

## Secrets: Cool Deals

**Cool Deals Highlight**

Combining the image of San Francisco as a tolerant city and one that captivates visitors, the heart sculptures that have been popping up all over the city also display the city's capacity to nurture unique works of art. The hearts will be removed at the end of October

and auctioned to raise money for San Francisco General Hospital Foundation. Before the auction, the hearts can be viewed by the public on November 6-8, 9am-4pm in Lot A at SBC Park. Children under 12 can attend for free and there's a suggested donation of \$10 for others. [heartsinsf.com](http://heartsinsf.com).

## Search Spark



## Spark tips

- ✿ A good place to start is [sfarts.org](http://sfarts.org), which has a searchable database of current events with a "Show All Free Events" search option.
- ✿ If time is no object but money is and there is a particular dance or theater performance you want to see, volunteer as an usher. And if there is a museum you want to visit, volunteer as a docent. Contact the arts organization directly for more information.
- ✿ Many art galleries are open to the public without admission fees and they are among the best places for viewing the latest in visual art. Check out [artweek.com](http://artweek.com) for exhibition listings on the West Coast.

If there is a **Cool Deal** you would like to submit to **Spark**, email us at [spark@kqed.org](mailto:spark@kqed.org).

**Community Music Center**

[sfmusic.org](http://sfmusic.org)

With its weekly free or low-cost concerts and its modest tuition rates, sliding scale fees, tuition-free ensembles, and financial aid programs, the Community Music Center serves a large and diverse population.

**Where:** 544 Capp St. & 741 30th Ave., San Francisco

**Phone:** (415) 647-6015

**The Poetry Center at San Francisco State**

[sfsu.edu/~poetry](http://sfsu.edu/~poetry)

Poetry readings are free of charge at the Poetry Center. For off-campus readings, a \$7 donation is requested.

**Where:** San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco

**Phone:** (415) 338-2227

**TIX Bay Area**

[theatrebayarea.org](http://theatrebayarea.org)

This is the place to get half-price tickets on the day of a performance to selected events. TIX Bay Area is a program of Theatre Bay Area, a nonprofit organization serving over 300 theatre and dance companies in the 11-county Bay Area.

**Where:** There are two TIX Pavilion locations in San Francisco: Powell St., between Geary and Post; and the lower level of Moscone Center South, 747 Howard St.

**When:** Tuesday - Thursday 11am-6pm; Friday & Saturday 11am-7pm; Sunday 11am-3p; closed on Mondays; Half-price tickets for Sunday will be sold on Saturday and Sunday.

**Phone:** (415) 433-7827

**Z Space**

[zspace.org](http://zspace.org)

Many theater companies offer a "Pay What You Can Night." For Z Space, it's every Wednesday that they have a performance. This is first come/first served.

**Where:** Various venues

**Phone:** (415) 437-6775

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**Free Museum Days****Every Tuesday**

- **Legion of Honor**

[thinker.org](http://thinker.org)

**Where:** 100 34th Ave., San Francisco

**Phone:** (415) 863-3330

### First Tuesday of the month

- **Asian Art Museum**  
[asianart.org](http://asianart.org)  
**Where:** 200 Larkin St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 581-3500
- **California Historical Society**  
[californiahistoricalsociety.org](http://californiahistoricalsociety.org)  
**Where:** 678 Mission St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 357-1848
- **Cartoon Art Museum**  
[cartoonart.org](http://cartoonart.org)  
**Where:** 655 Mission St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) CARTOON (227-8666)
- **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**  
[sfmoma.org](http://sfmoma.org)  
**Where:** 151 Third St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 357-4000
- **Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Gallery**  
[yerbabuenaarts.org](http://yerbabuenaarts.org)  
**Where:** 701 Mission St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 978-ARTS (2787)

### First Wednesday of the month

- **California Academy of Sciences**  
[calacademy.org](http://calacademy.org)  
**Where:** 875 Howard St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 321-8000
- **Craft & Folk Art Museum**  
[sfcraftandfolk.org](http://sfcraftandfolk.org)  
**Where:** Fort Mason Center, Landmark Bldg. A, San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 775-0991
- **Exploratorium**  
[exploratorium.edu](http://exploratorium.edu)  
**Where:** Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St., San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 561-0399
- **Museo ItaloAmericano**  
[museoitaloamericano.org](http://museoitaloamericano.org)  
**Where:** Fort Mason Center, Bldg. C, San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 673-2200
- **San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society**  
[fortmason.org](http://fortmason.org)  
**Where:** Fort Mason Center, Bldg. C, San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 441-0640

### First and third Wednesday of the month

- **di Rosa Preserve - Art & Nature**  
[dirosapreserve.org](http://dirosapreserve.org)  
**Where:** 5200 Carneros Hwy 121, Napa  
**Phone:** (707) 226-5991

### First Thursday of the month

- **Berkeley Art Museum**  
[bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://bampfa.berkeley.edu)  
**Where:** Entrances on 2626 Bancroft Way and 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley  
**Phone:** (510) 642-0808

### Second Saturday of the month

- **Bay Area Discovery Museum** (after 1pm)  
[badm.org](http://badm.org)  
**Where:** Fort Baker, 557 McReynolds Rd., Sausalito  
**Phone:** (415) 487-4398

### Second Sunday of the month

- **Oakland Museum of California**

[museumca.org](http://museumca.org)

**Where:** 1000 Oak St., Oakland

**Phone:** (510) 238-2200

#### Always free

- **Judah L. Magnes Museum**

[magnes.org](http://magnes.org)

**Where:** 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley

**Phone:** (510) 549-6950

- **Pacific Heritage Museum**

[pacificheritage.citysearch.com](http://pacificheritage.citysearch.com)

608 Commercial St., San Francisco

**Phone:** (415) 362-4100

- **San Jose Museum of Art**

[sjmusart.org](http://sjmusart.org)

**Where:** 110 S. Market St., San Jose

**Phone:** (408) 271-6840

- **Triton Museum**

[tritonmuseum.org](http://tritonmuseum.org)

**Where:** 1505 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara

**Phone:** (408) 247-3754

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