



# THE HEART BEAT

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## DON'T BE A PROCRASTINATOR!

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY REGISTERED for *Weave Your Heart in San Francisco*, what are you waiting for? Sign up before our rates go up at the end of March.

Standard Rate	thru 3/31/2013	\$225
Procrastinator	thru 7/1/2013	\$265
Non-Dancer	thru 7/1/2013	\$120
New Dancer Discount (see newsletter #5)	until sold out	\$165
Fun Badge Tour	until sold out	\$50

To download a mail-in registration form or to register online, go to Weave Your Heart's [registration page](#).

## GOT YOUR HOTEL ROOM YET?

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR STAY at the **San Francisco Marriott Marquis** at these very reasonable room rates:

Single and Double	\$139 per night
Triple	\$159
Quad	\$179

Visit our [hotel page](#) for more details and options for booking your hotel room.

Due to high demand for rooms over Pride Weekend, **we are running short of rooms before July 3**. The hotel has set up additional rooms at the rate of \$189 that will be wait-listed for \$139 rooms if a discounted room isn't available. As people firm up their travel plans, rooms at the \$139 rate may open up and the wait list will automatically give you a \$139 room for your \$189 room if and when one opens.

## AND BOOK YOUR FLIGHT...

American Airlines is offering a **5% discount** on air travel to SFO for our convention. Go to <http://aa.com/group> and use promo code **6563BY** when booking your flight.

## CALLING ALL FUTURE CALLERS

DID YOU EVER WONDER HOW square dance callers learned to do what they do? Ever say to yourself, "Hey, I could do that!"

If you've wanted to try square dance calling, or if you are already calling but want to learn from the experts, sign up for the Gay Callers Association's **2013 GCA Caller School**, Monday through Wednesday, July 1-3, immediately preceding the Convention.

Beginners will get an introduction to calling, including:

- How to move dancers
- Working with music
- Creating and delivering choreography
- Sight calling basics

Intermediate and advanced students can work through their own material at the mike or in one-on-one sessions and get more advanced instruction in all aspects of the art of calling.

If you've been calling for five or more years, sign up for the Master Class for one-on-one coaching to make yourself the best caller you can be.

GCA Caller Coaches this year are **Barry Clasper** and **Bill Eyler** (Beginner and Intermediate classes) and **John Marshall** (Master Class).

There will be plenty of microphone time for all students and personal attention from GCA's superb Teaching Assistants. Beginners will receive a Callerlab New Caller Kit and Choreographic Checkers.

Thanks to the generous support of the All Join Hands Foundation, the registration fee is only **\$75** for Beginner and Intermediate classes and **\$125** for the Master Class.

To sign up, go to [www.gaycallers.org/callerschool](http://www.gaycallers.org/callerschool) to register online or download a mail-in registration form. A limited number of scholarships are available; details are at [www.gaycallers.org](http://www.gaycallers.org).



Another decree from  
Emperor Norton I  
of San Francisco

## I ♥ THE NIGHTLIFE

Step out into San Francisco's fabled night life with these three great tour events!

### SISTERS BINGO - A BENEFIT FOR ALL JOIN HANDS (TUESDAY, JULY 2)

NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S BINGO! Sisters Bingo combines traditional bingo with live performance and the zany (and quite often raunchy) antics of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence!

This is a benefit for All Join Hands. \$30 for regular admission; \$45 for limited VIP seating with special "attention" from the Sisters! Prizes, cards, daubers, and tons of laughs included!

You can reserve seats through [www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org) or purchase your admission online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/335926>

### AN EVENING AT BEACH BLANKET BABYLON (WEDNESDAY, JULY 3)

AN ONLY-IN-SAN FRANCISCO CLASSIC! **Beach Blanket Babylon** is the longest running musical revue in theater history. Hailed as "a constant cascade of show stoppers" in astonishing hats, BBB is always bawdy and constantly updated to reflect the current sociopolitical climate!

Rear Balcony:	\$60
Center Balcony:	\$85
Side & Center Boxes:	\$110
Premier Box Seats:	\$135

Seating is general admission within each section. Transportation to and from the theater is included. Must be 21 or over and carrying ID.

### SF ADULT NIGHTLIFE TOUR (FRIDAY, JULY 4)

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SEE THE NIGHTLIFE of San Francisco in a way you've never seen it before!



Guided by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, our fun bus will circle the Castro and South of Market areas and let you hop off and stay as long as you like at the bar or sex club that sounds most interesting.

Just be sure to get back on the last bus, leaving the hotel at 2:00 am when the bars close.

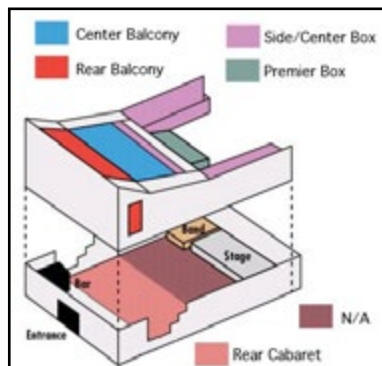
Must be 21 or over and carrying ID. Limited to 40 people.



