

For Immediate Release

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Announces 2022 Programming

Free Performances from May 7 to October 29 in downtown San Francisco

Kick-Off Saturday, May 7 with Jesús Díaz y su Habana Afro-Cuban Ensemble

Festival Highlights Include:

Ismail Lumanovski & Inspector Gadje ft. Frank London May 14

Gamelan Sekar Jaya: *Sudamala* - World Premiere May 28

Diana Gamos June 4

***Alice Coltrane Tribute*: Brooklyn Raga Massive ft. Reggie Workman June 11**

Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu: *I OLA!* June 18

Circus Bella's *Flip * Flop * Fly* June 25

SF Uke Jam: *Summer Ukesplosion!* July 9

YBG ChoreoFest July 23 & July 30

Paula West August 6

Marcus Shelby New Orchestra: *Blues in the City* - World Premiere September 3

Joti Singh: *Ghadar Geet* - World Premiere Sept 10

Alleluia Panis: *Nursing These Wounds* - World Premiere October 1

San Francisco Indigenous Peoples' Day October 10

Thursday Lunchtime Concerts

Children's Garden Series

Salsa at Jessie Square

Poetic Tuesdays with Litquake and MoAD

(San Francisco, CA, April 5, 2022) - The 2022 Yerba Buena Gardens Festival announces the lineup of over 100 free outdoor music, theater, circus, dance, poetry, and children's programs. The Festival will open on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00pm with Cuban percussionist Jesús Díaz y su Habana Afro-Cuban Ensemble with an opening set from Chulita Vinyl Club at 12:30pm. Now in its 22nd year, the Festival will run each and every week and weekend until October 29 and is located between Mission and Howard Streets and Third and Fourth Streets in downtown San Francisco. For more information, visit ybgfestival.org.

Festival highlights include **Ismail Lumanovski & Inspector Gadje ft. Frank London** on May 14, **CAAMFest 40 Presents** on May 21, **Gamelan Sekar Jaya: *Sudamala* (World Premiere)** on May 28, **Diana Gamos** on June 4, ***Alice Coltrane Tribute with Brooklyn***

Raga Massive ft. Reggie Workman on June 11. **Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu: I OLA!** on June 18, **Circus Bella's Flip * Flop * Fly** on June 25, **SF Uke Jam: Summer Ukesplosion!** on July 9, **YBG ChoreoFest** on July 23 & July 30, **Paula West** on August 6, **Joti Singh: Ghadar Geet (World Premiere)** on September 10, **Alleluia Panis: Nursing These Wounds (World Premiere)** on October 1, and **The Marcus Shelby New Orchestra: Blues in the City (World Premiere)** on September 3, made possible with major support from APAP ArtsForward.

"After no Festival in 2020 and a limited season in 2021, I am so excited that we are able to present this exuberant full season of new programs and activations," says Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Executive/Artistic Director Linda Lucero. "The Festival is proud to commission new musical and performance programs specifically designed for the Gardens and to support our artistic community. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer."

In 2020, the Festival awarded **Endurance, Hope, and Community** grants of \$2,000 to 20 Bay Area artists that allowed for the creation, continuation, or completion of specific performing arts projects. Several of these projects were performed during the 2021 Festival season. This year, the Festival has awarded **Seed Commissions** of \$2,500 to an additional 20 Bay Area-based artists to act as a "seed" for the creative process. Many of the recipients will premiere or perform new works at this year's Festival.

In partnership with the Community Music Center, the Festival will present a pre-season program called **A Song of Triumph: The History of Black Music** on April 23 from 1:00pm-2:30pm. This new work by Maestro Curtis is an extension of the CMC's Black Music Studies Program.

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Programs & Series

Salsa at Jessie, the open-air salsa dance party in Jessie Square (near the Contemporary Jewish Museum), takes place on the third Thursday of each month from May to September from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. The series includes **Carlitos Medrano & Sabor De Mi Cuba** on May 19, **La Mixta Criolla** on June 16, **Edgardo Cambón** on July 21, **Javier Navarrette's Socially Distant Friends** on August 18, and **Fito Reinoso y su Ritmo y Armonía** on September 15.

Children's Garden Series features interactive performances specially designed for kids and their adults every Friday from June to August in the Yerba Buena Children's Garden at Fourth and Howard Streets. The kiddie-popular series presents **Chelle! & Friends** on June 3, **Tito Ramon's Pop-Up Puppet Show** on June 10, **RhythmALLogy** on

June 17, **René y Familia** on June 24, **Ka-Hon** on July 1, **Coventry & Kaluza** on July 8, **Calvin Kai Ku** on July 15, **Unique Derique** on July 22, **Circus of Smiles** on July 29, **Red Panda Acrobats** on August 5, **Caterpillar Puppets** on August 12. The series ends with the **22nd Annual Halloween Hoopla** on October 29.

Thursday Lunchtime Concert Series takes place most Thursdays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm and features the very best of local and international musicians including **New Voices Bay Area TIGQ Chorus** on May 12, **Kitka Vocal Ensemble** on May 19, **Tiffany Austin** on May 26, **Mads Tolling Quartet** on June 2, **Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88s** on June 9, **Rojai & The Pocket** on June 16, **Jenny Lind Concert** on June 23, **Queer Taiko** on June 30, **Eva Salina & Peter Stan** on July 7, **The Alaya Project** on July 14, **Nomad Session** on July 21, **María José Montijo** on July 28, **Tom Rigney & Flambeau** on August 4, **Orchestra Gold** on August 11, **Romero Lubambo & Chico Pinheiro** on August 18, **Lalin St. Juste** on August 25, **Cascada de Flores** on September 8, and **Ahkeel Mestayer Quintet** on September 29.

