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HERE COMES THE SUNDANCE STOMPEDE

We've got a busy fall season coming up. Special events will include CW dancing at the **Castro Street Fair**, our **Halloween Party**, and the **Holiday Ball**. But of course, the grand-daddy of special events will be the **Sundance Stompede** November 7 - 9.

In case you've been living in a cave for the past year, the Sundance Stompede is going to be a spectacular weekend of country-western dancing, with three days of dance workshops and three nights of special dance parties.

The centerpiece of the Sundance Stompede remains Saturday night's *Hoedown 2003* at the Galleria Design Center. And this year we're going set up our 2600-square-foot wooden dance floor. Throw in the *Welcome Dance* at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on Friday night, the *Stompede Ball* at Sundance Saloon on Sunday night, and hours and hours of *dance workshops* all weekend long, and you've got the biggest country-western dance weekend ever to hit San Francisco!

We're expecting a huge influx of visitors from across the country and beyond. The Sundance Stompede weekend will also double as the 2003-04 convention of the International Association of Gay/Lesbian

Country-Western Dance Clubs. And we look forward to showing our visitors just how welcoming and friendly our Bay Area dancers are.

There's so much to tell, we're devoting an entire separate bulletin to the Sundance Stompede. You can also find out more information at www.stompede.com. And don't forget to register for the entire weekend, and save plenty over the cost of separate admissions to each event.

In other news, The Sundance Association has received unprecedented support as our *membership* list approaches 100. We are grateful for that support, without which we could not achieve all that we do.



CASTRO STREET FAIR, OCT. 5





Country-western dancing returns to the Castro Street Fair at our great location in the parking lot behind the

Castro Theater. Dance on our **new dance floor**, proudly custom-built by Sundance Association volunteers! The donation of this floor to the Castro Street Fair makes dancing possible – without it, there would have been no dancing this year.

Of course, this dance floor doesn't just magically appear! We need help transporting it and putting it together Saturday afternoon

and Sunday morning, and also taking it apart Sunday evening. We're also looking for help to man our bootcheck Sunday afternoon, and for some Sundance supporters to act as ambassadors to talk to new potential country-western dancers. If interested, please contact volunteer@sundancesaloon.org or 415-820-1403.

Whether you come to help or come to play, come on out and enjoy a festive afternoon. Sun or fog, it doesn't matter – the weather's always perfect for dancing at the Castro Street Fair!

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SUNDANCE SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

OCT. 5 - CASTRO STREET FAIR. See page one for details.

OCT. 12 – STOMPEDE PLANNING MEETING. 3 - 5 pm. Contact 415-820-1403 or info@stompede.com for location/details.

OCT. 20 – SUNDANCE NIGHT AT THE EDGE. Come on down to the Edge Bar in the Castro for "Spurs and Fur," a party for bears, country-western fans, and anyone looking for fun on a Monday night. On October 20 from 8 to 11 pm, Sundance will sponsor the event as a fundraiser – all proceeds from the \$7 beer/soda bust and raffle will go to the Sundance Stompede and AIDS/Breast Cancer Emergency Fund. Entertainment provided by Doug Stevens, Ed Morgan, and Matt Alber. 4149 18th St. @ Collingwood.

OCT. 26 – HALLOWEEN AT SUNDANCE SALOON. Our annual costume party, with prizes for sleaziest, scariest and best overall. Perhaps you could win all three? Admission \$8, or \$5 if you come in costume.

NOV. 7-9 – THE SUNDANCE STOMPEDE. See page one and the special Stompede Bulletin for details; also www.stompede.com.

DEC. 14 – THE HOLIDAY BALL AT SUNDANCE SALOON. See Sundance Saloon decked out in lights. Dance to your holiday favorites. (And this year maybe we'll finally find a country-western Chanukah song.) Admission \$8, or \$5 with a toy for our toy drive.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS. More new places to dance! - The Juke Joint. 4th Saturday of the month. Lessons 7 - 8 pm (two-step, waltz, salsa, East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing), and dancing 8 - 11 pm. Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, CA. Info: lazarus2000@attbi.com or 510-464-4606 - Metronome Ballroom. Every Thursday, CW dance lessons 8 - 9 pm, and open dancing 9 - 11 pm. \$10 for lesson & dance, \$6 for dance only. Also every 1st Saturday is their Cowgirl's Round-Up for women, and every 3rd Saturday is the Cowboy's Round-Up for men, with lessons 7:30 - 9 pm and open dancing 9 pm - midnight. \$12 for lesson & dance, \$7 for dance only. Info: info@metronomeballroom.com or 415-252-9000 - Other community happenings - For more information about other places to dance in the Bay Area, including the new Saturday schedule at Club 1220 in Walnut Creek, and new hours for **T.D.'s** on Wednesdays in the South Bay, please check out the community bulletin board at www.sundancesaloon.org.

THANK A VOLUNTEER CAMPAIGN

You see us every time you come to Sundance Saloon. We work the front door and the coatcheck. We teach you to dance, and we play your music. We set up before and we tear-down after. And we work behind the scenes to make everything run as smoothly and efficiently as possible. We are the backbone of The Sundance Association, and we're proud to contribute actively to this 501c3 non-profit organization.

Please take a moment to thank the volunteer that takes your money or your coat! It takes a special kind of person to give up an hour of his time so we can all enjoy our dancing. Our community owes these volunteers so much.

And if **you** are interested in helping, call us at 415-820-1403, e-mail us at volunteer@sundancesaloon.org, or let us know when you visit Sundance Saloon. We can always use the help!

THE EL PASO

couples dance

Music: "Neon Moon" - Brooks & Dunn

Begin side by side, leader to the left of the follower and behind, right hands joined on follower's right shoulder, left hands joined in front.

count	step
1	Touch R heel forward
2	Touch R toe back
3&4	Shuffle forward R, L, R
5	Rock forward on L
6	Recover back onto R
7&8	Shuffle back L, R, L
9	Rock back on R
10	Recover forward onto L
11&12	Shuffle forward R, L, R
13 14 15&16	Step L forward Pivot on both feet ½-turn to the right Shuffle forward L, R, L
17 18 19 20	Turn ¼-turn to the left and rock R to the right Side rock onto the L Side rock onto the R Side rock onto the L and turn ¼-turn to the left
21&22	Shuffle forward R, L, R
23&24	Shuffle forward L, R, L
25&26	Shuffle forward R, L, R
27&28	Shuffle forward L, R, L

DON'T DELAY – REGISTER TODAY!



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THEATRE RHINOCEROS SPECIAL OFFER

Theatre Rhinoceros, the world's longest-running lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender theatre company, is offering a special discount on tickets for members of the Sundance Association! The season offers six great shows and two special events. Receive a \$5 discount on all single tickets throughout the 2003/04 season, or a \$20 discount on a season subscription! Call the box office at 415.861.5079 and mention Promo Code: NPSA5.

Also, everyone can take advantage of our special **Sundance Stompede night at Theatre Rhino** - Thursday night, November 6. See Worse Than Chocolate for only \$10. **This offer is open to all!** Worse Than Chocolate is a new lesbian comedy about love, lawyers, and other lost causes, written by Jaeson Post and directed by Jeffrey Hartgraves and Jaeson Post. Call the box office at 415.861.5079 and mention Promo Code NPSA10. For more information about Theatre Rhino, visit www.therhino.org.