

ANNOUNCING THE 43rd ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO FREE FOLK FESTIVAL

MEDIA ADVISORY

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43rd Annual San Francisco Free Folk Festival

Saturday, June 8, 2019

12:00 noon – 10:00 pm

(Doors open 11:45 am)

Everett Middle School: 450 Church Street, San Francisco

The 43rd annual San Francisco Free Folk Festival is set for Saturday, June 8th from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm. The event attracts over 1000 festival-goers and showcases local talent and folk traditions from around the globe.

This year's festival is a full day of performances, music and dance workshops, dance parties, crafts, vendors, formal and informal music-making, and just plain fun for the whole family. All performances and workshops are free and open to anyone who wants to drop in and participate or just listen.

The following are featured at the Festival this year:

- Two performance stages, six spaces for instrumental and song workshops and scheduled sessions, two dance workshop spaces, a family program and family crafts area, an open mic from 1 to 3 pm, and lots of room for impromptu music-making.
- An evening concert and two evening dance parties to include ballroom, contra, square and cèilidh dancing.
- The Storytelling Association of California will be joining us again to offer a full day of storytelling workshops and sessions.
- **New this year:** special events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of folk icon Pete Seeger.

As always, admission is free! All the performers and workshop leaders donate their time and talent. Crafts from local artisans will be available for purchase.

Festival event schedule and website:

The full schedule, donation and volunteer signup links can be found at sffolkfest.org. This year's program includes dozens of workshops and music and dance performances. Notably, performances by world-renown local folk music performers:

The festival is on Facebook at:

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/sffolkfest/>

Festival event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/283170869038305>

Background:

The San Francisco Free Folk Festival is a gift to the people of San Francisco and the Bay Area from the San Francisco Folk Music Club, founded in 1949. Since the first annual event in 1977, the Festival has been a cornerstone celebration of folk music's rich history, and a treasured tradition for folk lovers from throughout the Bay Area. The festival celebrates the shared experience of American populism, new and emerging talent, and diverse folk traditions from around the globe that converge in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Event site:

Everett Middle School

450 Church Street, San Francisco (between 16th and 17th St)

The event site is fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Public Transit:

The J-Church Muni line stops right at the school. The school is a 10-15 minute walk from the 16th Street Mission BART station.

Parking:

Onsite parking will be available for a fee.