

FRI – SUN

2, 3, 4

BLUEGRASS



BERKELEY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

7PM \$64/69 | 3-DAY PASS: \$125 The Berkeley Bluegrass Festival has concerts, jams, & workshops! Featuring Della Mae, John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band, Mr. Sun, Dom Flemons' "Shultz's Dream," Po' Ramblin' Boys, Laurie Lewis & The Right Hands, Tray Wellington, Salty Sally, and Fog Holler.

FRI

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HAWAIIAN

JOHN CRUZ

8PM \$39/44 | \$54/59 PREMIUM John Cruz is one of Hawai'i's most talented and versatile artists, known for his heartfelt melodies, passionate, soulful vocals, and range of styles from Hawaiian to Blues, Folk, Americana, Roots and Country.

SAT

MARGARET BELTON'S TRIBUTE TO PATSY CLINE

8PM \$39/44 "Today, Tomorrow & Forever" is a tribute to the life and legacy of Patsy Cline. This annual tribute showcases her top hits, rare gems, and gathered stories. The band features Maurice Tani, Henry Salvia, David Phillips, Jeanine Richardson, Kathleen Salvia, Rob McCloskey, & Ken Owen.

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COUNTRY

SUN

VIV & RILEY

7PM \$29/34 Viv & Riley's sound is old-soul roots music to its core, elegantly combining a traditional backbone with the fresh iconic melodies of future-leaning indie-folk, and the tightly wound vocal harmonies of the old-time and classic country music they came from.

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INDIE FOLK



THU & FRI

ELIADES OCHOA

8PM \$54/59 Eliades Ochoa is one of the most renowned Cuban "soneros" of all time, and is a founding member of Buena Vista Social Club. Ochoa remains a notable defender of traditional Cuban music, and one of the greatest guitarists of his generation.

15, 16

LATIN



SAT & SUN

BILL FRISELL – GOOD DOG WITH GREG LEISZ, TONY SCHERR, AND KENNY WOLLESEN

8PM | 7PM \$54/59 | \$69/74 PREMIUM Bill Frisell's prolific and celebrated career as a guitarist and composer has spanned over 40 years. Frisell is joined by Greg Leisz on pedal steel guitar, Tony Scherr on bass, and Kenny Wollesen on drums.

17, 18

JAZZ

MON

BERKELEY SYMPHONY: CONNECTIONS

7PM \$49/54 Stacey Pelinka, Berkeley Symphony's second flutist, presents Connections, a chamber program that celebrates music's ability to bring people together through friendship and collaboration.

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CLASSICAL

FRI

DARLINGSIDE

8PM \$34/39 Comprised of Don Mitchell, Auyon Mukharji, Harris Pasettiner and David Senft, Darlingside's career has been defined by the elegance of their compositions and the unity of their four voices. Their talent for harmony and melodic world-building creates extraordinary live performances.

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INDIE FOLK



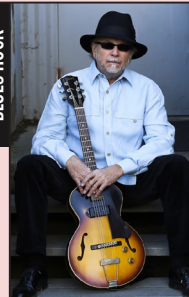
SAT

ROY ROGERS & THE DELTA RHYTHM KINGS WITH SPECIAL GUEST JIMMY PUGH FROM LITTLE VILLAGE FOUNDATION

8PM \$44/49 Roy Rogers is considered one of the world's preeminent master Delta slide guitarists. With a career spanning over four decades, Rogers has earned a global reputation for delivering searing performances with his long-time band, the Delta Rhythm Kings.

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BLUES ROCK



SUN

4 PIANISTS: MARY WATKINS, BARBARA HIGBIE, TAMMY LYNNE HALL, & ADRIENNE TORF

7PM \$49/54 A once-in-a-lifetime concert celebrating the music and friendship of four pianist/composers whose work includes over 400 albums (separately and together), Grammy nominations, Bammy Awards, and thousands of shows around the world.

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SINGER-SONGWRITER

THU

ZEILER AND CHABON

8PM \$34/39 Lisa Zeiler, co-founder of the beloved feminist folk trio Rebecca Riots, and Jennie Chabon, rabbi and cantor at Congregation in Walnut Creek, have been making music together for two decades. Lisa's masterful guitar work and Jennie's stunning vocals create a transcendent sound that leaves you breathless with delight.

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SINGER-SONGWRITER

FRI

LUCY KAPLANSKY

8PM \$39/44 Throughout her incredible career, Lucy Kaplansky has collaborated with artists including Shawn Colvin, John Gorka, Richard Shindell, and Dar Williams. Her performances showcase her prolific songwriting and are infused with vocal artistry and a flair for harmony.

