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Teddy Bear Tea at the
Ritz-Carlton San Francisco



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Westin St. Francis in Union Square

San Francisco Holiday Happenings

The **Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco's** Teddy Bear Tea (www.ritzcarlton.com) is open for reservations on select days in December. An indulgent menu will be enjoyed alongside teddy bear dining companions and festive entertainment, with funds being raised for both Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. The **Westin St. Francis** (www.marriott.com) is celebrating the season with its 12-foot-tall Sugar Castle, the Sweet Boutique, the champagne POP! Lounge and Breakfast with Santa on December 10 as well as two different tea events to choose from.



Gifting Local Goods

Larkspur's Farmhouse Lab (www.farmhouselab.com) is bringing back the **Local Holidays gift box** collaboration between local, women-owned, eco-conscious businesses, makers and crafters. This year's theme is once again "Culinary Joy and Beauty for your Home," offering 10 different boxes to choose from. The boxes are available for online purchase until December 31 and will also be available at local pop-ups throughout the month.

Courtesy of The Westin San Francisco (top); Courtesy of Farmhouse Lab (bottom)



"Love" series, 24-by-24-inch, mixed-media, by Katie Korotzer

Arts Season in Sausalito

Kick off December with **ICB's 2022 Winter Open Studios** at the ICB Building (www.icbbuilding.com) in Sausalito. Back for its 53rd year, the show starts with a preview night on December 2 and opens to the public December 3 and 4. This highly anticipated event features the work of more than 80 sculptors, painters, fiber artists and more.

Festive Fun

Start your holiday shopping at the **Muir Beach Holiday Arts Fair** (www.muirbeachartsfair.com), where on December 3 and 4 40 local artists will sell their handmade artwork and crafts. Also on December 4, Mill Valley is celebrating the 28th annual **Winterfest** (www.enjoymillvalley.com). Live music, an appearance from Santa and a holiday tree lighting will make for a spirited afternoon.



Winterfest

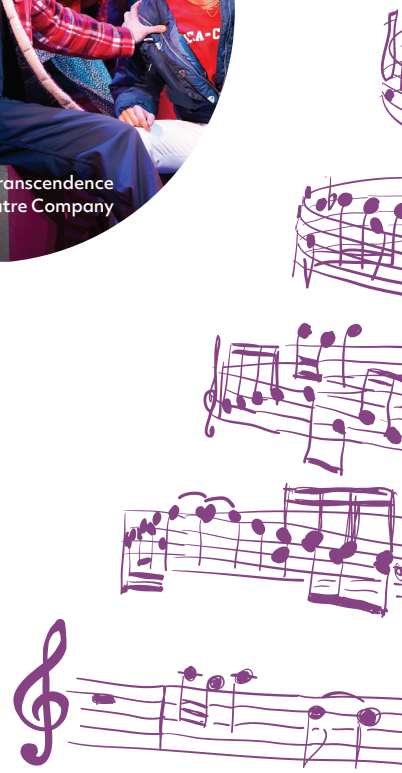


Meritage Resort and Spa's holiday rink

Courtesy of Meritage Resort and Spa (top); Rob Marrel (bottom)

Winter in Wine Country

Transcendence Theatre Company (www.transcendencetheatre.org) is closing its 2022 season with its annual **Holiday Spectacular**. The family-friendly show is taking place December 2 to 4 at Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma. **Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection** (www.aubergeresorts.com) is debuting a caviar, champagne and Jenni Kayne pop-up dining experience in December. You can visit anytime throughout the month, but holiday gifts sold from Jenni Kayne's silver 1957 Airstream will only be available December 1 to 7. In Healdsburg, **Jordan Winery** (www.jordanwinery.com) is offering a Holiday Tour and Tasting on select days from December 1 to 16. Expect walking tours, wine sampling, paired hors d'oeuvres, homemade holiday cookies and hot cocoa. **Meritage Resort and Spa** (www.meritageresort.com) is hosting the Merry Meritage holiday village in December, including the annual holiday ice rink. Tinsel Tea with a Princess is also available there each Saturday from December 10 to 24. The Napa Valley Wine Train (www.winetrain.com) is running its popular **Santa Train** from December 1 to 23, offering three festive experiences to choose from. **Ram's Gate Winery** (www.rams-gatewinery.com) is once again hosting its Holiday Gala on December 10, celebrating "A Night in Monte Carlo," while also collecting nonperishable food items to donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank.



Joyous Jams

It's time to celebrate a "Walk This Way Christmas" with the 25th annual Narada Michael Walden Foundation **Holiday Jam** (www.naradamichaelwaldenfoundation.org).

Held at the Throckmorton Theatre in Mill Valley on December 17, this uplifting evening will raise awareness and support music education and features the Holiday Jam Band, Darryl "DMC"

McDaniels from Run-DMC, the Foundation Singers and several other special guests.



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