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THE 2006 SUNDANCE STOMPEDE ARRIVES

October is always a great month for country-western dancers in the Bay Area. Enjoy outdoor dancing at the Castro Street Fair, celebrate Halloween, and of course dance your feet off at the Sundance Stompede!

The Sundance Stompede is San Francisco's country-western dance weekend, Oct. 12-16. We're expecting hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls from all over North America. Experience four nights of spectacular dance parties, over 30 hours of dance workshops with incredible instructors catering to all levels; social events including a women's social, the infamous after-hours parties, and more! We'll keep you busy from early morning ... to early morning! (You can sleep after the weekend.)

Get a head start on the weekend with Thursday night's **Pre-Stompede Dance** at Sundance Saloon. 550 Barneveld Ave., admission \$5.

Friday night is the kick-off **Welcome Dance**, 8pm-1am, in the gorgeous ballroom of the host hotel, the Ramada Plaza. Dance on a beautiful permanent hardwood floor. Line dance marathon 8-9pm, then open dancing until 1am. 1231 Market St., admission \$15.



Saturday night's **Hoedown 2006**, 8pm-1am, stays at the host hotel, but expands to multiple rooms. We'll start with dance exhibitions 8-9pm. Then you can wander between general country-western dancing in the ballroom, the special Line Dance room, or the West Coast Swingathon room. Plus silent auction, raffle, entertainment, and more. 1231 Market St., admission \$20.

Sunday night caps the weekend with the **Stompede Ball** at Sundance Saloon, 5-11pm. Line dance marathon 5-7pm, then open dancing until 11pm, with a Pat-and-Chris two-step contest, and our infamous Sleazy Shadow contest. 550 Barneveld, admission \$10.

Our line-up of **dance workshops** and instructors is superb. No tedium at these workshops: they'll feel like special events themselves. There's something for everyone, from beginning to advanced levels. At the Ramada Plaza, 1231 Market St. Friday 1-6pm (\$10), Saturday 10am-4pm (\$20) and Sunday 10am-4pm (\$20).

You'll find many more details about the Stompede at **www.stompede.com**. Early registration is closed, but you can still buy a weekend StompedePass at the door.

SCENES FROM PAST STOMPEDES



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We can't do it without our volunteers! The Sundance Stompede is a grassroots community effort, and we need a virtual army of volunteers to pull it off. We know we can count on you to help. Do one shift, or several ... and feel proud to have contributed to making the Sundance Stompede a success! Information is at www.stompede.com, or contact volunteer@stompede.com.



Thursdays, 6:30 – 10:30pm
Sundays, 5 – 10:30pm
550 Barneveld Ave., San Francisco

HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 29

The fun's not over when the Stompede is done. Come to Sundance Saloon for our Halloween Costume Ball, with prizes for sleaziest, scariest and best overall. Perhaps you could win all three? Admission \$8, or \$5 if you come in costume (and no, you can't come as yourself!).

THE HOLIDAY BALL & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
DECEMBER 17

Our annual holiday tradition, when you'll find Sundance Saloon decked out in holiday lights. Dance to your regular and holiday favorites. Bring a toy to place under the tree, to benefit Mama's Toy Drive for Camp Sunburst. And celebrate the season of giving with us, as we honor our volunteers throughout the year. Admission \$8, \$5 with a toy, free for Sundance Saloon volunteers.

COMING UP IN THE GREEN ROOM

OCTOBER – Intermediate Two-Step with Ron Points on 10/22 and Kirk Ryan on 10/29. Drop-in, no additional fee and no pre-registration.

NOVEMBER – Beginning Clogging with Matt Ellinger of the Barbary Coast Cloggers. 4 Sundays in November, \$15 for the 4-week series.

DECEMBER – We're planning Beginning West Coast Swing, instructor TBA. This is a 3-week series (Dec 3-10-17); more info to follow.

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CASTRO STREET FAIR, OCT. 1



Country-western dancing returns to the Castro Street Fair at our great location in the parking lot behind the Castro Theater. Dance all afternoon on our own **portable dance floor**, proudly custom-built by Sundance Association volunteers!

Sun or fog, it doesn't matter – the weather's always perfect for dancing at the Castro Street Fair!

Want to volunteer for the floor-building, boot-check or tear-down? Please contact our volunteer coordinator Ian at volunteer@sundancesaloon.org or 415-820-1403.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

★ **IAGLCWDC convention:** the "Saltwater Hoedown," Virginia Beach, VA Oct. 26–29. Fri and Sat dance workshops and parties, dance competition, and lots more. Info: www.iaglcwdc.org

★ **IGRA rodeo circuit highlights:** The Bighorn Rodeo in Las Vegas, Oct 5–8, will have Friday and Saturday night dances on a 2000 sq. ft. dance floor in the "Top of the Riv" ballroom overlooking the Strip! • The IGRA Annual Convention & International Dance Competition is in Nashville Oct. 19–22 • The IGRA Finals Rodeo is in Reno, Nov. 10–12, featuring dance events with Sundance DJ's Rick and Ingu. More info at www.igra.com

★ **Local dance opportunities** abound, including Queer Ballroom/Jitterbugs in San Francisco, the Trip the Light Fantastic Friday Women's Dance (formerly Hot-To-Trot) in Oakland, the Bench and Bar in Oakland, Club 1220 in Walnut Creek, clogging lessons with Matt Ellinger of the Barbary Coast Cloggers, and more! Check out www.sundancesaloon.org.

DANCE FLOOR ETIQUETTE

Following dance floor etiquette helps everyone to have fun. Basically, just be courteous and respectful of others around you:

Dance counterclockwise around the floor. Don't back up, but if you have to for some reason, look behind you first.

Leaders - look where you are going, and be prepared for the unexpected (like the couple in front of you who didn't look before they backed up). Leaders are responsible for protecting their partners. (Remember, it's always the leader's fault.)

Slower dancers should move towards the inside of the dance floor, allowing faster dancers to pass them on the outside. Don't tailgate another couple, but don't dawdle either (and definitely don't stop!). If there's a large space between you and the couple in front, either move to the inside, or speed up to close the gap. Faster dancers should not move faster than they can safely go.

West or East Coast Swing dancers should leave room on the outside of the dance floor for other dancers. And we request you don't do swing dances on the main floor during line dances,

If you bump into someone, smile and apologize. If someone bumps into you, smile and apologize. If you find yourself apologizing all the time, maybe the problem isn't just everybody else. If you find yourself smiling all the time, well, good.

If you are not dancing, don't stand on the dance floor. Stand close to the wall so we don't experience the incredible shrinking dance floor. Also, don't carry drinks onto the dance floor. Report spills immediately.

Finally, there is no excuse for "road rage" on the dance floor. If you see someone breaking the rules, let it go. Maybe he isn't aware of the rules, maybe she's trying her best, but it's unlikely he really is a jerk who simply enjoys getting in your way. We all make mistakes. Getting angry isn't going to solve anything. Smile, and apologize.

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