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## THIS WEEK

# S M T W T F S

### FESTIVAL

#### Oktoberfest by the Bay

The 19th annual festival offers a little slice of Munich with beer drinking, German food, singing, dancing and nonstop music. Headlining is the Chico Bavarian Band, the first American band invited to participate in Munich's festival. See the website for details. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun., Sept. 23. Pier 48, San Francisco. \$5-\$85. Children 12 and under are free. 888-746-7522. [www.oktoberfestbythebay.com](http://www.oktoberfestbythebay.com)

### MUSIC/GALA

#### Wynton Marsalis, Jon Batiste

Grammy-winner Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra welcome guest Jon Batiste to "Celebrating Duke Ellington." Batiste is music director and pianist on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert." See website for gala activities. 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 23. Greek Theatre, 2001 Gayley Road, Berkeley. \$50-\$150. 510-642-7837. [www.calperformances.org](http://www.calperformances.org)

Smuin Contemporary Ballet dancer Terez Dean with the company in Rex Wheeler's "Sinfonietta," part of the company's "Dance Series 01" program.

### CABARET

#### Broadway Backwards

The touring casts of the Broadway hit shows "On Your Feet" and "Phantom of the Opera" appear in reverse gender roles. The cabaret raises money for the Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. 7:30 p.m. Mon., Sept. 24. Marines' Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter St., San Francisco. \$35-\$100. 415-273-1620. [www.reak-sf.org](http://www.reak-sf.org)

### EXHIBITION

#### 'Textiles Arts and Social Justice'

"Connecting Threads: Quilts from the Social Justice Sewing Academy" pays homage to personal transformation and community cohesiveness. It features young artists who focus on gun violence, gender and other issues. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun., Sept. 23; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri., Sept. 24-28; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat., Sept. 29. Through Nov. 30. The Katz Snyder Gallery, Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St., San Francisco. Free. 415-292-1200. [www.jccsf.org](http://www.jccsf.org)

### MOVIE

#### Joan Jett in 'Bad Reputation'

This documentary about the life and work of the influential rock 'n' roller gets a special theatrical screening before its general and streaming release. Includes performance footage, plus testimonials from the likes of Billie Joe Armstrong, Debbie Harry, Nikki Haley, Iggy Pop and Pete Townshend. 7 p.m. Wed., Sept. 26, at the Roxie and Landmark Embarcadero in San Francisco, and other Northern California theaters. For details, go to [www.badreputationfilm.com/special-screening](http://www.badreputationfilm.com/special-screening)

### CABARET

#### Aaron Tveit

From Broadway's "Wicked," "Hairspray" and "Catch Me If You Can" to a starring role in CBS' "Braindead," the singer-actor is a busy guy. He starred with Hugh Jackman in the film "Les Misérables" and was also seen in the TV musical "Grease: Live." Some meet-and-greet tickets are available. 8 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 27. Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., San Francisco. \$70-\$105. 888-663-1063. [www.ticketfly.com](http://www.ticketfly.com)

### DANCE

#### Smuin Contemporary Ballet

The company's Dance Series 01 opens with "Blue Until June," a tribute to singer Etta James by choreographer Trey McIntyre. Three works by former and current Smuin choreographers follow, along with Michael Smuin's "Schubert Scherzo" and "Eternal Idol." 7:30 p.m. Fri., Sept. 28; 2 p.m. Sat., Sept. 29; 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 30. Through Oct. 6. Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., San Francisco. \$34-\$81. 415-912-1899. [www.smuinballet.org](http://www.smuinballet.org)

### THEATER

#### 'The Cat in the Hat - El Gato Ensombbrero'

This is a Spanish translated, bilingual musical of Dr. Seuss' classic "Cat in the Hat." With their mother away, two children encounter an unexpected visitor. The production features physical comedy and a Latin vibe. 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 23; 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 4 p.m. Sat., Sept. 29. Through Nov. 4. Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) at Berkeley Theatre Center, 2055 Center St., Berkeley. \$17-\$28. 510-296-4433. [www.bacttheatre.org](http://www.bacttheatre.org)

### COMMUNITY

#### Hammer Plaza Celebration

This family event, presented by the Hammer Theatre, fills the plaza with food, a beer garden, art and plenty of entertainment. The lineup includes Oakland's Bandaloop, which performs aerial dance; and New York City's Bridgman/Packer Dance, which presents "Truck" inside a 17-foot U-Haul truck. 7-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat., Sept. 28-29. Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose. Free. [www.hammertheatre.com](http://www.hammertheatre.com)

— Kathleen Dixon