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SINGER-SONGWRITER



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<p>THU – SAT 5, 6, 7 VOCAL</p> <p>CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR! 8PM \$44/49 Choir! Choir! Choir! is a fully interactive, participatory show that turns audience into performer! So get ready to laugh, dance and SING! your hearts out with hundreds of other music-lovers just like you. It's like a big birthday party for the greatest songs of all time and you're invited!</p>	<p>WED 11 BLUEGRASS</p> <p>THE GIBSON BROTHERS 8PM \$34/39 The Gibson Brothers are the real deal. They can pick. They can sing. And they can write a damn good song. They've won about every bluegrass award you can name, released albums on premier Americana labels including Sugar Hill and Rounder, and their songs have been recorded by bluegrass legends.</p>	
<p>THU 12 SINGER-SONGWRITER</p> <p>DRAG QUEENS IN LIMOUSINES: CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MARY GAUTHIER W/ SPECIAL GUEST JAIMEE HARRIS 8PM \$39/44 Through her music, Mary Gauthier has brought all kinds of folks from all walks of life together with her deeply personal, yet paradoxically universal work. She is joined by Jaimee Harris to celebrate twenty-five years of songs and stories.</p>	<p>FRI 13 FADO</p> <p>THE MARIANA ARROJA QUARTET 8PM \$34/39 Mariana Arroja is an award winning Portuguese singer, composer, producer, and cultural advocate, renowned for reimagining Fado by fusing it with global sounds. She blends tradition with innovation, weaving harp, Jazz, and Brazilian influences into a fresh, emotionally charged sound.</p>	
<p>SAT 14 VOCAL</p> <p>OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR & SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS JUNETEENTH: PRIDE, PROTEST AND PRAISE 8PM \$35/40 For this year's annual Juneteenth celebration, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir teams up with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus for an incredible night of vocal-infused joy.</p>	<p>SUN 15 NEO-CALI</p> <p>ESPIRAL7 7PM \$34/39 Espiral7 was born from the rhythms of Colombian Pacific Coast Folk music. They consolidate the Neo-Cali Sound, which includes Latin-pop, Latin-rock, and Afro-Latin music. <i>Pre-show Q&A at 6:15PM with Grammy-nominee Dr. Greg Landau.</i></p>	<p>WED 18 ROCK</p> <p>AN EVENING WITH COWBOY JUNKIES – CELEBRATING 40 YEARS 8PM SOLD OUT Cowboy Junkies, featuring siblings Michael Timmins on guitar, Margo Timmins on vocals, Peter Timmins on drums, and Michael's lifelong friend Alan Anton on bass, celebrates four decades of musical partnership.</p>
<p>FRI 20 JAZZ</p> <p>ISAIAH COLLIER "THE WORLD IS ON FIRE" 8PM \$39/44 Twenty-six-year-old Isaiah Collier is a true musical virtuoso. He began playing saxophone at age 11, and his intuitive proficiency earned him attention early on. Ever since, his band Isaiah Collier and The Chosen Few has been turning ears.</p>	<p>SUN 22 SPOKEN WORD</p> <p>AJA MONET 7PM \$39/44 aja monet is a Grammy-nominated Surrealist Blues Poet. Her poems are a work of gravity. They are a fundamental for which all things are attracted, considered upon and enacted towards. aja will be performing with her live band.</p>	<p>WED 25 ZYDECO</p> <p>TERRANCE SIMIEN AND THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE 8PM \$34/39 Grammy award-winning Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience are standard-bearers for Creole culture and Zydeco with a repertoire that blends themes of joy, hope, and community.</p>
<p>THU 26 SCOTTISH FOLK</p> <p>OLD BLIND DOGS 8PM \$31/36 Old Blind Dogs began in Aberdeen in 1992 and continues to showcase the rich tradition of songs and tunes of the North East of Scotland. Their shows feature joyous, uplifting, and fun tunes full of compelling energy and intoxicating rhythm.</p>	<p>FRI 27 HIP-HOP</p> <p>TALIB KWELI 8PM \$39/44 Brooklyn-based MC Talib Kweli is one of the most lyrically-gifted, socially aware, and politically insightful rappers to emerge in the last 20 years. Kweli commands attention by delivering top-tier lyricism, crafting captivating stories and rhyming over virtually any type of instrumental. <i>Pre-show interview at 7:15PM with Eric Arnold.</i></p>	
<p>SAT 28 AMERICANA</p> <p>PRIDE AT THE FREIGHT THE WAILIN' JENNY'S 8PM SOLD OUT The Wailin' Jennys are Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse, three distinct voices that together make an aching perfect vocal sound. While each artist has a unique individual expression, together they craft seamlessly unified harmonies.</p>		<p>SUN 29 SPECIAL EVENT</p> <p>PRIDE AT THE FREIGHT PRIDE 2025 CONCERT – CURATED BY VICKI RANDLE 7PM \$38/43 The Freight's first curated Pride concert in years features Skip the Needle as the backing band with a variety of celebratory musical voices joining in throughout the night.</p>
<p>ONGOING: BOBBY MCFERRIN & MOTION: CIRCLESONGS MON 5, 12, 19 JUN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 12PM \$40</p>	<p>A CAPELLA OPEN MIC MON MAY 5 & JUN 2 7:30PM FREE</p>	<p>OPEN MIC THE MOTH STORYSLAM WED MAY 7, THU MAY 22, WED JUN 4 7PM \$20</p>

