

California Festivals and Showcases Guide

This guide contains general information on festivals, showcases and residency opportunities in California. As events change frequently, if you find an error in this guide or know of another opportunity to add, please notify us at Shae@dancersgroup.org.

San Francisco Bay Area

8x8x8 and Bare Bones (Oakland)

Both Bare Bones and 8x8x8 are curated, invite only showcases presented by Paufve. 8x8x8 is an annual event challenging eight choreographers to create a new work for an 8' x 8' performance space. Bare Bones is an annual low tech, informal event.

Contact: Randee Paufve, Artistic Director, info@paufvedance.org
paufvedance.org

AIR Program at Headlands Center for the Arts (Sausalito)

The Artist in Residence (AIR) program awards fully sponsored residencies to approximately 45 local, national, and international artists each year. Residencies of four to ten weeks include studio space, chef-prepared meals, comfortable housing, and travel and living stipends when available. AIRs become part of a dynamic community of artists participating in Headlands' other programs, allowing for exchange and collaborative relationships to develop within the artist community on campus

Contact: Brian Karl, Program Coordinator, info@headlands.org, 415-331-2787 ext. 30
headlands.org/programs/air/

AIRspace at The Garage (San Francisco)

A 12-week residency program for Bay Area queer performance artists, hosted by The Garage.

Contact: Joe Landini, joe_landini@hotmail.com, 415-518-1517
715bryant.org

AfroSolo Arts Festival (San Francisco)

Annually in the summer, the only Festival in the country dedicated to African American and African Diaspora art and culture through theater, dance, music, poetry, multi-media, spoken word, visual and literary arts.

Contact: Thomas Simpson, Founder/Artistic Director, thomas@afrosolo.org, 415-771-2376
afrosolo.org

Bay Area Dance Week (San Francisco)

Annual event presented by Dancers' Group. Free events including performances, open rehearsals, lecture demonstrations, and classes in a wide array of styles. BADW provides an opportunity for dance-lovers of all ages and experience-levels to take a grand tour of many movement styles.

Contact: Shae Colett, Outreach Director, shae@dancersgroup.org, 415-920-9181
bayareadance.org

Bay Area Praise Dance Festival (Oakland)

Ross Dance Company hosts the Bay Area Praise Dance Festival, featuring praise dance groups and local gospel artists from all over the nation.

Contact: info@rossdance.com, 510-828-5760
rossdance.com/performances

Black Choreographers Festival: Here and Now (San Francisco)

Three weekends of the Next Wave Choreographer's Showcase, usually in February. K*STAR* Productions: 888-819-9106 or AAAPAC: 866-898-2722

Contact: Kendra Kimbrough Barnes, Director

bcfhereandnow.com

CounterPULSE: Artist Residency Commissioning Program (San Francisco)

The ARC program has evolved in direct response to the needs of artists. It is designed to offer maximum support for experimentation and risk-taking by lifting many of the responsibilities associated with self-production. Elements of program include studio space, work in progress showings, web presence and performances.

Contact: Julie Phelps, julie@counterpulse.org

counterpulse.org/programs/artist-in-residence-program/

CubaCaribe Festival (San Francisco & East Bay)

Annual dance and music festival exploring the ever-evolving Caribbean Diaspora. Three different programs featured on separate weekends. Festival also offers lectures, film screenings and master classes.

Contact: cuba.caribe@yahoo.com

cubacaribe.org/events.html

Dance Repertory's Vision Series Dance Festival (San Francisco)

The Vision Series provides educational and professional performance opportunities to an innovative cross-section of dance artists. It develops and presents the diverse visions of high school dancers, professionals, emerging choreographers and academic instructors, regardless of individual experience or expertise.

Contact: drepvisioninfo@earthlink.net

dancerepertory.org/vs.html

detourdance's tiny dance film festival (San Francisco)

Tiny Dance Film Festival (TDFF) is a film festival based in San Francisco that celebrates dances made for the screen. TDFF features short dance films created by both emerging and established filmmakers and choreographers from across the globe. We open our doors to any and all forms of movement on camera.

Contact: Kat Cole or Eric Garcia, detourdance@gmail.com

detourdance.com/tdff/

Djerassi Resident Artist Program (Woodside)

Residencies are awarded competitively, at no cost, to national and international artists in the disciplines of choreography, literature, music composition, visual arts and media arts/new genres. We seek applications from emerging and mid-career artists, for whom appointments as resident artists may make a significant difference to their careers, as well as from established artists with national and/or international reputations. Applicants are evaluated by panels of arts professionals in each category. Those selected are offered living and studio space for a 30-day session during the season that runs from mid-March through mid-November.

