

# JANUARY

 <p><b>CRIS WILLIAMSON</b> A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF <b>THE CHANGER AND THE CHANGED</b> SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 &amp; 12, 2025</p>		<p>SAT &amp; SUN <b>11,12</b> <span>SINGER-SONGWRITER</span></p> <p><b>CRIS WILLIAMSON</b> <b>IN CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS:</b> <b>THE CHANGER AND THE CHANGED</b> 7PM   2PM \$54/59   PREMIUM TICKETS: \$74/79 Women's music icon Cris Williamson presents new material off of her upcoming album, <i>Ravens and the Roses</i>, as well as the 50th Anniversary solo presentation of the beloved <i>Changer and the Changed</i>.</p>	
<p>MON <b>13</b> <span>CLASSICAL</span></p> <p><b>CLASSICAL AT THE FREIGHT</b> <b>MOZART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b> 7:30PM   \$14/16 Our annual salute to the Salzburg scribbler, celebrating Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 269th birthday with a program of chamber music masterpieces including his Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor and the Divertimento in Eb Major.</p>	<p>FRI &amp; SAT <b>17,18</b> <span>GENRE BENDING</span></p> <p><b>OMAR SOSA &amp; SECKOU KEITA SUBA TRIO</b> 8PM   \$49/54 Pianist Omar Sosa and Kora virtuoso Seckou Keita's second album, <i>SUBA</i>, is a hymn to hope, to a new dawn of compassion and real change in a post-pandemic world, a visceral reiteration of humanity's perennial prayer for peace and unity. Joining Omar and Seckou is the inimitable Venezuelan percussionist, Gustavo Ovalles.</p> 		
<p>SUN <b>19</b> <span>FOLK</span></p> <p><b>JOHN MCCUTCHEON</b> 7PM   \$49/54 LIVESTREAM TICKETS: \$30 John McCutcheon has emerged as one of our most respected and loved folk singers, whose songwriting has been hailed by both critics and fellow singers around the globe. As an instrumentalist, he is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, most notably the rare and beautiful hammer dulcimer.</p> 	<p>THU <b>23</b> <span>AMERICAN</span></p> <p><b>THE CLEMENTS BROTHERS</b> 8PM   \$29/34 With roots, rock, bluegrass, jazz, and classical influences, George (on guitar) and Charles (on bass) aim to capture their singer-songwriter sensibilities in a unique blended voice, at once enthralling and intimate, groovy and serene.</p>		
	<p>FRI &amp; SAT &amp; SUN <b>24,25,26</b> <span>SWING</span></p> <p><b>DJANGO REINHARDT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b> 7PM   \$54/59   3-DAY PASS: \$119 FRIDAY: Hot Club of Cowtown, Christine Tassan et les Imposteurs, Hot Club of San Francisco SATURDAY: Rhythm Future Quartet, The Hot Club of San Francisco, San Lyon SUNDAY: Debi Botos, The Hot Club of San Francisco, Hot Club of Los Angeles</p>		
<p>MON <b>27</b> <span>JAZZ</span></p> <p><b>BERKELEY MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ NIGHT</b> 7PM   \$27/32 Please join us for an exciting night of jazz in a benefit concert for the Jazz Programs of the Berkeley Unified School District.</p>	<p>WED &amp; THU <b>29,30</b> <span>SINGER-SONGWRITER</span></p> <p><b>AN EVENING WITH RICKIE LEE JONES</b> 8PM   \$64/69   PREMIUM TICKETS: \$79/84 Throughout her five-decade career, multi-Grammy-winning singer songwriter Rickie Lee Jones has interpreted an extraordinarily wide range of songs and has recorded celebrated jazz-leaning albums.</p> 		
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<p>Shows with this icon indicate the dance floor is open. </p>			

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Artists, programs, prices, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.



SAT

## THE JOHN SANTOS SEXTET & FRIENDS

CD RELEASE CONCERT CELEBRATING MACHETE RECORDS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY

8PM | \$44/49 Multi-Grammy nominee and USA Fontanals Fellow, John Santos, and his stellar Sextet shed light on the historical and cultural significance of Latin Jazz, as well as its aesthetic characteristics pertaining to instrumentation, rhythm, interpretation and improvisation.

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LATIN JAZZ

SUN

## OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR

1PM | \$34/39 OIGC returns to The Freight for its 10th Annual Black History Month Celebration. A history lesson through song, OIGC presents a variety of music, from traditional to contemporary gospel, and performs Negro spirituals with an authenticity not often found outside of the South.

