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THE 2007 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. 18–21. We're expecting hundreds of cowboys and cowgirls from all over North America. Experience four nights of awesome dance parties, over 35 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'll find many more details about the Stompede at www.stompede.com. Advance registration ends Sept. 28 – just \$80 includes all Stompede events! Or you can get your StompedePass at the door for \$100.

In other news, Friday nights at Sundance Saloon have been discontinued. But we still have the best country-western dancing on this continent every Sunday and Thursday.

Sundance Saloon was named in the San Francisco Bay Guardian's Best of the Bay 2007, issue as "Best Tight Jeans And Yee-Haws." And we also garnered a passing reference from Armistead Maupin in his new book, *Michael Tolliver Lives*.

SUNDANCE STOMPEDE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pre-Stompede Dance** – Thursday night, 6:30–10:30pm at Sundance Saloon, 550 Barneveld Ave., admission \$5.
- **Welcome Dance** – Friday night, 7:30pm–1am at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave., admission \$15. Three rooms of dancing (general country-western dancing, a line dance room and a west coast swing room).
- **Hoedown 2007** – Saturday night, 7:30pm–1am, at the spectacular Regency Ballroom, 1300 Van Ness Ave. Admission \$40 at the door; \$30 advance tickets available at Sundance Saloon or Rock Hard (518 Castro St.). Line dancing 7:30–8:30, dance exhibitions 8:30–9:00, open dancing until 1am. Plus silent auction, raffle, entertainment, and more.
- **Stompede Ball** – Sunday night 5–11pm at Sundance Saloon. Admission \$10. Line dance marathon 5–7pm, then open dancing until 11pm, with a Pat-and-Chris two-step contest, and our infamous Sleazy Shadow contest.
- **Dance Workshops** galore at the Holiday Inn, Friday 1–6pm (\$10), Saturday 10am–4pm (\$20) and Sunday 10am–4pm (\$20). **See the full schedule of workshops at www.stompede.com!**



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

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 28

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!).

COUNTRY DANCE-A-THON NOVEMBER 18, 3–7 PM

Raise money while doing something you love! Sundance Saloon hosts a country-western dance marathon to benefit the AIDS/Breast Cancer Emergency Fund and Positive Resource Center. The idea is simple: challenge yourself to dance for three hours, and agree to raise a minimum of just \$50. The men of the 2008 South-of-Market Bare Chest Calendar will be on hand to help out. Register now at Sundance Saloon or by going to www.sundancesaloon.org/dance-a-thon.

THE HOLIDAY BALL & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT DECEMBER 16

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, as we honor our volunteers throughout the year. Admission \$8, \$5 with a toy, free for Sundance Saloon volunteers.

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.

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CASTRO STREET FAIR, OCT. 7, 11AM-6PM



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! We'll have a quick beginning line dance lesson at 2pm ... and come help us teach the Barn Dance at 4pm.

Do you want to volunteer for the floor-building and set-up (9-11am), boot-check (11am-6pm) or tear-down (6-7pm)? Contact us at volunteer@sundancesaloon.org or 415-820-1403.



SUNDANCE-RSVP CW DANCE CRUISE: FEB '08



Join us for our second Caribbean Country-Western Dance Cruise in conjunction with RSVP, aboard Holland America's m.s. Zuiderdam with 1800 LGBT passengers, Feb. 23 to Mar. 1, 2008, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale and visiting Roatan, Belize, Cozumel and Half Moon Cay (Bahamas).

We're planning to have six nights with country-western dancing, including a fabulous dance on the

deck of the ship under starry tropical skies! We'll also have dance workshops in the mornings when we are not in port ... plus all the usual fantastic RSVP amenities, entertainment, and camaraderie. You absolutely do not want to miss this!!

Don't delay – this cruise is selling out! Book with the Sundance group and receive a discount (\$100 off inside, \$200 off outside, \$300 off verandah cabins per person). Call our travel agency partner Now Voyager: 1-800-255-6951, or e-mail jk@nowvoyager.com. More general info: www.rsvpvacations.com.

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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