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The Holiday Season Is Heating Up in November

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Jane Hammond's *Hong Kong Vase with Prickly Umbrella, Tongue Orchid and Grape Hyacinth*, 2022, is among the artist's botanical collages on view at Berggruen Gallery through November 22.

ONGOING: Don't miss **Jane Hammond's** exhibition of new botanical collages at Berggruen Gallery. The works in *Endless Forms Most Beautiful* showcase techniques such as hand painting, digital printing and

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linocutting — yielding what the gallery describes as “a flamboyant collection of flora and fauna, which is at once visually stimulating and almost fantastical.” Through November 22. berggruen.com

11/1: The Safeway Holiday Ice Rink in Union Square returns. Special events — such as Simba Saturdays, inspired by *The Lion King*; Flashback Fridays, with '80s music; and Drag Queens on Ice, full of glitz and glam — are slated in the coming months. Through January 15, 2024. Tickets: \$15–\$20. unionsquareicerink.com

11/2: 10,000 Degrees holds its Changemakers event to celebrate five alumni of the organization, which supports students from low-income backgrounds in their educational pursuits. 5:30 p.m. Tickets: from \$100. Julia Morgan Ballroom, San Francisco. 10000degrees.org

11/4: Put on your finest animal print ensemble! The 71st edition of Jewel Ball — presented by the San Francisco Auxiliary for Children and benefiting Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford — happens at the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens. Sip cocktails and savor delectable bites, while participating in auctions, a wine pull and a fund-a-need. 5:30 p.m. Tickets: from \$275. sfjewelball.org

11/5: Lace 'em up for the 22nd edition of the Golden Gate Half Marathon & 5K. Start near Aquatic Park — at 6:50 a.m. for the half marathon and 7:15 a.m. for the 5K — and make your way to the finish at Ghirardelli Square, where a festival takes place until 11 a.m. (The half marathon route crosses the Golden Gate Bridge twice.) runsf.com

11/5: Italian Community Services celebrates 107 years with a night of revelry at Casa Fugazi, including a performance of *Dear San Francisco*, hors d’oeuvre

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and dessert receptions, a hosted bar, and fundraising auctions. 5:30 p.m.

Tickets: from \$150. italiancs.org

11/5: The Marin Theatre Company's fall benefit features Broadway star **Sara Porkalob** and **Alpha Rhythm Kings**. Guests can also partake of a silent auction and raffle, plus enjoy live music by additional performers. The fundraising fete takes place at the Verdi Club in San Francisco. 3 p.m. Tickets: from \$250. marintheatre.org

11/9: Glide's Holiday Jam returns to The Masonic in San Francisco, with **Priya David Clemens** once again on emcee duty. This year's benefit concert is extra-special, as it honors the 60th anniversary of Rev. **Cecil Williams'** arrival at the Tenderloin institution. The music program will pay tribute to **Ashford & Simpson**, with **Valerie Simpson** performing. **Glide Ensemble** and **The Change Band** are also expected to take the stage. glide.org

11/10: Catch *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, coming to San Francisco's Golden Gate Theatre. A screening of the Academy Award-winning film will be accompanied by all-women orchestra **The Broadway Sinfonietta**, as well as a band and DJ. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: from \$46.50. broadwaysf.com

11/11: Opera San José offers a new family-friendly production of **Rossini's** comic masterpiece, *The Barber of Seville*. Follow the title character, Figaro, in his efforts to ensure that true love triumphs. Tickets: from \$55. Through November 26. California Theatre, San Jose. operasj.org

11/12: 'Tis the season for Dress for Success' Holiday Soirée. The event at Terra Gallery in the City gets underway at 1 p.m. with a VIP cocktail hour and early shopping period, followed by the main event from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Guests

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will delight in an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a pop-up boutique (including gently used designer fashions). Auction proceeds are also earmarked to support the personal transformations of those served by the organization. Tickets: from \$150. sfdress.org **NHG Sponsored**

11/16: Luck and love are front and center in the musical comedy *Guys and Dolls*, presented by SF Playhouse. Through January 13, 2024. Tickets: from \$30. sfplayhouse.org

11/17: Get a jump on your holiday list, while boosting a worthy cause. Hillsborough Auxiliary to Peninsula Family Service is holding its annual Thanks for Giving luncheon and shopping event, with 20 percent of proceeds benefiting PFS. 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Tickets: \$150. Hillsborough Racquet Club. hapfs.org

11/17: Join Bay Scholars for its 10th annual Giving Thanks by Giving Back Thanksgiving Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Julia Morgan Ballroom, San Francisco. To sponsor or attend, contact lloyd@bayscholars.org. **NHG Sponsored**

11/17: Holidays at Filoli kicks off with an Opening Night Dinner. Guests will sit down to dinner — with seatings at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. — in the historic Woodside estate's ballroom. Seasonal drinks and music are also part of the magical evening. Tickets: from \$2,000 for a table for two. filoli.org

11/20: For one night only, KQED presents An Evening with David Sedaris, with the author and humorist onstage at the City's War Memorial Opera House. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: from \$83. broadwaysf.com

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11/28: SF Opera marks the 10th anniversary of its An Evening on the Stage event. This year's celebration honors **Karen J. Kubin**, along with **Mary** and **Bill Poland**. War Memorial Opera House's doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: from \$1,500. sfopera.com

11/29: TheatreWorks Silicon Valley stages *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Heads up: During each performance of the musical comedy, a few audience members are invited to be competitors. Through December 24. Tickets: from \$27. Lucie Stern Theatre, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org