

SAN FRANCISCO WALDORF SCHOOL

Waldorf 100 – Northern California Celebration
Saturday, May 18, 10am-4pm
Bandshell in Golden Gate Park

San Francisco Waldorf School would like to formally invite your school community to join us for a Northern California celebration of Waldorf 100. A gathering of Waldorf students, parents, faculty/staff, alumni, alumni parents and friends will gather at the **Bandshell located in Golden Gate Park on May 18** for performances, exhibits, food, games and more!

The [Bandshell/Music Concourse](#) is a great setting to showcase our schools, as it sits between the DeYoung Museum and California Academy of Sciences among a grove of London plane trees, Wych elms, maples and walnuts. There are three food trucks (with great food) at the location, and picnics are always encouraged.

Planning has been underway, behind the scenes, for many months. Now, with the strong support of San Francisco Park and Recreation, we have a plan for a celebration in this historic venue. Since an event of this size requires significant coordination, we ask that each school/organization provides a **single point of contact** that will serve as a competent liaison between the planning group here at SFWS and your institution. We realize that spring is a busy time for all of us, and our hope is that your school or many of your families and faculty/staff attend and represent!

Before you read the ways to participate, consider these deadlines that we need to meet. Please contact us!

- March 1** – Contact waldorf100@sfwaldorf.org if your school wants to explore a “Main Stage” performance opportunity (see “Ways to Participate” for more information).
- March 8** – Contact waldorf100@sfwaldorf.org with your school’s interest. Please include a brief description of your contribution to Waldorf 100. If you have any ideas/questions, please reach out before this date.
- March 22** – SFWS will be in contact with all invitees to announce a tentative schedule and overview of the celebration. (For those attending the ANA meeting at Summerfield, we hope to have some time to discuss this - either formally or informally.)
- March 29** – Your school confirms participation in the event and the program will be finalized. SFWS will begin production of marketing materials that will be provided for your community (electronic flyers, postcards, etc...).
- April 5** – SFWS provides marketing materials to schools/organizations.
- April 5 - May 17** – Wider marketing across the Bay Area through Facebook, newlists, event calendars, etc. Sample communication emails, school bulletin blurbs, etc... will help you provide more information to your community. As the event approaches, specifics about travel and logistics will also be provided.

Ways to Participate

School Exhibit Table/Tent: There is room on concourse for a 10’x10’ pop-up tent/table to display a representation of your school. A welcome addition to showcase: unique student work or a curricular program. Some examples: framed artwork across the grades, main lesson books, handwork (from knitting to metalworking), student projects, photos... anything that displays your best to other attending schools and the general public. An added bonus would be if the work itself could “tell a

story,” such as demonstrating the progression of handwork from K-8/12 or the reoccurrence of a particular field of science across developmental ages. Contact us if you have ideas to explore.

Side Stage Performances: To provide the most possibilities for performances, we will have two stages for individuals and small groups/classes. If you have particularly talented students in the performing arts or music (or any kind of performance/demonstration), this is the perfect way to have your school represented. Unlike the main stage performance, these stages will not have amplification, so take that into consideration when thinking about this option.

Main Stage: We are planning for 2 one-hour “shows” on the bandshell main stage, a beautiful historic venue that will include amplification. An emcee will take attendees on a fun journey and celebration of Waldorf education, weaving together the performances. There are a limited number of acts during this time, as moving groups on/off the stage for setup/breakdown is not trivial. **If you have a group performance that you feel would be attractive in this setting, you must contact us by March 1, as we are firming up this schedule quickly.**

Main Stage (Multi-School Orchestra): We warmly invite all instrumentalists from 5th grade through Alumni and parents to participate at 2:30 on May 18th in playing the 4th Movement of Beethoven’s 5th Symphony, “Finale” as arranged by Richard Meyer. Copies of orchestral parts are posted on our website for you to download (www.sfwaldorf.org/waldorf100). If you plan to participate, please email Lisa Sargent, music teacher at SFWS at LSargent@sfwaldorf.org and indicate how many of each instrument will be coming, so we have adequate stands and chairs.

Other Ideas: Do you have something in mind your school could contribute that may not be covered above? Please reach out, as we are open to many different things. For example, one school expressed interest in bringing a stand-alone circus structure so that their students could perform aerial acrobatics at the event... and we may be able to do it!

Notes: Since we will be in a public space in a city that we love, our school wants to put on our best Waldorf show. In that spirit, here are some thoughts about joining the celebration:

- We do not envision this as an enrollment event, as many schools will be traveling from a long distance. For this reason, we ask that you not bring enrollment materials or other “take-aways.” This will also help reduce our footprint and impact at the site, which we are responsible for cleaning (leave no trace). There will be a reception tent to provide contact information for all the schools, so interested parties will be able to find out how to reach schools directly.
- While there is automobile parking at the site, we encourage carpools/vanpools or biking/public transit. If your school has a bus they want to bring, please let us know and we may be able to arrange a reserved space.
- So far, the event is financially underwritten by the San Francisco Waldorf School community. We are in contact with a couple of schools regarding ways to help offset these costs. If you would like to be part of this conversation or have ideas to share, please email Mitch Mitchell (mmitchell@sfwaldorf.org).