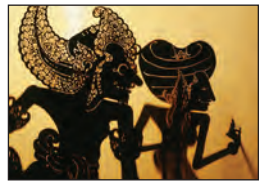


SHORT TAKES

A Play, a Band, and Chesa Boudin

The Noe Valley Town Square is hosting a busy schedule of events in October, including Balinese shadow puppet theater, a brass quintet, and a crime and safety forum with Chesa Boudin.

On Saturday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., pup-peteers from ShadowLight Productions will perform a wayang Bali play behind a 15-by-30-foot screen, accompanied by singers and gamelan musicians. The plot, derived from a Sanskrit myth, involves a beautiful princess and five brothers fighting for power with 100 jealous cousins. The performance is



free. Bring blankets to sit on in the square, at 3861 24th St. near Vicksburg.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy Band Southwest Brass Quintet will play a free concert in the square Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m., during Fleet Week (Oct. 3-11). Again, bring blankets for seating. Elsewhere in the city, the parade of ships is Friday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to noon, and the air show Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 8 to 10. For more details see fleetweeksf.org.

A revived Noe Valley Democratic Club will hold two October events at the square. First is a re-launch of the 30-year-old political club on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. It will feature music by Thee Olde Country band and remarks from State Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember David Chiu, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman.

The second is a public safety forum with District Attorney Chesa Boudin and the police captains from Mission and Ingleside stations, on Sunday, Oct. 10, 3 p.m. Both events are free.

Democratic Club President Carrie Elise Barnes says the group's goal is "to strengthen the political voice of Noe Valley by increasing community engagement and having some fun along the way." She believes local residents with different views on issues can find common ground. "We share many similar interests—such as keeping people housed, addressing the mental health crisis, and maintaining the livability and safety of our neighborhood."

For information or to RSVP, go to noevalleydemocrats.org.

Shipyard Artists Now Open

Four Noe Valley artists with studios at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard are exhibiting work in the 2021 Shipyard Open Studios. Studios will be open for in-person visits Oct. 23 and 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and online all October at www.shipyardartists.com. The yard is at 451 Galvez St. Admission is free.

Karen Slater of Clipper Street is a print artist who creates her own designs, makes her own prints, and cuts and reassembles them into art. She is looking forward to the open studios. "Seeing people react to my work and talk to me about what they see is a real thrill!"

Painter Sam Barbar of Alvarado Street creates oil paintings using squeegees, rags, cups, squeeze bottles, pallet knives, his fingers, and sometimes even brushes. Barbar describes the flowing results as "abstract with a minimal look."



Karen Slater is among several Noe Valley artists opening their studios Oct. 23 and 24 at Hunters Point Shipyard. Photo by Judy Reed

Twenty-second Street resident Jon Vohr will exhibit his rural landscapes painted on wood. "That's where I find the most peace." Also showing paintings is local artist Anne Subercaseaux.

For more information on their work, go to shipyardartists.com, click on Our Artists and scroll down to Open Studios' participating artists.

Rise Like a Phoenix Day

A projected 100 block parties are being planned across San Francisco for Sunday, Oct. 17, as part of Phoenix Day, a celebration of resilience among the residents (and merchants) of the city. The symbol of San Francisco is the mythological phoenix, adopted in 1900 to commemorate San Francisco's being rebuilt after multiple fires in the 1850s (not the devastating fire after the 1906 earthquake).

In Noe Valley, Phoenix Day block parties are happening on Sanchez between Clipper and 26th streets and on Duncan between Church and Sanchez streets, from noon to 5 p.m. Neighbors are encouraged to come out and mingle, and enjoy music, games, and other activities.

The outdoor celebrations are being coordinated by the city's Sunday Streets program (part of Livable City) at www.SundayStreetsSF.com. This is its first main event in 18 months.

The Sanchez Street Block Party is co-sponsored by Slow Sanchez, Bethany United Methodist Church, and Café Noe. Bethany and Café Noe are located on the party block, at 1270 and 1299 Sanchez, respectively.

