

Come Experience the Joy of Early American 4-part a capella Singing!

8th Annual Golden Gate

Sacred Harp Singing

A full day of singing with dinner on the grounds*.



Sunday, April 22, 2012

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House
953 De Haro Street x Southern Heights
San Francisco, CA

Come to Sing or Listen!

Singing from the 1991 Revision of *The Sacred Harp*

Free and open to the public. Loaner books available.

**Traditional noontime potluck. Locals bring at least one large dish to share.*

A Traditional Sacred Harp Singing School

Learn the centuries-old practices of Sacred Harp singing at

Taught by lifelong SH singer Cassie Allen from Texas

Saturday, April 21, 1-4 pm

All Saints Chapel, 2451 Ridge Rd. Berkeley, CA

\$5. to \$10. Donation. No one turned away

General Information

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Golden Gate Singing web site: <http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>

National Sacred Harp web site web site: <http://fasola.org>

No musical experience is required to join us in singing
“... the soaring magnificence of Southern Sacred Harp...
a robust, harmonically intricate blend of country joy and
unearthly drone.” —Rolling Stone

About Sacred Harp Singing

The origins of this uniquely American music predate our nation. The base material in the form of hymns and folk tunes floated over the Atlantic with the early settlers. Here they were transformed into 3- and 4-part songs, to be sung a cappella, with each part miraculously melodious. This new music was spread to a musically illiterate population via singing schools and itinerant singing masters who were often the composers of the songs.

The harmonies achieved by these untrained early American composers were so rich and delightful as to border on the sinful. In fact, that was exactly the opinion of the trained choirmasters who followed and essentially exterminated this music in the Northeast and Midwest where it had become established. In the deep South, however, it found a more enduring home.

Either because of its "illegitimate harmonies" or because of its "folk theology," shape note music has seldom found its way into church services. It is sung in homes and gatherings and conventions, but rarely "performed." Anyone may participate and become part of it.

No musical experience is necessary to join us at the Golden Gate Convention. All parts will be strongly supported and you will be carried by the wave of music surrounding you. The curious are welcome to listen, but be warned: this music is contagious!!

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c/o Carolyn Deacy
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Bay Area Shape Note Singing

UC Berkeley: Monday 7:30 - 9:30pm. Refreshments. All Saints Chapel, 2451 Ridge Rd., Berkeley.
Info: Carl at carl.f.bear@gmail.com.

San Francisco: 3rd Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30pm. Potluck refreshments. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive, San Francisco.

Info: Julian Damashek at juliandamashek@gmail.com

Peninsula and South Bay: 2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday, 11:00am - 1:00pm or 4:00 - 6:00pm. Refreshments.
Info: Terry Moore, tmoore@lpch.org

East Bay: 1st Sunday, 4:30 - 6:30pm. Potluck.
Info: Betty Marvin bmarvin@oaklandnet.com

Santa Cruz: Tuesday evening.

Info: Shelley Phillips, shelley@got.net or 831-426-9155

Sacramento/Davis: Roughly 6 Sundays per year, 1:00pm. Potluck.

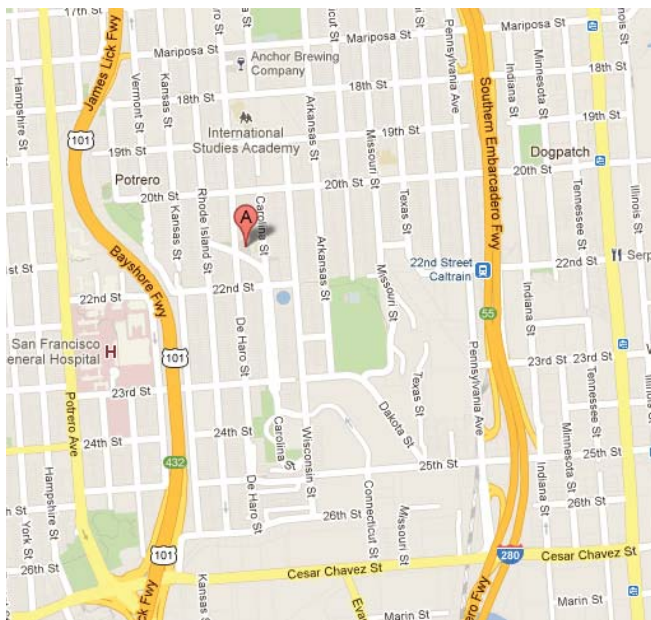
Info: Susan Jones, 916-739-8906, davesue@calweb.com

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Sacred Harp is distinctly American music...
a sound all its own... once it grabs hold, it doesn't let go.

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Public transit: MUNI 19 bus or T. Caltrans stops at 22nd street, you'll have to walk up the hill. BART to 16th & Mission take the 22 bus to 17th and DeHaro and walk up the hill.

From the Peninsula: 280 N. to Mariposa St. exit, left at bottom of ramp onto Mariposa. About 10 blocks west to De Haro. Left on DeHaro.

From East Bay: Take 80 W. Merge onto US-101 South. Take exit 432 for C Chavez St/Potrero Avenue. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Potrero Ave and merge onto Potrero Ave. Right on 23rd Street. Turn on De Haro St.