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## Museums+Galleries



### Visual Storytelling

A year after unveiling its fully renovated galleries, MoAD (the Museum of the African Diaspora) hosts an exhibition titled "Alison Saar: Bearing" (Nov. 11-April 3, 2016) by the renowned LA-based African-American artist. Saar's work explores the influences of history and society on identity through installations that incorporate found objects like mops and buckets, as well as cotton. In the exhibit's showpiece "Undone," a figure of a black woman sits on a chair up on a wall, with her dress flowing 16 feet down to the ground, its sheer, blood-stained fabric revealing what looks like an umbilical cord made from tree branches. 635 Mission St., 415.358.7200, [moadsf.org](http://moadsf.org).

### Art Galleries

**111 MINNA GALLERY**—This hip arts space on an alley just two blocks south of Market Street doubles as a bar and club and features work in all media by emerging and alternative artistic talent. [www.111minnagallery.com](http://www.111minnagallery.com). 111 Minna St., 415.974.1719. **Map 1, E5**

**49 GEARY**—The remarkable building that once housed the entire West Coast operation of Western Union is now home to about 20 art galleries and four rare-book dealers. Holding what may be the largest single concentration of art, photography, prints and rare books anywhere in the country, 49 Geary will keep any art lover entertained for hours. 49 Geary St., 888.470.9564. **Map 1, D6**

**ASIAN ARTS CENTER**—Located near Union Square, the Asian Arts Center features traditional Asian artwork exhibits including silk embroidery art, Tibetan metalwork, Burmese jade and Hetian nephrite. Open daily. [www.asian-arts-center.com](http://www.asian-arts-center.com). 45 Kearny St., 415.296.8508. **Map 1, D5**

**BRIAN GROSS FINE ART**—This spacious gallery in the up-and-coming Potrero Hill arts district hosts about nine exhibitions a year, showcasing contemporary painting, sculpture and photography by artists like Ed Moses and Phil Sims as well as emerging talents. [www.briangrossfineart.com](http://www.briangrossfineart.com). 248 Utah St., 415.788.1050. **Map 2, J6**

**CALDWELL SNYDER GALLERY**—Caldwell Snyder is a leading contemporary art gallery representing many of the most significant international painters and sculptors of the 21st century. It has consistently been a vital force in the art world by introducing many renowned artists to the Bay Area for the first time. [www.caldwellsnyder.com](http://www.caldwellsnyder.com). 341 Sutter St., 415.392.2299. **Map 1, D8; 1328 Main St., St. Helena, 707.200.5050.**

**CATHARINE CLARK GALLERY**—Housed in a former door factory in the Potrero Hill gallery gulch, this is a gallery with attitude. It specializes in contemporary painting and new media installation art by emerging artists, often with social and political themes. [www.cclarkgallery.com](http://www.cclarkgallery.com). 248 Utah St., 415.399.1439. **Map 2, J6**

**CHRISTOPHER-CLARK FINE ART**—This premier San Francisco gallery features paintings, drawings and original prints by European masters. Find engravings and etchings by Dürer and Rembrandt; French Barbizon paintings; Impressionist works by Pissarro, Renoir, Manet and Cassatt; and art of la belle époque from Toulouse-Lautrec, Chéret and Tissot. Twentieth century masters Picasso, Matisse, Chagall and Dalí are also represented. Open daily. [www.clarkfineart.com](http://www.clarkfineart.com). 377 Geary St., 415.397.7781. **Map 1, C6**

**CK CONTEMPORARY**—This new and beautifully renovated gallery space is home to a collection of original paintings by noteworthy American and

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European contemporary artists. In addition to mounting exhibitions, the gallery works closely with new and experienced collectors, locating works of art, managing commissions and assisting designers and clients to find the perfect pieces for their home. [www.ckcontemporary.com](http://www.ckcontemporary.com). 357 Geary St., 415.397.0114. **Map 1, D6**

**CREATIVITY EXPLORED**—Artists with developmental disabilities create art for sale and exhibition here. The gallery offers remarkable art at surprisingly affordable prices and hosts exhibitions on a variety of engaging themes. [www.creativityexplored.org](http://www.creativityexplored.org). 3245 16th St., 415.863.2106. **Map 2, I6**

**GALLERY 444**—Celebrating more than 20 years in its location, this family-owned gallery exhibits original paintings, prints and sculptures. It features more than 20 international and local artists, including Boulanger and Olbinski, whose unique works inspire imagination and evoke emotion. [www.gallery444.com](http://www.gallery444.com). 444 Post St., 415.434.4477. **Map 1, C6**

**GALLERY WENDI NORRIS**—This bold and modern 5,100 square-foot gallery in SoMa is known for its surrealist network. It hosts exhibitions that are emblematic of its transcultural nature and works to integrate its contemporary artists into the global community of art professionals, institutions and collectors. [www.frynorris.com](http://www.frynorris.com). 161 Jessie St., 415.346.7812. **Map 1, E6**



THE BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL LEGION OF HONOR MUSEUM is a three-quarter scale adaptation of the 18th-century Palais de la Légion d'Honneur in Paris.

