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ANNUAL ARTS CONVENING

February 20, 2025

5:00-7:30 PM

HERBST THEATRE

War Memorial Veterans Building

401 Van Ness Avenue,

San Francisco, CA

PROGRAM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- **Ralph Remington**, Director of Cultural Affairs

Remarks

- **Daniel Lurie**, Mayor
- **Chuck Collins**, Arts Commission President
- **Ralph Remington**, Director of Cultural Affairs

Reading & Spoken Word Performance By

- **London Pinkney**, Author

Agency Program Updates

- **Mary Chou**, Public Art & Civic Art Collection
- **Carolina Aranibar-Fernandez**, SFAC Galleries
- **Ebon Glenn** Community Investments

Honoring Artistic Legacy Grant Awardees

Closing Remarks

Staff Q&A in Lobby



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The San Francisco Arts Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone. We affirm the sovereign rights of their community as First Peoples and are committed to supporting the traditional and contemporary evolution of the American Indian community and uplifting contemporary indigenous voices and culture.

SPEAKERS

(In order of appearance)



RALPH REMINGTON
DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



DANIEL LURIE
MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO



CHUCK COLLINS
ARTS COMMISSION PRESIDENT



MARY CHOU
**CIVIC ART COLLECTION & PUBLIC ART
PROGRAM DIRECTOR**



CAROLINA ARANIBAR-FERNANDEZ
**DIRECTOR OF GALLERIES & PUBLIC
PROGRAMS**



EBON GLENN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

HONORING ARTISTIC LEGACY GRANT AWARDEES

The Artistic Legacy Grant acknowledges the impact of an artistic director that has served a San Francisco-based arts and culture organization consistently for 25 years or more. The awardee is recognized as a vital member of the community they serve and has a history of working to educate the broader community on the importance of their culture and/or artistic genre.



2020
JOANNA HAIGOOD
OF ZACCHO S.F.

Joanna Haigood, co-founder and artistic director of the renowned aerial dance company Zaccho SF, has been pioneering aerial dance and site-specific works for the past 40 years.



2021
ANNE BLUETHENTHAL
OF ABD/SKYWATCHERS

Anne Bluethenthal has been bridging dance and community-engaged art for over three decades. Advancing justice and equity through bold, nuanced performance works that tackle subjects from globalization and climate change, to genocide and gender violence,

2022
YURIKO DOI
OF THEATRE OF YUGEN



Founded in 1978 by Yuriko Doi, Theatre of Yugen is an experimental ensemble dedicated to the pursuit of the intangible essence of yugen (幽玄)—yu (“profound” and “tranquil”) and gen (“mysterious”), rooted in Noh drama and Kyogen comedy, the oldest continuous theatre traditions of Japan.

2023
GUILLERMO GÓMEZ-PEÑA
OF LA POCHA NOSTRA



Founded in 1993, La Pocha Nostra (LPN) is a transdisciplinary arts organization that provides a support network and forum for artists of various disciplines, generations, gender complexities and ethnic backgrounds. LPN is devoted to erasing the borders between art and politics, art practice and theory, artist and spectator.

2024
RHODESSA JONES



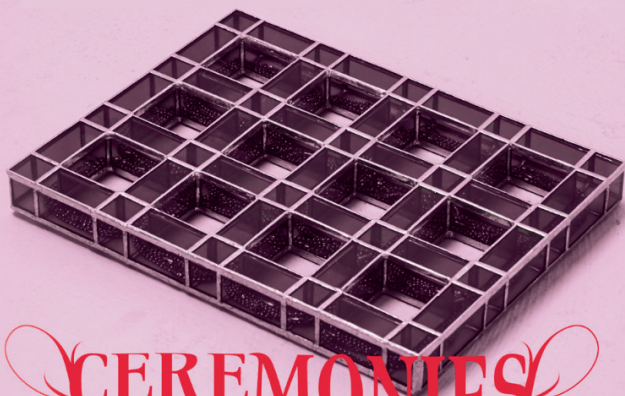
Rhodessa Jones is a San Francisco-based theater performer, director, teacher, and writer whose five-decade body of work tells the stories of women. Since 1979, she has been the co-artistic director of San Francisco performing arts organization Cultural Odyssey.

