month, recognizing our LGBTQ friends, and Juneteenth, honoring African American history, round out the Spring season.

There will be much to take in and enjoy during your stay at the St. Regis San Francisco. Be it a performance, an activity, or just a great meal, look no further than the St. Regis Concierge team, who can assist in ensuring that you have the most memorable stay. It would be our pleasure.

Daniel Rey Chief Concierge The St. Regis San Francisco

# What's Happening? - The House of Astor

#### The St. Regis San Francisco and Veuve Clicquot Celebrate Women | Fundraiser Dinner

3/30

The exquisite evening will celebrate female empowerment and the release of La Grande Dame 2015 with a champagne pairing dinner. The festive evening will support La Cocina, a charity advocating for women in business by providing an affordable commercial kitchen space, industry-specific technical assistance, and access to market opportunities. Tickets are available:

Eventbrite.com

#### Cherry Blossom Afternoon Tea

3/23 - 4/30

A timeless St. Regis tradition inspired by Caroline Astor. Discover this signature ritual while enjoying the finest selection of tea from Tealeaves, exquisite savory bites, and sweet delicates created by our pastry chef, from Candied Citrus Scone to Yuzu Almond Sable. To commemorate the experience, guests will enjoy a complimentary welcome toast featuring Lallier Rosé. Hosted from Thursday through Sunday from 2 to 4 PM. Reservations:

Astra OpenTable | Experience

#### Exquisite Easter Brunch

4/8 – 4/9

Celebrate Easter weekend with exceptional and seasonal brunch offerings. Astra's culinary team personalized a menu to deliver a memorable culinary experience with an emphasis on seasonal ingredients and the commitment to use the very best products from local farms and artisan products. Reservations:

Astra OpenTable | Experience

# What's Happening? - Theatre

#### Dear San Francisco

Ongoing

Club Fugazi reemerges with an acrobatic love letter to our dear San Francisco. Created by Bay Area natives and the modern circus collective The 7 Fingers co-founders Shana Carroll and Gypsy Snider, the intimate and immersive resident production will pay homage to the stunning beauty, storied characters, and astounding resilience of the City by the Bay.

www.clubfugazisf.com

#### Fiddler on the Roof

03/22 - 03/26

The Golden Gate Theatre presents Fiddler on the Roof - The original production won ten Tony Awards, including a special Tony for becoming the longest-running Broadway musical of all time. Now, a fresh and authentic vision of this beloved theatrical masterpiece is presented for a limited run!

www.broadwaysf.com

#### Poor Yella Rednecks – Vietgone 2

03/30 - 05/07

American Conservatory Theatre presents Poor Yella Rednecks — Vietgone 2 — From playwright Qui Nguyen, and the director of Vietgone comes this unabashedly over-the-top story of a Vietnamese family who swapped war-torn Saigon for rural '70s Arkansas.

( www.act-sf.org )

#### Come from Away

04/11 - 04/23

The Golden Gate Theatre presents Come from Away — Don't miss this remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.

www.broadwaysf.com

# What's Happening? - Theatre

#### Pretty Woman – The Musical

04/25 - 04/30

Orpheum Theatre presents Pretty Woman

— The Musical — One of the cinemas
most romantic films, is brought to life in a
production filled with love and laughter. Relive
the story of a young woman who proves that
life is what you make of it, and love can bloom
in the oddest of situations!

www.broadwaysf.com

#### The Book of Mormon

05/23 - 06/18

Orpheum Theatre presents The Book of Mormon — Hailed as "the best musical of this century" by the New York Times. This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word.

www.broadwaysf.com

#### Into the Woods

06/20 - 06/25

Curran Theatre presents Into the Woods — The Broadway stars of this enchanted tale reprise their roles in this magical San Francisco production honoring Stephen Sondheim's memory. Into the Woods is a Broadway masterpiece!

www.broadwaysf.com

#### The Wizard of Oz

06/01 - 06/25

American Conservatory Theatre presents The Wizard of Oz – Courage! Brains! Heart! Join Dorothy on her magical journey to a world of wonder and surprises as she learns the true value of family and home.

www.act-sf.org

# What's Happening? - The Arts

#### SF Ballet

San Francisco Ballet celebrates the classic tales of good versus evil and enchanted love with the stories of Cinderella (03/3I - 04/08) and Romeo and Juliet (04/2I - 04/30), brought to life as only the San Francisco Ballet can.

www.sfballet.org

#### SF Symphony

Look to the San Francisco Symphony to present the best that symphony has to offer. During the Spring season, expect such notable performances as Michael Tilson Thomas Conducts Mahler 6 (03/30 – 04/01), violinist Joshua Bell plays Sibelius (04/27 – 04/30), and pianist Igor Levit plays Beethoven (06/15 – 06/17).

