

## Fall brings new plays to Bay Area

As the sun sets on summer, most Bay Area theater companies are getting ready to start their new seasons. And this year's offerings are particularly exciting, taking audiences from the cobbled streets of Montmartre to the City that Never Sleeps. While there are dozens of plays to see in the coming months, here's a few to get particularly excited about — all close to BART stations. Riding BART is the easy way to get to the theater, and you'll arrive relaxed and ready to enjoy the show.

### AMELIE, A NEW MUSICAL

Through Oct. 18  
Berkeley Repertory Theatre  
2025 Addison Street, Berkeley  
berkeleyrep.org

> **BART: Downtown Berkeley, walk 1 block**

Embark on a mesmerizing journey with inquisitive and charmingly shy Amélie as she turns the streets of Montmartre into a world of her own imagining, while secretly orchestrating moments of joy for those around her.

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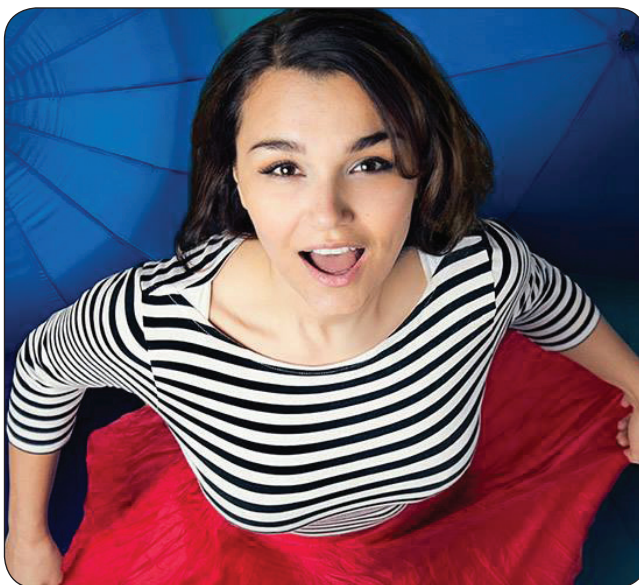
Nov. 10 to Dec. 6  
SHN Orpheum Theatre  
1192 Market Street, San Francisco  
shnsf.com

> **BART: Civic Center, walk 1 block**

A contemporary Broadway musical about living in New York today — and the possibilities of tomorrow. Stars Tony Award-winner Idina Menzel.

### KING LEAR

Through Oct. 11



Amelie, A New Musical premiered at Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

Bruns Amphitheater  
1000 Shakespeare Way, Orinda  
calshakes.org

> **BART: Orinda + Free Shuttle**  
Stage, screen, and television actor Anthony Heald — fresh off his stint in The Elephant Man on Broadway — joins the ranks of legendary Learns like Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, Anthony Hopkins, and Ian McKellen.

### THE NUTCRACKER

Dec. 16 to 31  
War Memorial Opera House  
301 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco  
sfballer.org

> **BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza, walk 5 blocks**

On Christmas Eve, 1944, the audience at San Francisco's War

Memorial Opera House experienced the American premiere of the Nutcracker. An instant sensation, the ballet launched a holiday tradition.

### THE MONSTER-BUILDER

Nov. 6 to Dec. 6  
Aurora Theatre  
2081 Addison Street, Berkeley  
auroratheatre.org

> **BART: Downtown Berkeley, walk 1 block**

A maniacal scheme of fantastical proportions lurks deep inside mega-architect Gregor Zubrowski's post-modern steel and glass structures. After he cruelly steals a career-making project, two fledgling architects challenge this monster-builder at his own game.

### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

## New schedule change to ease train crowding

You talked, we listened.

To relieve crowding for rush hour commuters, last month BART made changes to our schedule.

The new schedule provides longer trains, increases service during the morning and evening commute, and provides more frequent service to Oakland International Airport.

Since the schedule change went into effect last month, the number of cars in service is at an all-time high.

Improvements include:

- Additional trains on the Yellow Line
- Extension of weekday Red Line service to 9 pm
- Longer trains on the Blue and Green Lines
- Making three-car trains into four-car trains on the Orange Line during off-peak periods

BART has also hired more maintenance staff to get cars out of the shop and back in service faster.

As always, thank you for riding BART.

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## There's lots of life in Día de los Muertos events this year

Fall has arrived, and communities are preparing to honor loved ones during one of the many Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) activities around the Bay Area. This holiday is a celebration of the life and death of loved ones, and is often associated with sugar skulls, marigolds and colorfully-decorated altars.

Ride BART to one of the Oakland or San Francisco celebrations, and learn more about this tradition.