## TOUR SCHEDULE

Date Time	Tour	Price
Fri, 6/28 10:00 am	Blazing Saddles Bike Tour	\$65
Fri, 6/28 4:00 pm	Slow Poke's Bike Ride	\$45
Sat, 6/29 9:00 am	Cal Academy of Science - Behind the Scenes	\$70
Sat, 6/29 4:00 pm	Mission Walk to Pink Saturday	\$20
Sun, 6/30 9:00 am	SF Pride Parade VIP	\$40
Mon, 7/1 9:00 am	Roller Coasters by Boat	\$75
Tue, 7/2 9:00 am	Grape to Glass Wine Tour	\$165
Tue, 7/2 7:30 pm	Sisters Bingo - Benefit for All Join Hands	\$30 & \$45
Wed, 7/3 8:00 am	Silicon Valley Tech Tour	\$55
Wed, 7/3 7:00 pm	Beach Blanket Babylon	\$60 - \$135
Thu, 7/4 10:00 am	Crusin' Gay San Francisco Tour	\$65
Fri, 7/5 10:00 pm	SF Adult Nightlife Tour	\$45
Mon, 7/8 8:00 am	Culinary Factory Tour	\$100

**Price drop!**



**Itineraries subject to change.** Tours have limited seating and are expected to sell out quickly. Sign up on the IAGSDC web site or download a mail-in registration form from [www.sanfrancisco2013.org/tours](http://www.sanfrancisco2013.org/tours).



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## OUR CALLERS

*Continuing with the calling staff of **Weave Your Heart in San Francisco**, here are three outstanding Bay Area callers joining us this year.*

### ROB FRENCH & CJ SMITH

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT WE FEATURE A HUSBAND-AND-WIFE CALLING TEAM.

Rob French grew up in Louisville, KY and attended MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he met

CJ Smith, a New England native also pursuing an engineering degree at MIT.

Rob moved to the Bay Area to do graduate work at Stanford in 1990, where a USENET search led him to the Stanford Quads square dance club. CJ joined him in California a year later after a stint in the Army Signal Corps, and both took classes at Quads from the late John Sybalsky, who encouraged them to try calling. The two of them attended a caller school with Bill Davis and Kip Garvey in 1992. At the time, Rob had been dancing for only a year and CJ was still in her first beginner's class. They learned to call each new level as they learned to dance it.

Rob and CJ call all levels through C4. In the Bay Area they have called for many clubs including PACE, Stanford Quads, Interlocked Squares, Whirl-a-Ways, TNTs, Generic Squares, and El Camino Reelers. Rob was on the calling staff at the 2005 IAGSDC Convention in Santa Clara, and they both called at the 1997 IAGSDC Convention in Las Vegas. They have called for numerous fly-ins in the U.S., Canada, Sweden, Germany, and Japan. One of their most memorable experiences was calling at a festival at the foot of Mt. Fuji.

Rob and CJ live in Woodland, CA, near Sacramento. Currently, Rob is an astronomer with the SETI Institute, doing research on the moons and rings of the outer planets. He's also an FAA-certified flying

instructor. CJ has left software engineering to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. She tells us that in applying to veterinary school, she put "square dance caller" on her resume, and during her interview - prim and proper in her business suit - she was asked to do a demonstration!

Asked about the connection between square dancing and his other careers, Rob says, "Actually I do find common threads. All of them involve public speaking and teaching. Calling has been wonderful training for both and has certainly helped me in my other professions."

### ERIC HENERLAU

ERIC HENERLAU HAS been teaching and calling Modern Square Dancing since 1980. He has taught thousands of people how to square dance through classes and individual party dance events. Eric is an accomplished caller at all levels from beginners through C1. He also cues Phase II level Square Dance rounds. He serves on the Board of Governors of Callerlab and is the Vice Chair of the Plus Committee.

Eric travels throughout the western United States, calling for open dances, private parties, and festivals, including NCSDA Golden State Roundup, Fun Weekend, Harvest Hoedown, Bakersfield Fiesta, WinterFest, SSDUSA. He was on the calling staff at the IAGSDC Conventions in San Francisco in 1986 and 1996.

He has created and led programs in schools for 4th graders, 6th graders and high school sophomores, teaching hundreds of students each year the basics of Modern Square Dancing.

Eric lives in Marin County and currently calls for two Plus level clubs and one Advanced group in the San Francisco Bay Area: the Tam Twirlers in San Rafael, the Single Squares of Sunnyvale and the Outlaws in San Jose.



*Check out the wide selection of Convention merchandise for men, women, and everyone in between at our [online Logo Store!](#)*





## HONKY TONK MADNESS

JOIN US ON FRIDAY NIGHT for the inestimable (and inexplicable) *Honky Tonk Queen Contest*, where eager and excited drag queens will use their singing, dancing, and wit to compete to be next year's Honky Tonk Queen!

Photo by Byron Godfrey



These zombies never imagined they would win the Honky Tonk Queen Contest in 2012. It could happen to you in 2013!

We are planning to make this year's contest a truly fabulous one, a fitting match to IAGSDC's fabulous 30th convention. There will be Old Queens, new queens, guests from San Francisco's wonderful drag scene, celebrity judges, and more - all to delight and amaze you, our audience! So mark your calendars, and prepare for a evening of fantastic entertainment!



The Barbary Coast Cloggers will perform at the Country & Western dance on Saturday.



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## Mrs. Whateveryouare says:

**Get your act together!** It's time to start working on your costume and routine! You can't be Empress, but you **could** be our next Honky Tonk Queen!



Empress Jose I, the Widow Norton (Jose Sarria), noted gay activist and founder of San Francisco's Imperial Court System



## LET THERE BE LIGHTS

ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO IS TALKING about the Bay Lights, the new lighting installation on the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Just opened in March 2013, the Bay Lights is the world's largest LED light sculpture, 1.8 miles wide and 500 feet high. Inspired by the Bay Bridge's 75th Anniversary, its 25,000 white LED lights are individually programmed by artist Leo Villareal to create a never-repeating, dazzling display across the Bay Bridge West Span through 2015.



The Bay Lights from San Francisco's Embarcadero



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