www.sfsymphony.org

#### SF Opera

The San Francisco Opera does not disappoint, with such notable performances as Madame Butterfly (06/03 – 07/01), Die Frau ohne Schatten (06/04 – 06/28), and El último sueño de Frida y Diego (06/13 – 06/30).

www.sfopera.com

#### San Francisco Performances

SF Performances continues with an array of top talent showcasing their skills. Enjoy performances by such names as the Chiaroscuro Quartet (04/01), pianist Benjamin Grosvenor joins the Doric String Quartet (04/26) and mezzosoprano J'Nai Bridges 04/28).

www.sfperformances.org

# What's Happening? - The Arts

#### Smuin Contemporary Ballet

05/05 - 05/14

Smuin's DS2 program includes two new works created by women: a world premiere by Amy Seiwert and a company premiere by Kate Skarpetowska, who Dance Magazine named one of "25 to Watch." Rounding out the bill is Swipe by Val Caniparoli, a highly technical and inventive piece for four men and three women set to a remix of "String Quartet No. 2" by Gabriel Prokofiev, grandson of Sergei Prokofiev, who is a classically trained composer known for electronic and hip-hop music.

www.smuinballet.org

#### Chamber Music San Francisco

Chamber Music San Francisco is dedicated to the presentation of chamber music concerts and recitals of the highest possible quality. Beyond the presentation of excellent concerts, they seek to build new audiences for chamber music, which they believe embodies the most direct and accessible communication from composer to listener.

www.chambermusicsf.org

#### ODC

ODC/Dance Company was one of the first American companies to incorporate a post-modern sensibility (an appreciation for pedestrian movement) into a virtuosic contemporary dance technique and to commit major resources to interdisciplinary collaboration and musical commissions for the repertory.ODC/Dance Company's ten outstanding dancers perform its imaginative repertory for more than 50,000 people annually. In addition to two annual home seasons in San Francisco.

www.odc.dance

### Speaking of Art...

#### San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Thru 06/25

Conversation Pieces – Contemporary Furniture in Dialogue

www.sfmoma.org

# Museum of the African Diaspora Beginning

04/05

Black Venus

www.moadsf.org

#### The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Thru 04/09

Gillian Laub: Family Matters

www.thecjm.org

#### Asian Art Museum

Thru 05/01

Color Trip: Yoshida Hodaka's Modern Prints

www.asianart.org

#### de Young Museum

04/08 - 07/23

Ansel Adams in Our Time

www.famsf.org

#### Legion of Honor Museum

Thru 05/14

Sargent and Spain

www.famsf.org

## The Walt Disney Family Museum

Ongoing

Walt Disney - The man. His story. His work. His innovations.

www.waltdisney.org

#### California Historical Society

Ongoing

www.californiahistoricalsociety.org

...And be sure to visit the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Located across from The St. Regis San Francisco in our Yerba Buena Gardens, YBCA spans the realms of contemporary art, performances, and film with a focus on civic engagement and public life.

www.ybca.org`

# Guess Who's Coming to Town...

#### SF Jazz

Jazz reigns at SF Jazz! Enjoy such renowned musicians as:

Sammy Miller and the Congregation

03/23 - 03/25

Dee Dee Bridgewater

04/27 - 04/30

and Mads Tolling Trio

05/27 - 05/28

SF Jazz brings the best that the jazz world has to offer.

www.sfjazz.org

#### BroadwaySF

Billy Porter — Black Mona Lisa Tour: Volume One

05/05

www.broadwaysf.com

#### SF Masonic Auditorium

Sarah Millican – Bobby Dazzler

03/24

Iggy Pop and the Losers

04/22

HA\*ASH - Mi Salida Contigo Tour USA

05/27

Ringo Starr and His All Star Band

06/11

www.livenation.com

#### Chase Center

Stevie Nicks

03/23

Ricardo Arjona

05/05

Illenium

06/02&03

www.chasecenter.com

### Events of Note

#### In March

#### The Yerba Buena Gardens Festival

Thru 05/31

This unique festival offers a variety of music, dance, outdoor theatre and cultural events, all from the beauty of the Yerba Buena Gardens park. The festival is a short walk from The St. Regis San Francisco, and it's free! See the calendar online for events.

www.ybgfestival.org

#### In April

#### The San Francisco International Chocolate Salon

04/02

Who doesn't love chocolate? The San Francisco International Chocolate Salon in Golden Gate Park is sure to satisfy any and all cravings. Expect top chocolatiers, authors, chefs, food and lifestyle experts.