### RITUALS + REMEMBRANCE

Oct. 14 to Jan. 3

Oakland Museum of California  
museumca.org

> **BART: Lake Merritt, walk 1 block**

Celebrating the theme of memorial across cultures, the Oakland Museum of California's 21st annual Días de los Muertos (Days of the Dead) exhibition, Rituals + Remembrance, explores how Latin American, Filipino, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, African American, and other communities view death, memory, and healing.



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*SFJAZZ's resident all-star ensemble presents sparkling new arrangements of music by the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, and freshly minted compositions by the band. Thursday, Oct. 22, at SFJAZZ Center.*

#### EMEL MATHLOUTHI

Friday, October 16, 8 pm  
Herbst Theatre, San Francisco  
[www.ciis.edu/Public\\_Programs/](http://www.ciis.edu/Public_Programs/)  
> **BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza, walk 5 blocks**  
Mathlouthi sings mainly in classical Arabic or Tunisian dialects. Her self-produced album marries a lyrical purity of voice with western strings, Maghrebi percussion and electronica. \$27-\$65.

#### WALNUT CREEK OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 17, 10 am to 5 pm  
Locust Street, Downtown Walnut Creek  
[www.walnutcreekdowntown.com](http://www.walnutcreekdowntown.com)  
> **BART: Walnut Creek + Free Trolley**  
Enjoy Oktoberfest in Walnut Creek, featuring live music from Petty Theft, Mustache Harbor and Revolver, plus a microbrew sampling area, children's rides, a pumpkin patch, harvest-themed arts, gourmet food and more.

#### BERKELEY SUNDAY STREETS

Sunday, October 18, 11 am to 5 pm  
Downtown Berkeley, Shattuck Avenue, from Rose to Haste streets  
[www.sundaystreetsberkeley.org](http://www.sundaystreetsberkeley.org)  
> **BART: Downtown Berkeley**  
Sunday Streets closes streets to automobile traffic for a day so that people may use the space for other physical and social activities. The streets become parks as people replace car traffic.

#### SFJAZZ COLLECTIVE

Oct. 22 to 25  
SFJAZZ Center, Miner Auditorium  
[sfjazz.org](http://sfjazz.org)  
> **BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza, walk 5 blocks**  
SFJAZZ's resident all-star ensemble presents sparkling new arrangements of music by the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, and freshly minted compositions by the band. \$25 to \$65.

## BART and Warriors are a slam dunk



*Limited edition BART-Warriors tickets (above) will be in ticket vending machines this fall.*

Don't miss a single jump shot, three-pointer or dunk this NBA season. Ride BART to the Oracle Arena to see the defending NBA champs, the Golden State Warriors.

The 2015-16 season tips off on Oct. 27 when Golden State faces the New Orleans Pelicans. Getting there is easy – ride BART to Coliseum station, and walk across the ramp to Oracle Arena.

To plan your BART trip, use the online QuickPlanner found at [bart.gov](http://bart.gov).

For information about the Warriors, visit [warriors.com](http://warriors.com).

#### WARRIORS HOME SCHEDULE

**Tues, Oct. 27, 7:30 pm**  
vs Pelicans  
**Mon, Nov. 2, 7:30 pm**  
vs Grizzlies  
**Wed, Nov. 4, 7:30 pm**  
vs Clippers  
**Fri, Nov. 6, 7:30 pm**  
vs Nuggets  
**Mon, Nov. 9, 7:30 pm**  
vs Pistons  
**Sat, Nov. 14, 7:30 pm**  
vs Nets  
**Tues, Nov. 17, 7:30 pm**  
vs Raptors

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#### DAYS OF THE DEAD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Oct. 25, noon to 4:30 pm  
Oakland Museum of California  
[museumca.org](http://museumca.org)

> **BART: Lake Merritt, walk 1 block**  
The Oakland Museum of California's popular annual community celebration for Días de los Muertos will feature main stage performances ranging from contemporary popular music to folkloric dance, Mariachi to Aztec dance.

#### DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL OF ALTARS AT GARFIELD PARK

Sunday, Nov. 2, 6-11 pm  
Garfield Park, 26th and Harrison, San Francisco  
[dayofthedeadsf.org](http://dayofthedeadsf.org)  
> **BART: 24th St. Mission**  
The Day of the Dead has been celebrated

in San Francisco since the early 70s with art, music, performances and a walking procession. This year is no different as six local groups have been commissioned to build large-scale community altars in Garfield Park. Free.

#### FRUITVALE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

Sunday, Nov. 8, 10 am to 5 pm  
Fruitvale Village, along 12th Street to 37th Avenue, Oakland  
[fb.com/theunitycouncil](http://fb.com/theunitycouncil)  
> **BART: Fruitvale**  
The Unity Council hosts its annual Día de los Muertos Festival. This family-oriented festival attracted more than 85,000 visitors last year, and celebrates the cultural traditions, arts and artisans of Latin America. Professional and aspiring artists, families and community members come together to create altars.

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