Contact: Judy Freeland, judy@djerassi.org

djerassi.org

Ethnic Dance Festival (San Francisco)

Presented by World Arts West, serving the world, traditional and folk dance communities of Northern California by presenting and advancing multicultural performing arts. Auditioning begins in January for performances in June. Performance schedule is four weekends.

Contact: info@worldartswest.org, 415-474-3914

sfethnicedancefestival.org

Foundry Nights Residency (Oakland)

A Residency at The Foundry offers an eight-week program. The aim of the residency is to provide artists not only with a space and support to develop, but also a fully produced event to showcase their work. They invite all kinds of artists, art and ideas. Application details on website.

Contact: Gray, grayperforms@gmail.com

foundrynights.org/curtain-air.html

Kunst-Stoff Arts Fest (San Francisco)

KUNST-STOFF arts, the home of Yannis Adoniou's KUNST-STOFF dance company, is a 2500 sq feet dance studio/art space designed to host performing and visual artists. Arts Fest is a series of classes, workshops, dance performances, film, music and more curated by KUNST-STOFF Dance Company and ArtsBuildingConsortium.

Contact: info@kunst-stoff.org

kunst-stoff.org/events/

LEVYdance Salon (San Francisco)

LEVYdance presents the Salon, a performing arts showcase featuring 10 local artists. We give each artist 10 hours of free rehearsal space to take risks, develop ideas, explore and collaborate to create a new work.

Contact: salon@levydance.org, mica@levydance.org

levydance.org/salon.htm

Marin Dance Showcase (San Rafael)

Award-winning Bay Area dance schools, companies and individuals perform in the emerging performing arts component of the Marin Art Festival.

Contact: dance@marinartfestival.com, 415-388-0151

MilkBar Residency (Oakland)

The MilkBar Projects Room is used for special projects that need periods of time to build / assemble / play. With a residency at MilkBar one would receive a gorgeous light filled industrial room w/ floor to ceiling windows, Up to 15 hours/mo access to our main studio space w/ sprung floor, lighting, sound. Additional dance studio rental hours and access to other equipment by special arrangement and modest charge.

Application details on website.

Contact: milkbar@milkbar.org

milkbar.org/projects.html

Mission in the Mix (San Francisco)

Two-week multidisciplinary show at Dance Mission Theater presented by Micaya; featuring SoulForce Dance Company, Micaya's Hip Hop Dance Performance Workshop and Special Guests at Dance Mission Theater.

Contact: Micaya, Producer, micaya@micaya.com

micaya.com

ODC Pilot (San Francisco)

An 11-week mentorship program for choreographers to create a short work in a shared performance, with emphasis on learning all aspects of self-production. Six artists are chosen for two Pilot sessions per year.

Contact: Kimi Okada, kimi@odcschool.org, 415-863-6606 ext. 201

odcdance.org/school_innerpage.php?linkid=12&catid=110&subcatid=79

RAW (Residents Artists' Workshop) at The Garage (San Francisco)

A 12-week residency program offering approximately 4-6 hours of free rehearsal space that culminates in a two-night performance. Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Contact: Joe Landini, joe_landini@hotmail.com, 415-518-1517

715bryant.org

RAWdance CONCEPT Series (San Francisco)

A modern day salon, the CONCEPT series shares skilled dancing and innovative choreography up-close and personal in a casual atmosphere. The series strives to provide choreographers freedom outside the usual confines and rules of production, allowing for the simple creative process of 'taking an idea and running with it.'

Contact: raw@rawdance.org

rawdance.org/company/concept-series/

Rotunda Dance Series (San Francisco)

The Rotunda Dance Series brings the Bay Area's most acclaimed dance artists to San Francisco City Hall for a series of free performances.

Contact: Michelle Lynch, Program Director, michelle@dancersgroup.org

dancersgroup.org

SF Dance Film Festival (San Francisco)

The San Francisco Dance Film Festival was established in 2010 to give the Bay Area a much-needed platform for the presentation and further development of dance-based films. The Festival seeks to bring dance to wider audiences and supports interdisciplinary collaboration among artists by providing opportunities for education and creative exchange.

Contact: info@sfdancefilmfest.org

sfdancefilmfest.org

San Francisco Hip Hop Dance Festival (San Francisco)

Festival showcases hip hop dance companies from all over the world. Please check the website for upcoming info on dates, deadlines and guidelines. Deadline to submit footage for application: August 15th; early submission highly recommended.

