# BART times



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## Baseball is back in Oakland and San Francisco



The smell of the grass, the crack of the bat and the familiar "boop, boop" of a BART train mean all the excitement of Major League Baseball is back in the Bay Area.

Getting to the Coliseum for A's games is easy, just exit at Coliseum Station and cross

the BART ramp to the stadium to avoid traffic and parking hassles.

For Giants games at AT&T Park, take BART to Embarcadero or Montgomery stations and walk to the park or transfer to Muni Metro for the quick streetcar ride.

## Take BART to A's Double Play Wednesdays

#### \$2 Plaza Level tickets, \$1 hot dogs, brought to you by BART

The A's longest-running and most popular ticket promotion, BART Double Play Wednesdays, is the best deal on A's games in 2009. Get Plaza Level game tickets for just \$2, hot dogs for only \$1.

Due to popular demand, the A's have added 4,000 \$2 seats on the Plaza Level for Double Play Wednesdays, bringing the total number of \$2 seats up to around 9,200.

But wait, there's more! During each Double Play Wednesday game, BART will be giving away \$50 BART tickets to two randomly selected fans.

This season, no blackout dates apply, so fans can enjoy BART Double Play Wednesdays at any 2009 A's regular season Wednesday

game, including the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants. Get your tickets today at oaklandathletics.com or by calling 877/493-BALL.

#### 2009 BART Double Play Wednesdays

April 15, 12:35 vs. Boston Red Sox May 6, 7:05 vs. Texas Rangers May 13, 7:05 vs. Kansas City Royals May 27, 12:35 vs. Seattle Mariners June 10, 7:05 vs. Minnesota Twins June 24, 7:05 vs. San Francisco Giants July 1, 12:35 vs. Detroit Tigers July 22, 12:35 vs. Minnesota Twins August 5, 7:05 vs. Texas Rangers August 19, 7:05 vs. New York Yankees September 2, 12:35 vs. Kansas City Royals September 23, 7:05 vs. Texas Rangers

#### From the General Manager

## Make every day Earth Day...

April 22 is the 39th anniversary of Earth Day, a day to renew our commitment to protect the planet.

There are so many ways to do this that it can be confusing to know where to start. An easy and inexpensive way is riding BART. The environmental benefits of BART could not be more simple or clear.

Just one commuter using BART each weekday instead of driving saves over 300 gallons of gas and nearly 6,000 pounds of air-polluting CO, in a year.

A great way to see how much carbon dioxide you save by riding BART is to plan your trip using bart.gov's QuickPlanner. Each time you plan a trip the results page will show the amount of CO, you save when you take BART instead of

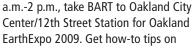
Make every day Earth Day, ride BART!

Dorothy W. Dugger, General Manager

## **Earth Day around** the Bay

The best way to celebrate Earth Day 2009 is by riding BART to great Earth Day events.

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### **BART Eco-fact**



#### Ride BART to work or replace 65 light bulbs?

Using BART to commute for a year saves more energy than replacing 65 incandescent bulbs with lower wattage compact fluorescent lamps. Besides, who has that many light bulbs to replace?



For more about BART's environmental benefits, check out BART TV at www.bart.gov/barttv.

## Celebrate Cinco de **Mayo with BART**



Cinco de Mayo is coming up fast, so make your plans to take BART to local festivals and street fairs.

Ride BART to the Fruitvale Festival and Parade, Sunday, May 3, starting at 10 a.m. Exit BART at Fruitvale Station and you'll be right in the middle of the action.

This traditional festival attracts an ethnicallydiverse and family-oriented audience. Attendance is expected to exceed 90,000, so don't get tangled up in traffic or waste time looking for parking, take BART...and you're there.

For details, visit oaklandcincodemayo.com or call the Cinco de Mayo hotline at 510/536-6084.

You can also take BART to the 16th Street Mission Station for San Francisco's Cinco de Mayo Festival on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bring your picnic blanket to Dolores Park and enjoy music, kid's activities, entertainment, food, arts and crafts and more.

Visit sfcincodemayo.com or call 415/647-1533 for more info.

#### **April Good Times calendar**

Contra Costa Musical Theatre, Lesher Center for the Arts 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek www.lesherartscenter.org or 925/943-SHOW

BART: WALNUT CREEK, 4-block walk (or take #4 Broadway Fair free shuttle, which stops at the Lesher Arts Center and runs until 7:30 p.m.)

Through April 26: The arresting, dynamic and exhilarating theatrical portrait of Argentina's legendary and controversial First Lady.

#### **A Necessary Evil**

Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. at South Van Ness, San Francisco www.therhino.org, 415/861-5079

**BART: 16TH STREET** MISSION, two-block walk

April 16-26: The Bay Area's longestrunning queer theater presents a play about right now: a mother

and son in a battle of wills, and a lover in between.

#### **28th Annual Northern California Book Awards**

Ceremony and reception with book signing Koret Auditorium, San Francisco Main Library 100 Larkin at Grove, www.poetryflash.org

BART: CIVIC CENTER.

Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m.: Free event honors Northern California authors in six categories and celebrates the vibrant local literary scene.



### **Earth Day continued**

recycling, composting, bay-friendly gardening and more at this fun lunchtime event.

Berkeley's Earth Day celebration is April 25 at the newly renovated Civic Center Park from noon-5 p.m. Take BART to Downtown Berkeley Station: Civic Center Park is just one block away at MLK and Allston Streets. Valet bike parking is available, so bike and BART for the ultimate in Earth-friendly travel.

The fun includes music, dancing, biodiesel and electric car demonstrations, solar power demonstrations, a farmer's market, food and arts and crafts.

As always, you can plan your BART trips to Earth Day events at www.bart.gov.

#### The Love Song of J. Robert Oppenheimer

The Custom-Made Theatre Company 965 Mission St. (between Fifth and Sixth streets) San Francisco, www.custommade.org or 800/838-3006

BART: POWELL STREET, 2-block walk.

Through April 25: J. Robert Oppenheimer Oppenheimer – head of the Manhattan Project and a true Renaissance man who read Sanskrit and guoted the Bhagavad-Gita – was



responsible both for the atomic bomb and the movement against further development of it. This award-winning play puts Oppenheimer in a post-modern, fantastic and thought-provoking piece of magical realism, wrapped in biography.

#### **Trumpet Supergroup**

#### From Koko to Tutu – the Music of Miles Davis

The Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley www.jazzschool.com or 510/845-5373

#### **BART: DOWNTOWN BERKELEY**

Sunday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.: Backed by the Marcus Shelby Trio, Dave Scott's Trumpet Supergroup plays an all-Miles set that covers the modern history of jazz.

#### **BART considers preliminary** operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010

BART is considering a preliminary operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010 that takes a multi-pronged approach to dealing with a \$54 million deficit – including cost-cutting, eliminating positions, possible service reductions, and raising more revenue from fare increases and parking fee expansion. The deficit is due, in large part, to lower sales tax receipts and reduced financial support from the State.

For details about the causes of the deficit and the options being considered, including an electronic version of the complete FY 2010 preliminary operating budget, please visit bart.gov.

