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Events: Arts Orgs Guide

Why stay at home and watch more reality TV when you can be supporting local arts? Our monthly Arts Org Guide can help you do just that! With a different theme in mind each and every month, we highlight a few Bay Area art orgs, giving you the perfect excuse to get off that couch.

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Arts Org Guide: October 2004

Laugh your way to the election booth this November! Whether to fine-tune your political IQ for the November elections or simply to be entertained by the antics of our leaders, the Bay Area offers many options for politically flavored entertainment. Not registered to vote yet? Check out rockthevote.com to register online and find out more about voting.

Comedy

Brad Stine
bradstine.com

Daring to be a conservative in a field dominated by liberals, Brad Stine is a comedian who delivers social commentary framed within a humorous language.

Where: HP Pavilion, San Jose

When: October 8-9

Phone: (800) 888-7595 (Promise Keepers)

George Bush Going-Away Party
koshercomedy.com

Drag queens dress up as George Bush and his family members and join cabaret dancers and the San Francisco Mime Troupe to celebrate the end of the Bush reign.

Where: Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

When: October 9 at 8pm

Phone: (415) 522-3737

Killing My Lobster Goes to the Polls!
killingmylobster.com

In a collage of skits, characters experience everything from lack of time for political involvement to the creative expansion of the minds of White House conservatives.

Where: ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., San Francisco

When: October 14-30

Phone: (415) 558-7721

Forums

Americans for Arts presents "Post-Election Impact on the Arts"
americansforthearts.org

Americans for Arts is making it possible to join people online from all over the country to talk about how the elections results will impact the arts. Based in Washington and New York, the goal of Americans for Arts is to use art as a means of improving the quality of life, to generate resources for arts and arts education, and to help people develop art appreciation.

Where: americansforthearts.org

When: November 5

Phone: (800) 775-7654

San Francisco Arts Forum
zaius.groupd.com/pipermail/artsforum-sf

If you are passionate about the arts, this is an opportunity to hear what the San Francisco board of supervisors has to say about their position on the arts and to show that there's a voting contingency in this city that cares about the arts. The San Francisco Arts Forum has organized a series of events all over the city as part of its continuing effort to engage the community in nurturing the arts in terms of programming, partnerships and policies.

Where: Various locations around San Francisco

When: Various dates from October to November

Theater

Aurora Theatre presents Aeschylus' "The Persians"
auroratheatre.org

Written 2500 years ago, this play explores the Persian King Xerxes' foolhardy decision to declare war against an enemy that defeated his father a decade earlier.

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There are thousands of arts organizations in Northern California. These Web sites offer links to organizations near you.

Arist Resource

(local, state, national and international organizations)

artistresource.org

ARTshare

(San Mateo County)

artshare.org

Artsopolis

(Silicon Valley)

artsopolis.com

Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

ccccc.org

Marin Arts Council

marinarts.org

San Francisco Arts Online

sfarts.org

If you have a monthly Art Organization theme you would like to suggest to **Spark**, email us at spark@kqed.org.

The New York Times describes Ellen McLaughlin's modern adaptation as "being more than relevant or timely. It is heart-wrenching and terrifying. We see the present and future right there, inside the past."

Where: 2081 Addison St., Berkeley

When: Through October 17

Phone: (510) 843-4822

Music

The President's Own US Memorial Band

sfmasoniccenter.com

Entertaining the US President and the Marine Corps since 1798, this band is an American tradition and a symbol for showcasing the importance of the arts in the political landscape.

Where: Nob Hill Masonic Center Auditorium, 1111 California St., San Francisco

When: November 7, 2:30pm

Phone: (415) 776-4702

Visual arts

Cartoon Art Museum presents "The Sting of the Wasp: San Francisco's Political Cartoon Weekly 1876-1897"

cartoonart.org

A collection of over 50 chromolithographic cartoons satirizes celebrities and political leaders in this exhibit from one of the most popular West Coast magazines of the 19th century. As the only museum of its kind in the United States, the Cartoon Art Museum is not only dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of cartoon art in all its form but is also involved in activities ranging from political exhibits, cartoon classroom, in-house artists' residency program to the handing out of awards to contemporary cartoon artists.

Where: 655 Mission St., San Francisco

When: Through November 14

Phone: (415) CARTOON

Berkeley Art Center presents "War, Peace, and Civil Liberties"

berkeleyartcenter.org

This collection of sculptures, paintings, mixed media, prints, drawing, photography, and video, represents 52 artists who were selected from over 300 who applied from all over the United States.

Where: 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley

When: October 3 through November 6

Phone: (510) 644-6893

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles presents "Art of Politics"

sjquiltmuseum.org

A diverse group of textile artists have organized to create an intersection between art and politics by showcasing works that address current political issues ranging from war to free speech.

Where: 110 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose

When: Through October 31

Phone: (408) 971-0323

Literary arts

Manic D Press

manicdpress.com

Manic D Press, founded in 1984 as an alternative outlet for writers and artists, is an award-winning literary press based in San Francisco. They represent fresh voices from a diverse group of people who are joined together in their quest for expressing themselves freely without having to appeal to a mass audience. A few of their political gems include "Red, White, Black & Blue: a (th)ink anthology" by Spark featured artist Keith Knight and "Color Me Arnold: The Unofficial Arnold Schwarzenegger Coloring and Activity Book."

Phone: (415) 648-8288

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