

THE FREIGHT

JUL & AUG 2026



JAZZ

JEFF PARKER ETA IVTET

SAT, AUG 22

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JULY

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THU2BLUEGRASS

THE JACOB JOLLIFF BAND
8PM | \$44 Acclaimed mandolinist and Béla Fleck collaborator, Jacob Joliff has become a leading voice in progressive bluegrass. A fixture of the scene, he performs complex originals, trad bluegrass, and inventive covers.



SAT11SPECIAL EVENT

FREIGHT COMMUNITY EDUCATION FESTIVAL
12PM | \$0 SLIDING SCALE Bring the whole family to this FREE event showcasing our wide range of diverse education programs. The day will feature workshops, a jam, presentations from our Golden State of Song modules, and a Freight Singers mini concert!

FRI10COUNTRY-ROCK

PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE
8PM | PREMIUM \$69 | \$49 As crisp and clean as mountain spring water and as comfortable as a well-worn cowboy shirt, Pure Prairie League continues to bring us all back home after 50 years.



WED15AMERICANA

THE STEEL WHEELS WITH LATE FOR THE TRAIN
8PM | \$39 Based in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, The Steel Wheels have been going strong for two decades. Known for their rich four-part harmonies, they've expanded from a purely acoustic band into a dynamic folk-rock sound featuring banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar.

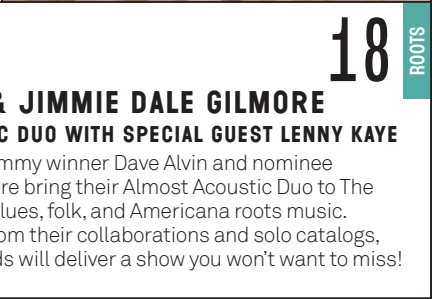


FRI17JAZZ FUSION

GEORGE BROOKS 70TH BIRTHDAY AND "SUMMIT" REUNION
FEATURING STEVE SMITH, FAREED HAQUE, KAI ECKHARDT, AND SELVAGANESH VINAYAKRAM
8PM \$39 | LIVESTREAM \$25 To celebrate his 70th birthday, George Brooks is reuniting SUMMIT, whose ground-breaking eponymous album was recorded 25 years ago. The reunion features original band members minus legendary percussionist Zakir Hussain who passed away in December of 2024.

SAT18ROOTS

DAVE ALVIN & JIMMIE DALE GILMORE ALMOST ACOUSTIC DUO WITH SPECIAL GUEST LENNY KAYE
8PM | \$49 Grammy winner Dave Alvin and nominee Jimmie Dale Gilmore bring their Almost Acoustic Duo to The Freight, blending blues, folk, and Americana roots music. Featuring songs from their collaborations and solo catalogs, the longtime friends will deliver a show you won't want to miss!



SUN19LATIN JAZZ

OMAR SOSA
QUARTETO AMERICANOS WE ARE NOT THE HEADLINER ALBUM RELEASE CELEBRATION
7PM | \$49 7-time Grammy-nominated Cuban composer, pianist, and bandleader Omar Sosa celebrates the debut album of his East Bay-based Latin-global-jazz-groove project Quarteto Americanos, featuring saxophone master Sheldon Brown, drummer extraordinaire Josh Jones, and heavyweight baby bassist Ernesto Mazar Kindelán.



THU23FOLK

THE COMPLETE UNKNOWNNS: A TRIBUTE TO BOB DYLAN
8PM | \$39 The Complete Unknowns serve up unique interpretations of Bob Dylan's music with a repertoire that covers six decades of Dylan's material. The band, composed of Bay Area luminaries, plus Maria Muldaur of "Midnight at the Oasis" fame, provides a unique experience that showcases Dylan's great songwriting and musicianship.



FRI24FOLK

AN EVENING WITH TOM RUSH ACCOMPANIED BY BRENDAN CLEARY
8PM | \$44 Folk icon Tom Rush's distinct guitar style, storytelling, humor, and ballads makes for an unforgettable live performance. A key figure in the folk revival, Rush influenced generations of artists while championing emerging talents including Joni Mitchell and James Taylor. His shows are filled with the rib-aching laughter of terrific storytelling, the sweet melancholy of ballads and the passion of gritty blues.



SAT25HIP-HOP

KOOL KEITH WITH DJ SHORTKUT (INVISIBL SKRATCH PIKLZ) — VIDEO MIXING SET
8PM | \$44 Kool Keith is a pioneering hip-hop innovator whose boundary-pushing lyricism and style have expanded rap's creative possibilities. This performance honors our Hip Hop is Folk Music initiative, which seeks to illuminate connections between hip-hop and other folk/roots music traditions.



AUGUST

SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATE THE FREIGHT GALA | FRI, OCT 9

SAT1AFRO PSYCH-ROCK

ORCHESTRA GOLD
8PM | \$39 | LIVESTREAM \$25 Orchestra GOLD blends Malian traditions with psychedelic rock. Fronted by the powerful Mariam Diakité, their live show is immersive and alive, bringing together dance, devotion, and raw musical energy into an unforgettable experience.