Poetic Tuesdays, on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at Jessie Square, is guest curated by Litquake and Museum of the African Diaspora featuring a wide array of poets and music. The series begins Tuesday, May 10.

The Yerba Buena Gardens Festival proudly hosts annual cultural celebrations and partner programs including **Community Music Center's *A Song of Triumph: The History of Black Music*** on April 23, **CAAMFest 40 Presents** on May 21, **Native Contemporary Arts Festival** on June 19, **AfroSolo Arts Festival with Paula West** on August 6, **Pistahan** on August 13 and 14, **Yerba Buena Night** on October 8, and **San Francisco Indigenous Peoples' Day** on October 10.

On Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:00pm, **Rhythm & Motion** leads a follow-along class inspired by choreography and music from across the globe. Classes are taught by experienced dancers and performing artists that all emphasize the joyful spirit and open expressiveness of dance in its many forms. All levels and abilities are welcome to join.

2022 Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Programming

Visit www.ybgfestival.org for further artist announcements and detailed information.

*All events are free. **The Yerba Buena Gardens Festival IS NOT part of YBCA.***

All programs take place outdoors in Yerba Buena Gardens, off Mission Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, and the Yerba Buena Children's Garden located at Howard & Fourth Streets, San Francisco. The organization will continue to closely follow all

current and future COVID restrictions, protocols, and guidelines set by City and State public health departments.

MAY

Jesús Díaz y su Habana Afro-Cuban Ensemble; Chulita Vinyl Club, May 7, 1-2:30pm

Poetic Tuesdays with MoAD, May 10, 12:30pm-1:30pm

New Voices Bay Area TIGQ Chorus, May 12, 12:30-1:30pm

Ismail Lumanovski & Inspector Gadje ft. Frank London, May 14, 1-3:00pm

Kitka Vocal Ensemble, May 19, 12:30-1:30pm

Carlitos Medrano & Sabor De Mi Cuba, May 19, 6-7:30pm

CAAMFest 40 Presents, May 21, 1-2:30pm

Tiffany Austin, May 26, 12:30-1:30pm

Gamelan Sekar Jaya: *Sudamala*, May 28, 1-2:30pm

JUNE

Mads Tolling Quartet, June 2, 12:30-1:30pm

Diana Gameros, June 4, 1-2:30pm

Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88s, June 9, 12:30-1:30pm

Alice Coltrane Tribute: Brooklyn Raga Massive ft. Reggie Workman, June 11, 1-2:30pm

Poetic Tuesdays with Litquake, June 14, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Rojai & The Pocket, June 16, 12:30-1:30pm

La Mixta Criolla, June 16, 6-7:30pm

Nā Lei Hulu I Ka Wēkiu: *I OLA!*, June 18, 1-2:30pm

Native Contemporary Arts Festival, June 19, 12-3pm

Jenny Lind Concert, June 23, 12:30-1:30pm

Circus Bella's *Flip * Flop * Fly*, June 25, Noon and 2:15pm

Queer Taiko, June 30, 12:30-1:30pm

JULY

Eva Salina & Peter Stan, July 7, 12:30-1:30pm

SF Uke Jam: Summer *UkeSplosion!*, July 9, 1-3pm

Poetic Tuesdays with MoAD, July 12, 12:30pm-1:30pm

The Alaya Project, July 14, 12:30-1:30pm

San Francisco Mime Troupe, July 16, 2-4pm

Nomad Session, July 21, 12:30-1:30pm

Edgardo Cambón: *Un tributo a los 70's*, July 21, 6-7:30pm

YBG ChoreoFest, July 23 & 30, 1-3:00pm

María José Montijo, July 28, 12:30-1:30pm

AUGUST

Tom Rigney & Flambeau, August 4, 12:30-1:30pm
Paula West - Presented with AfroSolo Arts Festival, August 6, 1-2:30pm
Orchestra Gold, August 11, 12:30-1:30pm
Pistahan, August 13-14
Poetic Tuesdays with Litquake, August 9, 12:30pm-1:30pm
Romero Lubambo & Chico Pinheiro, August 18, 12:30-1:30pm
Javier Navarette's Socially Distant Friends, August 18, 6-7:30pm
Lalin St. Juste, August 25, 12:30-1:30pm

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Marcus Shelby Orchestra: *Blues in the City*, September 3, 1-2:30pm
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Joti Singh: *Ghadar Geet*, September 10, 1-2:30pm
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Ahkeel Mestayer Quintet, September 29, 12:30-1:30pm

OCTOBER

Alleluia Panis: *Nursing These Wounds*, October 1, 1-2:30pm
Yerba Buena Night, October 8, 6-10pm
Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 10, 12-4pm
Poetic Tuesdays with Litquake, October 11, 12:30pm-1:30pm
Litquake Festival, October 15 & 16, 12:00pm-5:00pm

Children's Garden Series

Yerba Buena Children's Garden is located at Howard & Fourth Streets.
Two performances - 11:00am-11:30am and 12:15pm-12:45pm.

Chelle! & Friends, Friday, June 3
Tito Ramon's Pop-Up Puppet Show, Friday, June 10
RhythmALLogy, Friday, June 17
René y Familia, Friday, June 24
Ka-Hon, Friday, July 1
Coventry & Kaluza, Friday, July 8
Calvin Kai Ku, Friday, July 15
Unique Derique, Friday, July 22
Circus of Smiles, Friday, July 29
Red Panda Acrobats, Friday, August 5

Caterpillar Puppets, Friday, August 12

22nd Annual Halloween Hoopla on October 29, Noon-3:00pm

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