



THE SUNDANCE GAZETTE

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Two-steppin' – Two Nights!

THURSDAYS 6:30-10:30pm

with lessons 7:00-8:00
open dancing 8:00-closing

SUNDAYS 5:00-10:30pm

with lessons 5:30-7:15
Country Karaoke 7:15-10:00
open dancing 7:15-closing

550 Barneveld Ave., San Francisco
Admission \$5 • 21+ with ID

www.sundancesaloon.org



**San Francisco's
Country-Western
Dance Weekend
November 6-9, 2008**

Four nights of dance parties.
Three days of dance workshops.
Hundreds of cowboys & cowgirls.
One great weekend.

Advance registration ends Oct 15.
For \$85 your StompedePass gets
you into all events all weekend.

www.stompede.com



The Sundance Association is an
all-volunteer community-based
501c3 nonprofit organization
dedicated to the promotion of
country-western dancing in the
LGBT community through educa-
tion and public dance events.

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The Sundance Stompede, Bigger And Better • November 6-9

This year's Sundance Stompede promises to be the biggest and most exciting Stompede ever – with more room to dance to accommodate the hundreds of dancers, including our visitors from the International Association of Country-Western Dance Clubs. Register in advance by October 15, and for \$85 your StompedePass gains you entry to all events all weekend!

Some highlights include:

• **Pre-Stompede Dance** – Thursday night, 6:30-11:00pm at Sundance Saloon. 550 Barneveld Ave., admission \$10.

• **Welcome Dance** – Friday night, 7:30pm-1am at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave., admission \$15. Opening ceremonies and exhibition performances 8-9pm, then three rooms of dancing (general country-western dancing, a line dance room and a west coast swing room).

• **Hoedown 2008** – 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.). Dance exhibitions 8-9pm, then dancing in two huge rooms including a dedicated line dance room. 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 (\$15), Saturday 10am-4pm (\$25) and Sunday 10am-4pm (\$25), in up to five rooms running simultaneously, and featuring a fantastic line-up of instructors.

• **Other non-dance events**, including a VIP welcome social, a women's social, two after-hours parties, and a presentation of Anthony Palombi's documentary "Out On The Dance Floor."

Much more information is posted at www.stompede.com, including:

- detailed schedule of events
- full schedule of the workshops
- advance registration
- volunteering



The Castro Street Fair October 5, 2008 • 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! We're planning a quick beginning line dance lesson at 2pm ... and come help us teach the Barn Dance at 4pm.

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



Upcoming Sundance Saloon Events

Halloween Party Sunday, October 26

Our annual Halloween costume ball, with cash prizes for the best costumes (1st place = \$100, 2nd place = \$50, 3rd place = \$25). Admission \$8, or \$5 if you come in costume.

Holiday Ball & Toy Drive Sunday, December 14

Sundance Saloon gets decked out in holiday lights and sounds. Bring a toy to benefit Mama's Toy Drive for Camp Sunburst. On this night we also celebrate the season of giving by honoring our volunteers. Admission \$8, or \$5 with a toy; free for Sundance volunteers.

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Dancing In The Castro At Magnet 2nd Saturday of the month • 7-10pm

Country-western dancing comes to the Castro! Magnet (4122 18th St.) has invited Sundance Saloon to present country-western dancing on the second Saturday of each month, 7-10 pm (next is October 11). Novice dancers are especially welcome, as we'll host introductory lessons at 7:00 (two-step lesson) and 7:30 (line dance lesson), followed by open dancing until 10:00. Free admission! [Note: there will be no dancing at Magnet on November 8.]

Win A RSVP Cruise, Support The Stompede

We are raffling an oceanview balcony cabin on the RSVP MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE, sailing April 18 - 25, 2009, from Los Angeles. Raffle tickets are just \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, on sale now at Sundance Saloon or by mail, and will be available during the Sundance Stompede. Drawing to be held at the Sundance Stompede's HOEDOWN 2008 on November 8. Winner need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit the beneficiaries of the Sundance Stompede.

THE PHOTO GALLERY

Sundance Saloon celebrated San Francisco Pride on June 29, 2008 at the Civic Center Festival in addition to dances on Saturday and Sunday night at the Whitcomb Hotel. See more photos at www.sundancesaloon.org.



Dance Floor Etiquette

Following dance floor etiquette rules helps everyone to have fun. It's not a bad idea for everyone to review these rules of the road periodically:

Dance counterclockwise around the floor. Try not to 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).

Slower dancers should move towards the inside of the dance floor, allowing faster dancers to pass them on the outside. 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. Don't dance recklessly: faster dancers should not move faster than they can safely go.

West Coast Swing dancers should leave room on the outside of the dance floor for other dancers. Similarly, traveling dancers should steer clear of the line of West Coast Swing dancers. We also request you don't do couples 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 to maximize our dance floor space. 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, and we all have our faults. Just smile, and apologize.

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