

BART is your ride to holiday fun



Celebrate Chanukah in Union Square Dec. 4-11. This year marks the 33rd lighting of the **Bill Graham Menorah**. Take BART to Powell Street. For event info, visit chabadsf.org.

African American gospel tradition and Christmas blend in the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's soulful "**Black Nativity**," playing

through Dec. 30 in San Francisco. Take BART to Powell Street Station. For info, visit lorrainehansberrytheatre.com or call 415/474-8800.

Visions of traffic jams and parking hassles dancing in your head? Say "humbug" to all that and take BART to Bay Area holiday events. Plan your trip online at bart.gov.

Take BART to the San Francisco Ballet's "**Nutcracker**" at the War Memorial Opera House, Dec. 13-30. Exit BART at Civic Center. For tickets and information, visit sfballet.org.

Ebenezer Scrooge gets in the spirit once again in "**A Christmas Carol**" in both San

Francisco and Walnut Creek. The American Conservatory Theater production runs through Dec. 23 at the Geary Theatre in San Francisco. Exit BART at Powell Street Station. For more info, visit act-sf.org or call 415/749-2ACT.

Center REPeratory Company of Walnut Creek presents "**A Christmas Carol**" through Dec. 16 at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Take BART to Walnut Creek station. For tickets and info, visit lesherartscenter.org, or call 925/943-SHOW.



BART goes shopping, too!

Many BART stations are conveniently located near some of the best shopping areas in the Bay Area. Here are just a few examples:

- Powell Street Station serves the Westfield San Francisco Centre mall and is just a block or two from the new Barney's and other world famous stores of Union Square.
- Oakland City Center/12th Street Station serves Oakland City Center mall and the shops of downtown Oakland's shopping district.
- Bay Fair Station opens onto Bayfair Mall.
- Rockridge Station is in the heart of Oakland's trendy Rockridge district.
- San Bruno Station is next to The Shops at Tanforan.

Ring in the new year with a BART Flash Pass

The best way to celebrate New Year's Eve is by leaving your car at home and using BART's "New Year's Eve Flash Pass," good for unlimited rides on BART throughout the holiday evening. The special New Year's Eve Flash Pass costs just \$6 and gets you unlimited rides on BART from 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 to 3 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1.



Riders with passes simply flash them to the BART Station Agent and pass through the

swing gate. No need to use the fare gates! Passes go on sale December 10.

Get your BART New Year's Eve Flash Pass at Safeway stores in the greater Bay Area, the BART Customer Services Center at the Lake Merritt BART station, or at MyTransitPlus Stores in the Embarcadero, Civic Center, Montgomery, Powell, Coliseum and Bay Fair stations. For a complete list of sales locations visit bart.gov.

Improved BART schedule starts the new year right

33% more service at night and on Sundays

The new year will bring a new and improved BART schedule with more frequent service for hundreds of thousands of passengers – especially those riding at night, on weekends and on the SFO extension.

The new schedule takes effect January 1, 2008. Highlights of the new service include:

- More trains after 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and all day Sunday. During these times trains will run every 15 minutes, instead of every 20 minutes, increasing service by 33%.
- The popular Pittsburg/Bay Point line will serve SFO directly.

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BARTv Guide

Now playing on BARTv

"Holiday Shopping Safety Tips"
In this helpful video BART Police demonstrate some easy steps you can take to ensure your bargain hunting is safe. Check out the video online at www.bart.gov.

GOOD TIMES

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged) and Completely Hollywood (abridged)

Marines Memorial Theatre
609 Sutter St., San Francisco
www.reducedshakespeare.com
415/771-6900 or www.ticketmaster.com

BART: Powell, 5-block walk.

Through Jan. 6: "The Bible" puts the fun back in fundamentalism in a madcap ride from fig leaves to Final Judgment. "Hollywood" reduces 200 films into 100 minutes, giving Hollywood masterpieces an epic edit.



The Shaker Chair

Encore Theatre Company & Shotgun Players
The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley
www.shotgunplayers.org or 510/841-6500

BART: Ashby

Dec. 15-Jan. 27: What part are we meant to play in the world that surrounds us? Is it our moral obligation to take action and advocate for our beliefs? "The Shaker Chair" deftly explores activism vs. complacency in a drama that reveals itself in both the personal and the political, focusing on three women in their 50s.

KPFA Crafts & Music Fair

Concourse Exhibition Center
Eighth and Brannan streets, San Francisco
www.kpfa.org/craftsfair

BART: Civic Center; free shuttles throughout the weekend

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 8-9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.:

The largest weekend holiday craft fair of its kind in Northern California features high-quality, original work created by crafts makers and artists from throughout the United States, a gourmet food pavilion and live music. Proceeds from the Fair benefit KPFA 94.1 fm, the country's first nonprofit listener-sponsored, free speech public radio station.



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Sing it Yourself Messiah

San Francisco Sinfonietta
Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness at Grove
San Francisco, 415/864-6000

BART: Civic Center

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.: The 29th exuberant performance of this beloved holiday tradition comes alive in an interactive, community-based choral event led by charismatic Maestro Urs Leonhardt Steiner.

The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller

Post Street Theatre
450 Post Street, San Francisco
www.poststreettheatre.com
415/771-6900 or www.ticketmaster.com

BART: Powell, 4-block walk.

Dec. 20-Jan. 6: America's favorite holiday concert comes to town. The four-member band, accompanied by a 10-piece orchestra, performs favorites from their six Christmas albums plus new music.

BART fares increase Jan. 1

Effective Tuesday, January 1, 2008, BART fares will increase by 5.4%

This is the second in a series of inflation-based fare increases approved by the BART Board of Directors in May 2003. As a result, fares increase on January 1 of even years until 2012. The first increase occurred on January 1, 2006.

The increase is based on a formula that accounts for changes in inflation, both nationally and locally, reduced by .5% to account for BART's increased operating efficiencies.

The minimum fare will increase from \$1.40 to \$1.50. Most riders will see between a 10 cent and 30 cent fare increase.

BART schedule continued

- Earlier start time for service to SFO from downtown San Francisco.
- Shorter commute times from Millbrae to downtown San Francisco.
- Double the service for South San Francisco and San Bruno stations.

For more information on the January 1 schedule changes plan a trip using the BART QuickPlanner at bart.gov or download the latest free BART QuickPlanner for your Apple iPod, Palm or Pocket PC handheld device at bart.gov.

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Gradual fare increases help BART keep pace with inflation...

December is the time when we look back at our accomplishments for the past year and prepare for the new one. 2007 was a banner year for BART. Thanks to our loyal customers, as well as new riders, BART broke every single one of our ridership records and for the first time BART carried 100 million passengers in a fiscal year. In 2008 we want to surpass this year's records, continue to offer reliable service and work to provide clean cars and stations throughout the system.

Besides more frequent service and other service changes, on January 1, the second in a series of four fare adjustments will take effect. These fare increases are under the pace of inflation and offer commuters significant savings over driving, especially when you consider gas prices shot up 30% since BART last had a fare increase two years ago.

Your fare dollars are the single most important contribution to BART's bottom line. BART relies far less on federal, state and local tax dollars compared with most other transit agencies. We look forward to being your transportation choice in the coming year and thank you for riding BART.

Dorothy Dugger, General Manager