Greek Food, Scary Stories

Omnivore Books on Food, Folio Books, and the Odd Mondays reading series offer six book readings in-store and online this month.

Omnivore's one in-store event is Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., for *Lemon, Love, and Olive Oil* by Mina Stone. Stone is also the author of *Cooking for Artists*, which she used to do, and owner-chef of her eponymous Greek restaurant in the Museum of Modern Art outpost in Queens, N.Y. Admission is free. You must be vaccinated against Covid to attend.

Omnivore is hosting three other events online, on truffles, fermentation, and beer. Check out <https://omnivore-books.myshopify.com> for details. The store is at 3885 Cesar Chavez St.



Folio Books is restarting its Bookworms events for middle-reader children online. Get a jump—a scary one—on Halloween with *Only If You Dare: 13 Stories of*



Ken Sakatani's focus on cultural collisions will be on display at Gallery Sanchez at the Noe Valley Ministry through October.

Darkness and Doom by Josh Allen Friday, Oct. 8, at 5 p.m. Wear a costume and get a prize at the store! RSVP at www.foliosf.com/bookworms.

Odd Mondays hosts three authors with new novels on Monday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. online. Email oddmondaysnoevalley@gmail.com to get the link to hear "Fil-Am" mystery writer Mia Manansala (*Arsenic and Adobo*), Ojibwe author Dennis Staples (*This Town Sleeps*), and 2017 Whiting Award winner Kaitlyn Greenidge (*Libertie*).

Rejuvenated Juri Commons

Juri Commons is a former railroad right of way and a present-day city park and thoroughway between Guerrero Street and San Jose Avenue and from 25th to 26th streets. It held the non-distinction of having one of San Francisco's 13 most worn-out playgrounds. But no more! Following a year-long \$1.9 million makeover, the playground

reopened to visitors on Sept. 13.

There is a "nature exploration area" full of boulders, logs, and stumps. Adults can use the fitness equipment in the exercise area while dogs roll around in the grass, nature lovers view new flowers and plants, and walkers trod the now even path. The playground also has slides, swings, and monkey bars.

Neighbor and park champion Dave Schweisguth says the park's volunteer workdays are still on hold, but you can find out when they start up again at www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners/.

To spruce up the park, the Juri Commons secured a grant from the Community Opportunity Fund. The Parks Alliance also chipped in, as did the city's park department.

Ken Sakatani at Gallery Sanchez

Gallery Sanchez hosts Noe Valley artist Ken Sakatani in a two-part exhibition on view through Oct. 31 at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

The two parts to the exhibit are Cultural Collisions, which the artist says is about "the interplay between American and Japanese cultural imagery and conflicted histories," and Impressions of Nature, compositions that express the artist's respect and love for the natural world. The work is done in acrylics, watercolor, ink, and colored pencils.

Sakatani studied art at the University of Southern California and holds a PhD in art education from Stanford. He has exhibited at venues across California, most recently at the de Young Museum.

Gallery Sanchez is currently open by appointment only. Email the artist at Kenneth.sakatani@csun.edu. ■

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SINGLE FAMILY	YoY% CHANGE	CONDOS	YoY% CHANGE
NEW LISTINGS	NEW LISTINGS	NEW LISTINGS	NEW LISTINGS
114	+7%	81	+14%
LISTINGS IN CONTRACT	LISTINGS IN CONTRACT	LISTINGS IN CONTRACT	LISTINGS IN CONTRACT
105	+59%	67	+109%
NUMBER OF SOLD	NUMBER OF SOLD	NUMBER OF SOLD	NUMBER OF SOLD
109	+85%	70	+159%
MEDIAN DOM	MEDIAN DOM	MEDIAN DOM	MEDIAN DOM
10	-23%	12	0%
MEDIAN \$/SQ FT	MEDIAN \$/SQ FT	MEDIAN \$/SQ FT	MEDIAN \$/SQ FT
\$1,315	-5%	\$1,175	+1%
MEDIAN SALES PRICE	MEDIAN SALES PRICE	MEDIAN SALES PRICE	MEDIAN SALES PRICE
\$2.82M	+4%	\$1.50M	-4%

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