



THE FILLMORE
HEART AND SOUL OF THE CITY

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**ATTENTION:
CALENDAR EDITORS, ENTERTAINMENT/EVENT EDITORS**

WHAT: **25th ANNUAL FILLMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL** showcasing the Bay's best talent from up-and-coming jazz fusion and latin-flavored acts to seasoned crooners belting out jazz standards. Eat, drink, and shop, while you stroll, dance, and groove to your favorites.

WHEN: **Sat/Sun, July 4th and 5th, 10 am – 6 pm both days**

WHERE: **Fillmore St. between Jackson and Eddy, San Francisco**

PARKING: **Clay/Webster Garage, Japantown Plaza, Fillmore Center Garage (Eddy between Fillmore and Steiner) or Fillmore Heritage Ctr Garage (Eddy between Fillmore and Webster)**

WEBSITE: www.fillmorejazzfestival.com (performers/schedule posted on site and listed below)

PHONE: **800-310-6563 for more event info**

PLUS: **After Party: Sat, July 4th 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Yoshi's, 1330 Fillmore St**
Free admission, featuring Marcus Shelby and Friends

FESTIVAL DESCRIPTION:

Every summer on July 4th weekend in San Francisco, Fillmore Street is home to the largest free jazz festival on the West Coast: The Fillmore Jazz Festival.

The festival annually attracts more than 90,000 people from all over the City, the Bay Area, and beyond. Visitors gather to celebrate and enjoy a musical tradition of live jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel as well as local culture and fine cuisine in the heart of the city by the bay.

This year the Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary by once again blending art and soul from sunup to sundown, from Jackson to Eddy, presenting the music of old favorites as well as new 'up and comers' on multiple stages. You can also browse 10 blocks of fine arts and crafts, enjoy gourmet food and beverages, and participate in cooking demos by the Fillmore's top chefs.

Entertainment includes (alpha order):

- Bay Area Blues Society and the Caravan of All Stars Featuring Chick Willis - <http://www.bayareabluessociety.net/>
- Bobbie Webb and the Smooth Blues Ban Featuring Fillmore Slim - www.bobbiewebb.com
- The Coltrane Church - www.coltranechurch.org
- Consonance - Gospel (with Lloyd Gregory)
- Farzad - myspace.com/sffazz
- Hard Work - www.tiacarroll.com
- Jazztronauts - <http://thejazztronauts.com/shows>
- Kim Nalley - <http://www.kimnalley.com>
- Lavay Smith - www.lavaysmith.com
- Lloyd Greorgy - <http://www.lloydgregory.net>
- Marcus Shelby Orchestra - <http://www.marcusshelby.com/>
- Norman Bautisa - Latin Jazz - <http://www.bautistaband.com>
- Ray Green & Friends
- Sam Reider - <http://www.samreidermusic.com/html/news.php>
- Sila ~ The AfroFunk - www.victorsila.com
- Vinyl - <http://www.vinylgroove.com/>
- Wayne De La Cruz and the Big Trio - <http://www.waynedelacruz.com/TheBigTrio.html>

(Partial list)

Art and crafts include photography, painting, woodwork, metalwork, jewelry, pottery, clothing, hats, and children's toys – over 200 artists and craftsmen. Delicious “street food” includes oysters, calamari, cajun chicken, bbq pork, jambalaya, tri-tip, organic fruits and veggies, fine wine, and beer.

You can also participate in hourly Chef cooking demos at the Fillmore Center Plaza, hosted by Savor the Moment, featuring chefs from noted local restaurants such as 1300 on Fillmore, Yoshi's, Dosa, and more.

From Asian to Cajun, from hoppin' dance music to smooth jazz, from fine art to kitsch gifts, there is something for everyone on July 4th weekend in the Fillmore. Don't miss it!

Presented by the Fillmore Street Merchants Association and the Fillmore District CBD.

Major sponsors include KCBS, Comcast, KBLX, 7X7, KOFY, Yoshi's, Laramar, Alice Radio, The Fillmore Center, Japantown Garage, Sierra Nevada, Sam Adams.

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