

Guidelines

Galleries mentioned here are open to the public and offer free admission, unless otherwise noted. A number of them hold opening receptions in conjunction with the citywide First Thursday event, held on the first Thursday of each month, during which many galleries remain open later than usual artists are often in attendance.

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ASIAN ART MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO

—Home to more than 14,000 art objects spanning 6,000 years of history and culture throughout Asia, the museum is one of the largest in the West devoted exclusively to Asian art. **Through Jul 16**, *The Three Gorges Project: Paintings by Liu Xiaodong* displays the artist's depiction of a changing landscape and country. **Through May 21**, *From the Fire: Contemporary Korean Ceramics* shows more than 90 works by 54 artists. \$10 (\$5 after 5 pm Th), \$7 seniors, \$6 students, ages 13 and under free, all free the first Tu of each month. Tu-Su 10 am-5 pm (Th until 9 pm). 200 Larkin St. www.asianart.org, 581-3500 **Map 1, B7**

BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM

—Located in Marin County, this award-winning interactive learning center is designed for children up to age 10. They can operate their own fishing boat, crawl beneath a simulated ocean, and learn about architecture. \$8.50, \$7.50 ages 1-17, free after 1 pm on the second Sa of each month. Tu-F 9 am-4 pm, Sa-Su 10 am-5 pm. 557 McReynolds, Fort Baker, Sausalito. www.baykidsmuseum.org, 339-3900 **Map 3, C4**

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

—Displays treasures from the natural world. Inside, Steinhart Aquarium is home to thousands of fish from around the world, and SSSsssnake Alley houses exotic snakes. \$7, \$4.50 ages 12-17, \$2 ages 4-11, ages 3 and under free. Daily 10 am-5 pm. 875 Howard St. www.calacademy.org, 321-8000 **Map 1, D6**

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

—See more than 350 oil paintings, 600 watercolors, drawings and rare lithographs documenting the history of the Golden State. The on-site library contains thousands of books, manuscripts, posters, newspapers and photographs.

\$3, \$1 students and seniors. W-Sa noon-4:30 pm. 678 Mission St. www.californiahistoricalsociety.org, 357-1848 **Map 1, E5**

CARTOON ART MUSEUM

—Dedicated to the preservation, collection, study and exhibition of original cartoon art. The permanent collection includes newspaper strips, editorial cartoons, comic books and more. \$6, \$4 seniors and students, \$2 ages 6-12, ages 5 and under free. Tu-Su 11 am-5 pm. 655 Mission St. www.cartoonart.org, 227-8666 **Map 1, E6**

CHARLES SCHULZ MUSEUM

—This 27,000-square-foot museum is dedicated to preserving the art and legacy of the popular cartoon artist. More than 7,000 original comic strips are in the collection. An ice-skating arena and Snoopy's Gift Shop are also on site. \$8, \$5 ages 3-18 and seniors. M and W-Fri noon-5:30 pm, Sa-Su 10 am-5:30 pm. 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa. www.schulzmuseum.org, (707) 579-4452 **Map 3, C2**

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM

—The largest children's museum in the West features exhibits of science, history and technology. \$7, \$6 seniors, under age 1 free. Tu-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Su noon-5 pm. 180 Woz Way, Guadalupe River Park, San Jose. www.cdm.org, (408) 298-5437 **Map 3, F6**

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSEUM

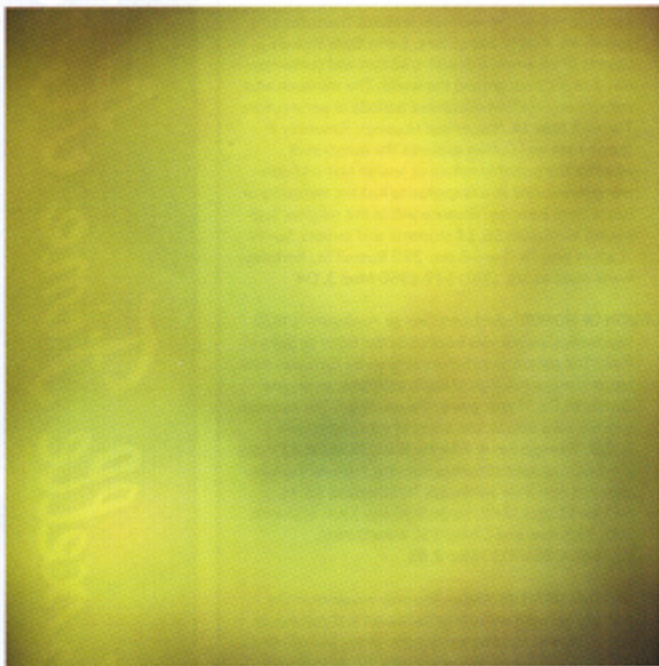
—Scholarly and artistic programs that explore the Jewish spirit and imagination. **Through Jul 30**, *The Art of Living: Contemporary Photography and Video from the Israel Museum* will show works from the last five years. \$5, \$4 students and seniors, ages 11 and under free. Su-Th noon-6 pm. 121 Steuart St. between Mission and Howard streets. www.jmsf.org, 344-8800 **Map 1, E5**

DE YOUNG MUSEUM

—Founded in 1895, it has just reopened in a striking structure that houses collections from the Americas, the Pacific Islands and Africa. **Through Jun 18**, *International Arts and Crafts: William Morris to Frank Lloyd Wright* will display more than 300 examples of work from the Arts and Crafts movement. \$10, \$7 seniors, \$6 ages 13-17, ages 12 and under free. Tu-Su 9:30 am-5:00 pm (F until 8:45 pm). In Golden Gate Park, 50 Tea Garden Dr. (near Eighth Ave. and Fulton St.). www.thinker.org/deyoung, 863-3330 **Map 2, E5**

EXPLORATORIUM

—An array of interactive scientific exhibits and hands-on displays that stimulate the minds of young and old alike; great for families. **Through Jun 18**, *Turing Tables* shows art created through the science of seismology. Free the first W of each month, otherwise \$12, \$9.50 ages 13-17 and seniors, \$8 ages 4-12, ages 4 and under free. Admission to the Tactile Dome \$15 (reservations required; 561-0362). Tu-Su 10 am-5 pm. Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St. www.exploratorium.edu, 561-0363 **Map 2, G2**



Simplest art Color solo

There is inherent beauty in color, and Bay Area artist Keira Kotler's light jet prints mounted on aluminum put that beauty on display. Through July 7, Brian Gross Fine Art will present 13 of her works in *Lumina: Recent Photoworks*, shown in the lobby gallery at One Post St. (at the intersection with Market and Montgomery streets). Kotler has taken everyday objects and sights and used her technique to transform the imagery into vivid abstract color compositions. As with "Lumina Chartreuse," above, she named each piece after a color, keeping the the focus on the simple emotions and sensory experiences evoked by the works. www.briangrossfineart.com, 788-1050

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

—Poignant exhibits that shed light on the history of the Bay Area's GLBT communities. \$2-\$4 (sliding scale). Tu-Sa 1-5 pm. 657 Mission St., third floor. www.glbthistory.org, 777-5455 **Map 1, E5**

IRIS & B. GERALD CANTOR CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

—The permanent collection spans 4,000 years, while rotating

and touring exhibitions in the museum's many galleries showcase classic and contemporary art. Free. W-Su 11 am-5 pm (Th until 8 pm). Museum Way off Palm Dr. on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto. www.stanford.edu/dept/ccvia, (650) 723-4177 **Map 3, D6**

JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM—Named for the first ordained Rabbi born in the