2

GOSPEL

SUN

## CHERYL WHEELER WITH SPECIAL GUEST KENNY WHITE

7PM | \$44/49 Prolific songwriters Cheryl Wheeler and Kenny White join together for an evening exploring their expansive repertoires, with songs ranging from poetic to socially critical, liberally peppered with their signature biting wit.

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SINGER-SONGWRITER

THU

## STEVE POLTZ

8PM | \$39/44 Steve Poltz is passionately celebrated by a diehard fanbase worldwide. His music has crept into pop culture via collaborations with everyone from Jewel and Billy Strings to Molly Tuttle.

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FOLK

FRI

## KEOLA BEAMER & JEFF PETERSON WITH MOANALANI BEAMER

8PM | \$49/54 Two guitarists at the vanguard of Hawaiian contemporary music, Keola Beamer and Jeff Peterson, continue the legacy of the Paniolo cowboys, bringing slack key guitar to audiences all over the world. They are joined by Hula Master Moanalani Beamer.

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HAWAIIAN

SAT & SUN

## DEL MCCOURY BAND

8PM, 7PM | \$64/69 Even among the pantheon of music's finest artists, Del McCoury stands alone. Along with sons Ronnie and Rob, Del leads his eponymous ensemble as they expand their sound for a whole new generation of bluegrass fans.

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BLUEGRASS

MON

## CLASSICAL AT THE FREIGHT SCHUBERTIAD

7:30PM | \$14/16 A celebration of the music of Franz Schubert centering around his famous Trout Quintet. Let the genius of Schubert carry you away through beautiful performances of some of his best-loved pieces.

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CLASSICAL

FRI

## MELBA'S KITCHEN BIG BAND "COOKIN' WITH LOVE"

### VALENTINE'S NIGHT CONCERT AND DANCE

8PM | \$34/39 This all women big band brings recipes for romance in their special Valentine's Night show—"Cookin' With Love." This concert celebrates Black musical geniuses Melba Liston, Mary Lou Williams, and their friends in a love letter to the community.



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JAZZ

SAT

## JAI UTTAL AND THE PAGAN LOVE ORCHESTRA

7PM | \$39/44 Jai Uttal and the Pagan Love Orchestra invite you to a post-Valentine's Day celebration of love and longing. Join them as they traverse the many melodies of love with their multi-layered and multi-textured songs and chants.

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SPIRITUAL

SUN

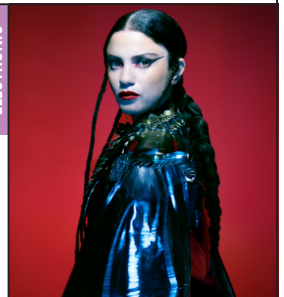
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## EMEL

7PM | \$44/49 Emel Mathlouthi is a Tunisian-American singer-songwriter, composer, performer and producer whose music has crossed time, countries and continents. Her pop and hip-hop flavored songs embody themes of sisterhood and the fight against patriarchy in a male-driven world and industry.

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ELECTRONIC



SAT

## RAINBOW GIRLS

8PM | \$34/39 Prepare yourself for a Rainbow Girls show like no other. As the lights dim, and the fog rolls in, you'll step into a realm where shadows dance, and whispers echo through the night. Welcome to the *Haunting* album release tour—a spine-tingling journey into the unknown.

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INDIE FOLK

SUN

## CESÁRIA ÉVORA ORCHESTRA

7PM | \$64/69 Following the passing of legendary "Barefoot Diva" Cesária Évora in 2011, musicians who had accompanied her throughout her career banded together to form the Cesária Évora Orchestra. The ensemble pays tribute to the iconic singer and her tremendous achievements—especially as the international Ambassador of Cape-Verdean music.

23

MORNA

SUN

## NIK BÄRTSCH'S RONIN

8PM | \$49/54 Exploratory "zen-funk" ensemble RONIN is the brainchild of Swiss pianist Nik Bärtsch, featuring Sha on bass clarinet and alto saxophone, Jeremias Keller on bass, and Kaspar Rast on drums. Their nuanced sound, based on pattern, cycle, and groove developments with refined beats, combines with a surprising playfulness and freedom.

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JAZZ

FRI & SAT

## MARK HUMMEL'S BLUES HARMONICA BLOWOUT

8PM | \$54/59 With two nights of stellar Blues, Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica blowout features Curtis Salgado, Nick Moss, Dennis Greundling, Sweet Martha, Rodrigo Monovani, Wes Starr, and Bob Welsh.