Contact: Micaya, info@sfhiphopdancefest.com

sfhiphopdancefest.com

San Francisco International Bachata Festival (San Francisco)

Celebrating the music and dance of Bachata, SFIBF hosts over 50 teachers and over 100 performers from all over the world. Packages offered for beginner-advanced bachata dancers.

Contact: Camille Yannantuono, email through the website contact page

sanfrancisco.mybachatafestival.com

Sandbox Series (ODC) (San Francisco)

The Sandbox Series, designed to promote artistic exploration. Four choreographers will be chosen to engage up to six dancers for twelve 2-hour exploratory sessions over one month. This project is meant to support imagination and risk, it is not intended to replace the traditional pre-production rehearsal process.

Contact: Kimi Okada, kimi@odcschool.org

odcdance.org/school_innerpage.php?linkid=12&catid=110&subcatid=175

Shawl-Anderson Dance Center - Residency (Berkeley)

Shawl-Anderson Dance Center believes in the value of giving artists time and space to create work, free of expectations to create an end product. Shawl-Anderson strives to help three artists each year make work without struggling to pay for space. Residencies run January through April, May through August and September through December. The residency includes: weekly rehearsal space, free company classes, opportunities to perform at the Center and/or run workshops or open rehearsals. Application details on website.

Contact: Rebecca Johnson, rebecca@shawl-anderson.org

shawl-anderson.org/RESIDENCIES.htm

Shawl-Anderson Dance Center - Dance Up Close/East Bay series (Berkeley)

The Dance Up Close/East Bay series offers local audiences an intimate space to see professional level work, and supports local choreographers who want to produce their work for one or more consecutive weekends. The series was launched in May 2008 with performances by Paufve Dance and has since featured Nina Haft & Company, ahdanco/Abigail Hosein, Kimi Guthrie/Dandelion Dance Theater, Antoine Hunter's Urban Jazz Dance and Andrew Ward & Melecio Estrella's Fog Beast.

Contact: Rebecca Johnson, rebecca@shawl-anderson.org

www.shawl-anderson.org/DANCEupCLOSE.htm

SPF at The Garage (San Francisco)

The Garage's annual Summer Performance Festival featuring both veteran and emerging artists.

Contact: Joe Landini, joe_landini@hotmail.com, 415-518-1517

715bryant.org

San Francisco International Arts Festival (San Francisco)

Participants are culturally diverse, smaller arts organizations that represent San Francisco's broad demographics. Show runs in May/June and application deadlines are approximately a year and a half in advance, often in August.

Contact: info@sfiarf.org, 415-399-9554

sfiarf.org

Studio 210 Summer Residency (San Francisco)

The 210 Summer Residency is a new experiment supporting Bay Area artists in need of space to make their work. Deborah Slater Dance Theater is happy to once again be able to make a rare offer of rehearsal space, performance opportunities, peer support and professional feedback from Deborah Slater. The residency is intended as a vehicle for artists to hone their skills, experiment and dive in to making performance.

Contact: Miriam Wolodarski, miriam@deborahslater.org

deborahslater.org/studio210.php

Walking Distance Dance Festival (San Francisco)

ODC's annual fringe-style festival showcases samplings of contemporary dance from around the nation.

Contact: Mark Erickson, mark@odctheater.org

odcdance.org/performance.php?param=89

WestWave Dance Festival (San Francisco)

A choreography festival presented in a shared-program format. Provides veteran and newly-established choreographers of all cultures and disciplines, in and beyond the Bay Area, an opportunity to present their work in a professional venue in order to experiment, develop, and refine their repertoires, and to build audiences without the burden of self-producing.

Contact: Joe Landini, joe_landini@hotmail.com, 415-518-1517

westwavedancefestival.org

Works in the Works (Berkeley)

Presented by Choreographers' Performance Alliance and Eighth Street Studios. Each of four performances is followed by a moderated discussion with the audience. This year's series will feature performances in mid November. Registration is open to all types of performing artists and is on a first come first serve basis beginning in early August.

Contact: Claire Calalo or Jim Beatty, eighthstreetwiw@gmail.com, 510-527-5115

worksintheworks.org

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival (San Francisco)

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival presents classical, world, jazz music, contemporary and traditional dance, theater, children's and family programs and cultural events, reflecting the rich cultures and creativity of the region.

Contact: info@ybgf.org, 415-543-1718

ybgfestival.org

Other California Festivals

Blurred Borders International Dance Festival (San Diego)

Produced by Patricia Rincon Dance Collective, this event fosters the artistic exchange among local, national and international artists and has become a well-recognized San Diego annual dance event.