www.sfchocolatesalon.com

#### 56th Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival

04/08 - 04/16

Japantown will come alive over two consecutive weekends in celebration of the 56th Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. The largest cherry blossom festival on the west coast. Expect music, art and food, honoring both the Japanese as well as Japanese American cultures.

www.sfcherryblossom.org

#### Art Market San Francisco

04/20 - 04/23

The Bay Area's premier art fair returns to Fort Mason's Festival Pavilion. Featuring 85 modern and contemporary art galleries from around the world, Art Market San Francisco is pleased to have the opportunity to showcase top contemporary art.

www.artmarketsf.com

#### San Francisco Decorator Showcase

04/29 - 05/29

Now in its 44th year, the San Francisco Decorator Showcase returns with select designers who will transform a beautiful home in an upscale neighborhood in San Francisco into a designer's work of art.

www.decoratorshowcase.org

### Events of Note

#### In May

#### Carnaval

05/27 - 05/28

The largest two-day multicultural event on the West Coast celebrates traditions of Latino, Caribbean and African Communities. Enjoy the Grand Parade on May 28th.

www.carnavalsanfrancisco.org

#### In June

#### Union Street Festival

06/03 - 06/04

Located in a tony neighborhood of The City, this festival features music, local artists, and plenty of options for food and drink. A great family activity!

www.unionstreetfestival.com

#### San Francisco International Arts Festival

06/08 - 06/18

The focus (with one or two exceptions) is on local artists. Special attention will be paid to the Juneteenth holiday.

( www.sfiaf.org

#### North Beach Festival

06/17&06/18

Celebrating Italian heritage with live music, arts & crafts, along with the best in Italian cuisine, look to North Beach (Little Italy) for a great weekend of fun.

www.northbeachfestival.org

#### Stern Grove Festival

06/18-08/13

This annual festival has been providing San Francisco with a variety of free concerts and performances since 1938. Always featuring an eclectic lineup, the Stern Grove Festival gives visitors a chance to listen to music from top international and local artists while surrounded by tall redwoods in the beautiful outdoor Sigmund Stern Grove Amphitheater.

www.sterngrove.org

#### San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade

06/24 & 25

The city comes alive in June as thousands of revelers, families, locals, and visitors come together in celebration with our LGBTQ Community. Enjoy the parade on Market Street beginning at 10:30 am on the 25th!

www.sfpride.org

### When in San Francisco...

#### Places Of Interest

#### Alcatraz

No prison has been made more popular in books and movies than the one on Alcatraz. This small island on the San Francisco bay however, has a story that extends far beyond the famed penitentiary. Named initially Isla de Los Alcatraces (Isle of the Pelicans), Alcatraz Island became a part of the U.S. in 1849. During the 1850's, a fortress was built and cannons installed as, along with much of the nearby Pacific coastline, Alcatraz aided in protecting the entry into the bay, dubbed the Golden Gate. The first inclinations of what was to come appeared as the U.S. Army began holding military prisoners in the late 1850's.

Alcatraz is best known, however, for the famed gangsters and notorious criminals that were sent to "The Rock" after a maximum-security federal prison was built, which began operations in 1934. No one escaped, and those who managed to free themselves and dive into the chilly bay waters were never heard from again. Still, it's thought that a few may have made it across. Now owned by the National Park Service, a limited number of tickets are sold daily. It's best to plan ahead to ensure a day and time that works for you.

www.cityexperiences.com

## Coit Tower and the Filbert Steps

A wealthy eccentric and patron of San Francisco's firefighters, Lillie Hitchcock Coit left a large amount of money after her passing for the sole purpose of erecting a monument to her beloved firefighters, including those who fought the fires that engulfed much of San Francisco after the 1906 earthquake. Contrary to popular belief however, the tower was not designed to resemble the end of a fire hose. Purchase tickets for an elevator ride to the top for a spectacular 360-degree view of the city. Within its walls are murals painted by muralists who were influenced by such famed artists of the time as Diego Rivera and Raoul Dufy.

If you are keen to a workout and beautiful views of the bay, why not take the Filbert Steps beginning from the Embarcadero (waterfront) up Telegraph Hill, with Coit Tower as your reward? Or make it easier on yourself and take the steps heading down. The views will still be there.

## The Presidio & Crissy Field

Once belonging to the native Ohlone people, the Presidio and the surrounding area that is now San Francisco became the northernmost outpost for the Spanish empire in western North America. After being acquired by Mexico and eventually the U.S., the United States Army established a military post on the Presidio grounds in 1847. The Presidio served as a military post through to the Vietnam War. A memorial bears the names of the 413 members of the armed forces who were lost or buried at sea in U.S. Pacific waters over World War II. Now the Presidio is a place of peace and reflection, offering hiking trails amongst the woods throughout. Many of the classic barracks have been refurbished or reimagined with restaurants or campuses such as Industrial Light and Magic.

