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The Crucible's Fire Arts Festival—July 9 to 12, 2008

A Celebration of Creativity Through Fire and Light



From July 9 to July 12 *The Crucible's 8th Fire Arts Festival*, a spectacular open-air exhibition of astounding performances, fire sculpture and interactive fire art, will be held each evening from 8 PM to 12:00 AM at The Crucible's Fire Arts Arena in West Oakland.

This annual celebration of creativity showcases the largest collection of fire and light sculptures in the West Coast, with four fire-filled nights of fun for everyone. Featuring amazing installations like gigantic sculptures by Dan Das Mann and Karen Cusolito, Nate Smith's Fire Vortex, The Neuron

Project by Alan Rorie, Sean Orlando's Steampunk Tree House, Omega Recoil, Kinetic Steam Works and many more.

Appearing on the main stage each evening will be performers to awe and amaze the most discerning pyrophile, like Unmata and Pyrogliphicks, and the aerial artistry of Flyaway Productions and Trapeze Arts. And if you think "Dancing with the Stars" is hot, wait until you experience performances by The Copper Lantern Fire Theater, Flamenco Fury or fLo-Ology. Stroll through nearly four acres of art; enjoy a beverage, listen to some great music, all while exploring the world of fire and light.

Advance ticket prices range from \$35 to \$50, increasing \$5 each night; Crucible members receive a \$5 discount any night. Tickets may be purchased at the door (if available) and range from \$40 to \$55. To buy tickets in advance and for more information: Visit www.thecrucible.org We recommend advance purchase of tickets; events at The Crucible often sell out. The Fire Arts Festival is a fundraiser for The Crucible, and benefits arts education programs for youth and adults.

You can further support The Crucible's arts education programs with the purchase of a Patron Pass. By adding \$50 to the ticket purchase price for any day, you'll get access to The Crucible's Patron Pavilion with its own courtyard, live video of main stage activities, private bar, appetizers, preferred seating, and NO LINES. The Patron Pass also gets you into the fabulous Steampunk Tree House, where you can get a bird's eye view of the entire Fire Arts Arena, and be in good company with the sponsors and donors whose generosity helps keep the creative fires burning at The Crucible. Crucible members at the Inferno level and above receive free entry into the Patron Pavilion and the Steampunk Tree House.

In conjunction with the Fire Arts Festival, The Crucible is offering a special workshop for adults in cupola iron casting, where you can experience the exhilaration of pouring molten metal first-hand. (Visit www.thecrucible.org for details on this class.)

For calendar editors:

What:

The Crucible's 8th Annual Fire Arts Festival

An incendiary celebration of fire and light with four fire-filled nights of awesome performances, music, extraordinary art and more.

When (Dates & Times):

Fire Arts Festival: July 9 to 12; 8PM to 12:00AM

Ticket Information:

We recommend advance purchase of tickets, as events at The Crucible usually sell out.

Advance Purchase: \$35 for July 9, \$40 for July 10, \$45 for July 11, and \$50 for July 12.

At the Door: \$40 for July 9, \$45 for July 10, \$50 for July 11, and \$55 for July 12 Crucible members receive a \$5 discount on all ticket purchases.

Patron Pass: Add \$50 to any ticket for access to The Crucible's Patron Pavilion and the Steampunk Treehouse, preferred seating, private bar and other VIP amenities. The cost of the Patron Pass is fully deductible, and proceeds directly support The Crucible's year round arts education programs.

Tickets available on line at www.thecrucible.org.

Who: Designed & Produced by Michael Sturtz of The Crucible, featuring an amazing cast of artists, dancers and performers that reflects the diversity of the Bay Area's arts community, from classically trained dancers to outrageous fire performers; mind-boggling sculpture and art, music and The Crucible's talented crew of blacksmiths, metal casters, and glassworkers.

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Where: The Crucible's Fire Arts Arena, Kirkham Street and 5th Street, Oakland, CA 94607
2 Blocks from West Oakland BART

Public info: 510.444.0919; <http://www.thecrucible.org/fireartsfestival>

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Photos: High-resolution photos available on request

About The Crucible

The Crucible is a non-profit arts education center that fosters a collaboration of arts, industry, and community by teaching and showcasing fire, metal, glass, and light art. Founded in 1999, The Crucible currently offers more than 400 classes to nearly 4,000 students annually in everything from bronze casting to neon, welding to glass working, blacksmithing to fire dancing, textiles to woodworking. Proceeds from the Fire Arts Festival support The Crucible's art education programs. To purchase tickets, find out about classes at The Crucible, or learn more about the Fire Arts Festival, call 510-444-0919 or visit www.thecrucible.org/fireartsfestival.