Contact: Patricia Rincon, Director, rincondance@pacbell.net, 760-632-5340

rincondance.org

Central Valley Dance Festival (Fresno)

Our mission is to unite dancers of all styles, backgrounds, cultures and schools under one roof to perform, share, educate and inspire each other while raising awareness and funds to assist all dancers in their pursuit and passion for dance. We seek opportunities for all participants to perform at various functions and hope to become a resource for all aspiring young dancers in the Central Valley.

Contact: Cris, centralvalleydance.com/contact-us/

centralvalleydance.com

The Choreography Festival (Palm Desert)

This Festival, now in its 16th year is dedicated to the advancement of dance as an art form, specifically through the support and promotion of quality choreography. Over \$26,500 is awarded to deserving choreographers annually. The competition is now part of the Palm Desert International Dance Festival.

Contact: Joanna Fookes, Production Manager, jfookes@mccallum-theatre.org, 760-346-6505 ext. 142

mccallumtheatre.com/education/festival.php

Dance Camera West (Los Angeles)

This festival smashes the boundaries between dance and film making dance a truly multimedia experience. The festival goes through the month of June.

Contact: Lynette Kessler, Director, lkessler@dancecamerawest.org, 213-480-8633; General:

toniabarber@dancecamerawest.org, 310-248-4944

dancecamerawest.org

Emerging Choreographers Showcase (Marina)

The Choreographer's Showcase is an established dance event in our local community, featuring artists from our region, and across the nation. Our vision is to support dance artists on every level, heighten awareness of the unique beauty and power of contemporary dance, and to establish a new West Coast center for dance exchange. Despite the serious funding issues facing the arts today, we are delighted to be able to present this opportunity to highlight diverse choreographers. Join SpectorDance for the Choreographer's Showcase Monterey 2013 on Sunday August 4. Applications will be accepted through May 31.

Contact: Fran Spector Atkins, Director, spectordance@earthlink.net, 831-384-1050

spectordance.org

L.A. Improv Dance Festival (Los Angeles)

A week of movement workshops, performances, and jams in Venice, CA. This festival is an exploration and celebration of improvisational movement styles and alternative dance techniques, featuring contact improv, performance structure, ensemble movement, and integrating sound, voice and sets into performance.

Contact: Jones Welsh, Managing Director of Not Man Apart, jones@notmanapart.com, 818-618-4772

Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival (San Diego)

Southern California's largest ethnic dance festival, presented by Coronado School of the Arts Foundation, features 18 traditional performances from around the globe and over 150 extraordinary dancers and musicians. Apply to audition.

Contact: Betzi Roe, Nations Director, betziroe@gmail.com, 858-699-6133

Old Pasadena: Dance Festival (Pasadena)

This free, family friendly celebration of music and movement will feature over a dozen award-winning dance companies performing unique dances from around the world. The Old Pasadena Cultural Dance Festival is one of the few dance festivals in the world where the audience is encouraged to participate in the show. Following each performance at the Main Stage on De Lacey Avenue, the dancers will teach movements from that culture, so audience members can get moving too!

Contact: info@oldpasadena.org
oldpasadena.org/dancefestival

Redwood Coast Belly Dance Festival (Humboldt County)

Redwood Coast Belly Dance Festival is presented by Shoshanna and Mosaic Productions, a non-profit Dream Maker program of The Ink People Center for the Arts. The festival celebrates a diverse showcase of the many styles that make up BELLY DANCING.

Contact: Shoshanna, dance@shoshannaland.com, 707-616-6876
redwoodcoastbellydance.com

Rogue Festival (Fresno)

Rogue Festival is a multidisciplinary arts festival held over 10 days in Fresno's Downtown and Tower Districts. Rogue welcomes artists and acts of all kinds. Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact: Renee Rasmussen, renee@roguefestival.com or Jayne Day, apj@roguefestival.com
roguefestival.com

Sacramento Praise Dance Festival (Sacramento)

Ross Dance Company hosts the Sacramento Praise Dance Festival, featuring praise dance groups and local gospel artists from all over the nation.

Contact: info@rossdance.com, 510-828-5760
rossdance.com/praise.htm

Sacramento World Music & Dance Festival (Sacramento)

Sacramento is recognized as the most ethnically integrated big city in America. To celebrate this cultural diversity and ethnic fusion, a spectacular feast of dance and live musical performances featuring world-class talent, takes place in early September.

Contact: 916-549-2749
sacworldfest.org