

About the Planetary Dance

This community participation ritual—created by Anna Halprin in 1980—is a contemporary dance ritual created in the spirit of powerful traditional rituals that brought a community together for a vital purpose, to call for rain, a successful harvest, or similar need. The underlying purpose of the Planetary Dance is to advance Peace among People and Peace with the Earth. Additionally, each dance has a theme that addresses the moment.

The dance itself involves a simple run or walk, so people of varying ages and abilities can participate. Anna said, “When enough people move together in a common pulse with a common purpose an amazing force takes over—a power that can renew, inspire, teach, create and heal.”

About the Theme: Save Democracy!

Along with the climate crisis—an urgent global threat to our well-being—is the very real threat to democracy around the world. Right now, this is especially manifest in the military aggression by authoritarian Russia against the democratic nation of Ukraine, and, in the United States, by the corrosive actions of the radical right wing to erode voting rights and our Constitution. So, this year we dance to save democracy here in the United States, in Ukraine, and around the planet.

Getting to 42nd Planetary Dance on June 12

Site Map for 14th Ave East Meadow, Golden Gate Park

<https://www.google.com/maps/@37.7720088,-122.472199,17z?hl=en-US>

Public Transportation and Parking

The SF Muni 5 Fulton St bus stops at Park Presidio. Walk in at the Rose Garden to JFK Drive, turn right and walk one block west. Look for colored flags.

Free street parking on or near Fulton Street.

Paid parking: <https://deyoung.famsf.org/deyoung/visiting/parking>

For Golden Gate Park Free Shuttle and Disabled Parking

<https://sfrecpark.org/1617/Golden-Gate-Park-Free-Shuttle>

Explore and Connect

You can view a short film on the Planetary Dance, narrated by its founder, Anna Halprin, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq9Qvk90QvI>. This informative introduction is a poignant remembrance of the enduring creative spirit of Anna Halprin (1920–2021).

The June 12 event is produced by the Planetary Dance Committee and features the amazing Barbara Borden and her drummers. Please direct any inquiries to planetarydance@gmail.com or visit the website: <https://planetarydance.org/>. The event is free, but donations are appreciated at: <https://planetarydance.org/resources/>