THEMES & VARIATIONS

AMERICANA & ROOTS

The Wailin' Jennys June 28

BLUEGRASS

Berkeley Bluegrass Festival May 2,3,4

The Gibson Brothers June 11

BLUES ROCK

Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings May 24

CELTIC

Old Blind Dogs June 26

CLASSICAL

Berkeley Symphony: Connections May 19

COUNTRY

Margaret Belton May 10

FADO

The Mariana Arroja Quartet June 13

HAWAIIAN

John Cruz May 9

HIP-HOP

Talib Kweli June 27

INDIE FOLK

Viv & Riley May 11

Darlingside May 23

JAZZ

Bill Frisell – Good Dog May 17 & 18

Isaiah Collier June 20

LATIN

Eliades Ochoa May 15 & 16

Espiral7 June 15

ROCK

Cowboy Junkies June 18

SINGER-SONGWRITER

4 Pianists May 25

Zeiler and Chabon May 29

Lucy Kaplansky May 30

Mary Gauthier June 12

SPECIAL EVENT

Pride 2025 Concert June 29

SPOKEN WORD

aja monet June 22

VOCAL

Choir! Choir! Choir! June 5,6,7

Oakland Interfaith June 14

Gospel Choir & San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

ZYDECO

Terrance Simien and June 25

the Zydeco Experience

FEATURED GENRE: BLUEGRASS

Bluegrass music, so named after Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys band, began as a distinct melding of musical styles that Monroe was inspired by and grew up with in rural Kentucky in the early 20th century: old-time stringbands, both Black and white; early Western Swing; mostly-Baptist church singing; and other early rural music styles. New generations of musicians drawn to the genre have added diverse influences and instruments into the mix. Now, it is an ever-evolving stew built on a roux of (mostly) acoustic three-finger-style banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass, and mandolin.

THE FREIGHT

2020 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

LEARN TO PLAY AT THE FREIGHT SPRING II CLASSES MAY 6 – JUN 12

All classes are \$180 for a 6-week series of seventy-five minute classes.

ONLINE CLASSES

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

TUESDAYS STARTING

MAY 6

6:30PM French Cafe Songs

6:30PM Fiddle Repertoire & Technique

WEDNESDAYS STARTING

MAY 7

5:30PM Music Theory

7PM Intermediate Ukulele

THURSDAYS STARTING

MAY 8

5:30PM Advanced Ukulele

6:15PM Beat Making Basics for Beginners

7PM Beginning Ukulele

WORKSHOPS

May 3-4 Berkeley Bluegrass Festival Workshops
thefreight.org/bluegrass

IN PERSON CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS STARTING

MAY 7

5:30PM Intro to Mountain Dulcimer

5:30PM The Joy of Singing Expand Your Song Repertoire

7PM Strum & Sing

THURSDAYS STARTING

MAY 8

5:30PM Swing Guitar

5:30PM Beginning Guitar

7PM Rhythm Guitar

Skill Building

7PM Guitar for Advanced

Beginners

8:30PM Jams Well with Others

FRIDAYS STARTING

MAY 9

5:30PM The Joy of Singing

7PM Strum & Sing

JAMS

May 25 Poetry Jam

June 8 Hip-Hop Cypher

June 22 Country/Bluegrass

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

ACCESSIBILITY

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

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