SUN2BLUEGRASS

DAILEY & VINCENT
7PM | PREMIUM \$64 | \$44 From small-town stages to the Grand Ole Opry, Dailey & Vincent have become one of the most celebrated and respected acts in American roots music. The two embody a blend of tradition, innovation, and spirit that defines the very soul of bluegrass, country, and gospel.



FRI7LATIN JAZZ

ORQUESTA AKOKÁN
8PM | \$44 Orquesta Akokán reimagines classic Cuban mambo with contemporary arrangements and Havana-rooted rhythms. Formed by producer Jacob Plasse and arranger Michael Eckroth alongside top Cuban musicians, the Grammy-nominated ensemble delivers a high-energy performance driven by the spirit of akokán—"from the heart."



FRI21ART POP

ZOLA JESUS SOLO VOICE + PIANO
8PM | \$39 Classically trained opera singer turned goth-pop artist Zola Jesus has created a significant body of avant-pop music, notably collaborating with artists like David Lynch, David Byrne, and Run the Jewels. A genre-defining artist of her generation, her intimate solo vocal and piano performances are truly breathtaking.



SAT22JAZZ

JEFF PARKER ETA IVTET
8PM | \$39 Jeff Parker is an acclaimed guitarist and composer known for blending jazz with electronic, hip hop, and experimental improv music. He's a member of post-rock band Tortoise, a veteran of Chicago's AACM jazz scene and an International Anthem recording artist. His ETA IVtet focuses on groove-forward compositions and improvisations.



THU27SPECIAL EVENT

ANNUAL FREIGHT FIDDLE SUMMIT HOSTED BY ALASDAIR FRASER & FRIENDS
8PM | \$39 It's time again for The Freight's Annual Fiddle Summit with host Alasdair Fraser. This year's event showcases Laura Cortese, San Miguel Fraser, Rodney Miller, Jeff Spero, Rakish, and Nic Gareiss.



SAT29COUNTRY

BILL KIRCHEN BAND WITH NINA GERBER
8PM | \$44 Founding Commander Cody guitarist Bill Kirchen returns to The Freight, where his California journey started back in 1968. With special guest guitar shredder Nina Gerber, Kirchen celebrates a legendary career and release of his 15th album.



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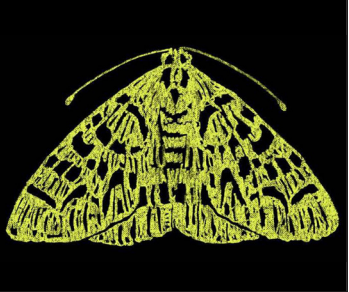
ONGOING:

BOBBY MCFERRIN & MOTION: CIRCLESONGS
MON JUL 6, 13, 20, 27 AUG 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
NOON \$40



THE MOTH STORYSLAM

WED JUL 1, 22 AUG 5
7PM \$22



ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY: THEFREIGHT.ORG All ticket sales are final. Artists, programs, prices, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.



THEMES & VARIATIONS

AFROBEAT

Orchestra GOLD Aug 1

AMERICANA

The Steel Wheels Jul 15
Dave Alvin & Jul 18
Jimmie Dale Gilmore

BLUEGRASS

The Jacob Jolliff Band Jul 2
Dailey & Vincent Aug 2

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Orquesta Akokán Aug 7

POP

Zola Jesus Aug 21

SPECIAL EVENT

Freight Community Jul 11
Education Festival
Strings of Survival Aug 15
Annual Freight Fiddle Aug 27
Summit

THE FREIGHT

2020 Addison Street
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EDUCATION / FREIGHT EVENTS

GOLDEN STATE OF SONG

Golden State of Song is The Freight's fourth grade arts immersion program that enhances and enriches the study of California history via live performances. We offer five different modules to meet each school's individual needs and interests: WWII Japanese Incarceration, Ohlone Song, Great Migration, Sonic Tapestry (Indian Classical Music), and Music of the United Farm Workers (UFW) Movement. To learn more or to bring this program to a school near you, go to goldenstateofsong.com

CIRCLESONGS FIELD TRIPS

School groups are invited to attend our weekly Bobby McFerrin and MOTION: Circlesongs concerts at a special ticket price of just \$10. To learn more and schedule your field trip, email education@thefreight.org

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATE THE FREIGHT GALA

FRI, OCT 9

Mark your calendars for an evening of music, dining, and celebration in support of global roots music in the Bay Area featuring Rickie Lee Jones with Wu Fei & Abigail Washburn

Tickets on sale June 15.

THE FREIGHT BOX OFFICE

Open Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm. 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

GETTING HERE

The Freight is [bartable](https://www.bart.gov). We recommend taking BART to the Downtown Berkeley station. For other public transit, bicycle parking, driving directions and parking, go to thefreight.org/visit

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