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BLUES



ONGOING: **BOBBY MCFERRIN & MOTION: CIRCLESONGS**  
MON JAN 6, 13, 27, FEB 3, 10, 24  
12PM \$40

VOCAL

**THE MOTH STORYSLAM**  
WED JAN 8, FEB 5  
7PM \$15

STORYTELLING

**OPEN MIC** MON JAN 6,  
MON FEB 3 7:30PM  
FREE

VARIETY

## THE FREIGHT

2020 Addison Street  
Berkeley, CA 94704

## THEMES & VARIATIONS

### AMERICANA

The Clements Brothers Jan 23

### BLUEGRASS

Del McCoury Band Feb 8, 9

### BLUES

Mark Hummel's Blues  
Harmonica Blowout Feb 28, Mar 1

### CLASSICAL

Mozart Birthday Celebration Jan 13  
Schubertiade Feb 10

### ELECTRONIC

EMEL Feb 16

### FOLK

John McCutcheon Jan 19  
Steve Poltz Feb 6

### GENRE BENDING

Omar Sosa & Seckou  
Keita SUBA Trio Jan 17, 18

### GOSPEL

Oakland Interfaith  
Gospel Choir Feb 2

### HAWAIIAN

Keola Beamer & Jeff Peterson  
with Moanalani Beamer Feb 7

### INDIE FOLK

Rainbow Girls Feb 22

### JAZZ

Berkeley Middle School  
Jazz Night Jan 27  
Melba's Kitchen Feb 14  
Nik Bärtsch's RONIN Feb 27

### LATIN JAZZ

John Santos Sextet Feb 1

### MORNA

Cesária Évora Orchestra Feb 23

### SINGER-SONGWRITER

Cris Williamson Jan 11, 12  
Rickie Lee Jones Jan 29, 30  
Cheryl Wheeler  
w/ Kenny White Feb 2

### SPIRITUAL

Jai Uttal and the  
Pagan Love Orchestra Feb 15

### SWING

Django Reinhardt Birthday  
Celebration Jan 24, 25, 26

## FEATURED GENRE: MORNA

Morna is a traditional Cape Verdean genre that incorporates music, poetry, and dance. Played most commonly on guitar, violin, and cavaquinho, Morna is central to Cape Verdean life and often featured in celebrations. While historically lyrics were also composed in Portuguese, in modern times, Morna lyrics are mainly composed in Cape Verdean Creole.

## LEARN TO PLAY AT THE FREIGHT WINTER CLASSES JAN 7 – FEB 13

All classes are \$175 for a 6-week series of hour and fifteen minute classes.

### ONLINE CLASSES

ZOOM LINKS for online classes are sent to registrants after payment.

### TUESDAYS STARTING JANUARY 7

5:30PM Beginner Clawhammer Banjo  
6:00PM Intro to Indian Vocal Percussion  
7:00PM Clawhammer Banjo Repertoire

### WEDNESDAYS STARTING JANUARY 8

5:30PM Music Theory  
6:30PM French Café Songs  
7:00PM Intermediate Ukulele

### THURSDAYS STARTING JANUARY 9

5:30PM Advanced Ukulele  
7:00PM Beginning Ukulele  
5:30PM Introduction to Mountain Dulcimer (Jan 16-Feb 20)

### IN-PERSON CLASSES

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5:30PM Joy of Singing  
7:00PM Expanding Your Song Repertoire  
7:00PM Strum & Sing

### THURSDAYS STARTING JANUARY 9

5:30PM Swing Guitar  
5:30PM Beginning Guitar  
7:00PM Guitar for Advanced Beginners  
7:00PM Rhythm Guitar Skill Building  
8:30PM Jams Well with Others

### FRIDAYS STARTING JANUARY 10

5:30PM Joy of Singing

### JAMS

1/12 Country Bluegrass  
1/26 Hip-Hop Cypher

### THE FREIGHT BOX OFFICE

Open Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm, 2 hours before shows, and 1 hour before Bobby McFerrin & MOTION: Circlesongs. Tickets are available for purchase in person at our box office, via the phone, online, and by mail order. For complete ticket information visit: [thefreight.org](http://thefreight.org)

### ACCESSIBILITY

The Freight is an accessible venue. For info about accommodations, talk to our box office staff or visit [thefreight.org/access](http://thefreight.org/access)

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The sound system in the lobby and the Littlefield Listening Room is composed of speakers and amplifiers exclusively designed and installed by Meyer Sound Labs of Berkeley. The projector and screen are gifts from Celia Ramsay. Digital mixer is a gift from Bob Whitfield. Additional equipment gifted by Bob Nelson.

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LATIN JAZZ

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