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ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024



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ARTS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES & SURVEY

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ARTS COMMISSION



In-Person at 401 Van Ness Avenue

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025
 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025
 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Virtual Open House

- Friday, March 7, 2025
 - 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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PRESENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATIONS:



TOWN HALL SESSION 2:
AMENDMENTS 13, 14, & 15



THE RECONSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS
AND THEIR IMPACTS ON
IMMIGRATION AND LIBERATION



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ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE ARTIST

London Pinkney is a writer and editor. She is the founder and editor-in-chief of The Ana. In 2023, she was a Show US Your Spines resident with RADAR Productions and San Francisco Public Library's Hormel Center. Her work can be read in numerous places, including *Mirage #5*, *OmniVerse*, and the anthology *Nonwhite and Woman* (Woodhall Press). She is currently working on her debut essay collection about Black Californians.



LONDON PINKNEY

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Livestream and Artistic Legacy Grant Awardee Videos: SF Gov TV

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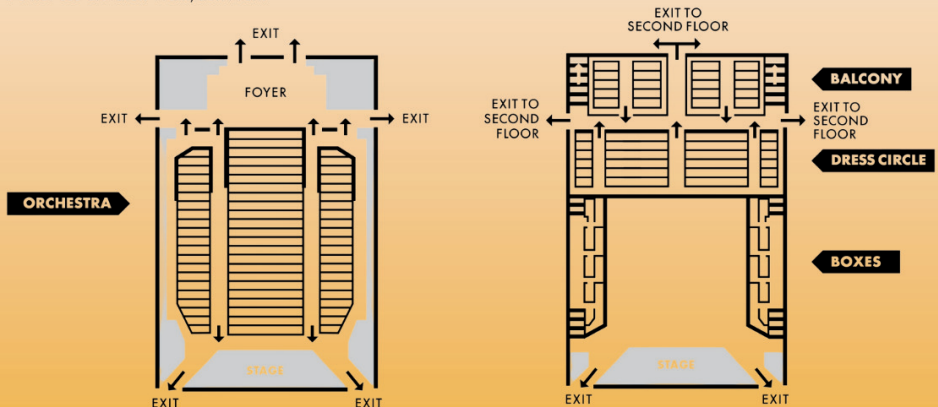
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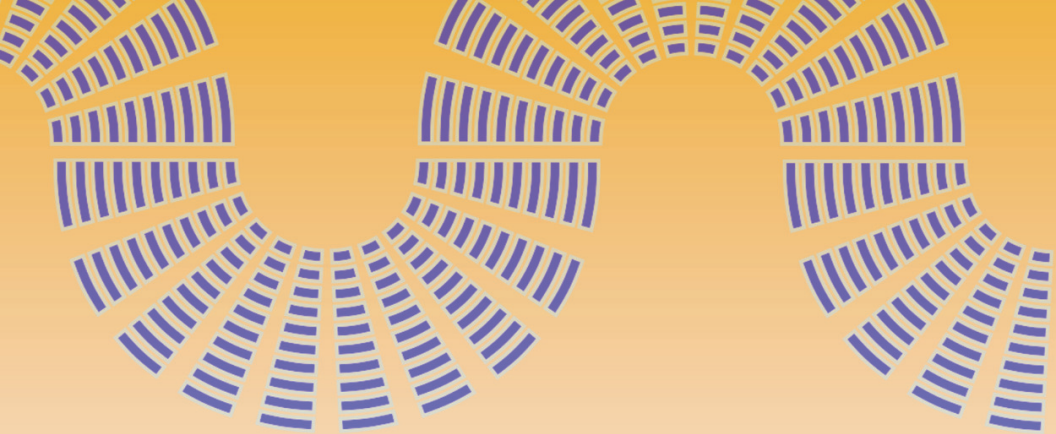
The San Francisco War Memorial acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

EXIT DIAGRAM

HERBST THEATRE

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