An extension of the Presidio, it was recommended by a board of Army officers after the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition that the vacant bayfront, now called Crissy Field, should become a site for an Air Coast Defense Station, supplementing the artillery defenses around San Francisco Bay. Named in honor of Major Dana Crissy, this airfield helped develop the air power that proved essential in winning World War II. Now a beautiful open area with reclaimed marshes, Crissy Field is ideal for a stroll, jog or a run.

\*UPDATE\* - A bold and ambitious project known as the Presidio Tunnel Tops now connects the two! Make your way from one to the other over grass and manicured greens situated atop two new tunnels, taking motorists from the Golden Gate Bridge into the city proper. Enjoy a picnic or just take in the views atop this innovative landscape.

### When in San Francisco...

#### Places Of Interest

#### Golden Gate Bridge

Guests often think the bridge was named after its golden appearance in the distance. Actually, the official color is International Orange. The bridge was built across an important entry into the U. S., often referred to as the golden gateway. With a span of 1.7 miles, The Golden Gate Bridge opened to the public in 1937. No one could've predicted just how iconic the structure would be to our city.

When visiting the bridge, be sure to stop by Fort Point, located directly underneath on the south (San Francisco) side of the bridge. During the bridge's planning stages, the thought was to demolish this Civil War-era fort. After a massive outcry from residents, an alternate plan was adopted, with an updated design that would have the bridge built over the fort, thus saving this historical sight for future generations to come.

#### Twin Peaks

One of San Francisco's highest points, Twin Peaks offers a spectacular vista of San Francisco and the surrounding areas. Many of our iconic landmarks can be seen from this vantage point. If you are up for a good hike, some paths will take you to the viewing area. The payoff will be well worth it!

#### Golden Gate Park

It's hard to believe that a swath of land that is longer than New York's Central Park was once nothing more than wind-swept dunes. Construction began in 1870 and would eventually encompass 1,017 Acres. Over the years, lakes and unique gardens were added, among them the Japanese Tea Gardens, the Botanical Gardens as well as the AIDS Memorial Grove. Enjoy a paddle boat on Stow Lake or rent a bike. You might even come across a corral of bison!

# ...And While in the Park

### Conservatory of Flowers

Calling it a greenhouse doesn't do justice to the Conservatory of Flowers. Opened in 1879, this unique structure is the oldest woodand-glass conservatory in North America. Take the audio tour as you see first-hand an incredible array of unique and exotic plants from many regions.

www.conservatoryofflowers.org

## California Academy of Sciences

Much has changed since the California Academy of Sciences opened its doors in 1853. Once drawing thousands of visitors to gawk at the taxidermied grizzly bears or the giant wooly mammoth, much of the collection was lost during the 1906 earthquake. The Academy persevered and now showcases incredible exhibits such as the Steinhart Aquarium, a cool Planetarium, and a Living Roof. They've even recreated a Rain Forest! There is so much more to see, learn and enjoy.

www.calacademy.org

#### The DeYoung Museum

A must-visit when in the park, the DeYoung Museum originated as the Fine Arts Museum with construction beginning in 1894, in time for the California Midwinter International Exposition. Named for the chair of the exposition organizing committee, Michael H. de Young, the museum has grown from an attraction originally designed to temporarily house an eclectic collection of exotic oddities to becoming the foremost museum in the western U.S. concentrating on American art, international textile arts and costumes, as well as the art of the ancient Americas, Oceania, and Africa.

www.famsf.org

### Did You Know?

#### San Francisco Mission Murals

Amongst the vibrant culture, history and urban vibe of the Mission District lies hidden gems within the popular neighborhood. Tucked away in alleys throughout this eclectic area of The City, the Mission murals have become a rich and vibrant addition to the community.

From the 1970's to today, artists have converged on the Mission to create over 500 murals. Whether it be struggle or celebration, political or ironic, each expressive mural tells a story. Walk along Balmy Street and Clarion Alley, just to name a few. Our Concierge team is available to assist in mapping out the areas of interest. Aside from the colorful alleys, many buildings are alive with their own proud murals for all to see. The Women's Building, for example, honors the many contributions made by women from around the world. For a more nuanced experience, you'll want to visit the Precita Eyes Mural Arts and Visitors Center, offering walking tours on select dates. Tours are conducted by dedicated muralists and private tours are offered as well.

Whether private or on your own, a walk through the Mission and the Mission murals provides a unique insight into the minds of this one-of-a-kind artist collective.

## Play Ball!

Golden State Warriors Last Home Game April 4th	Tickets
San Francisco Giants Home Opener	Tickets
San Francisco 49ers Off Season!	N/A



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