# SAN FRANCISCO

## MUSEUMS + GALLERIES



**MUSEUM OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA**—This recently renovated cultural institution reminds visitors that Africa is the birthplace of humankind and celebrates the global contributions of people of African descent. [www.moadsf.org](http://www.moadsf.org), 685 Mission St., 415.358.7200. **Map 1, E6**

**PACIFIC HERITAGE MUSEUM**—Established in 1984 by what was formerly the Bank of Canton, the Pacific Heritage Museum is home to rotating exhibits on the artistic, economic and cultural history of the Pacific Rim. The museum building, which dates from 1875, remained standing after the 1906 earthquake and is now a restored California State Historical Landmark. 608 Commercial St., 415.399.1124. **Map 1, D4**

**SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY MUSEUM**—This museum celebrates the history of San Francisco rail transit with historic artifacts, displays, archival photography, historical interpretation and audio-visual exhibits. Kids can play pretend on a full-sized replica of the motorman's platform of a 1911 San Francisco streetcar. [www.streetcar.org](http://www.streetcar.org), 77 Stewart St., 415.974.1948. **Map 1, F4**

**THE INTERNATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF AMERICA**—This serene, three-level museum on one of the city's busiest thoroughfares is modeled after traditional Korean, Indian and Chinese architecture and showcases European and Asian art inspired by nature, including calligraphy, sculpture and landscapes. Tu-Su 11 am-5 pm. [www.iamasf.org](http://www.iamasf.org), 1025 Market St., 415.376.6344, ext. 7001 **Map 1, E7**

**WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM**—Storytelling was Walt Disney's specialty, and now this museum tells the story of the man behind the Disney magic. The tale of Walt Disney's life and career comes to life in interactive galleries full of voice clips, home videos and family photographs not seen anywhere else. Catch a glimpse of Disney's early drawings, animation and live film camera inventions as well as the steam-powered miniature train Disney built in his backyard in 1950 that eventually inspired the life-size train in Disneyland. [www.waltdisney.org](http://www.waltdisney.org), 104 Montgomery St. in the Presidio, 415.345.6800. **Map 2, F3**

**YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS**—This contemporary art center highlights multicultural issues through the artworks displayed in its two main gallery spaces, high-tech gallery and video screening room. Past exhibits have focused on the Dalai Lama, Anna Halprin and the political nature of contemporary women's art. [www.ybca.org](http://www.ybca.org), 701 Mission St., 415.978.2787. **Map 1, D5**

### Bay Area

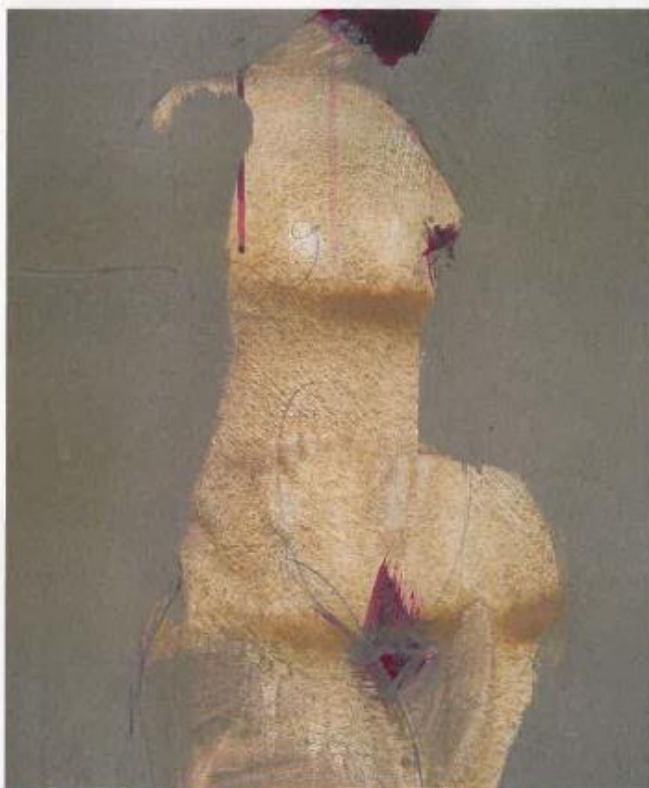
**BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM**—Located in Marin County, this award-winning interactive learning center is designed for children up to age 8. Kids can operate their own fishing boat, crawl beneath a simulated ocean and experiment with currents in the "Wave Workshop." "Your House, My House" allows them to step into three model homes from faraway cultures. [www.baykidsmuseum.org](http://www.baykidsmuseum.org), 557 McReynolds Rd., Sausalito, 415.339.3900.

**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA**—The OMCA brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its people. [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org), 1000 Oak St., Oakland, 510.318.8400.

**SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**—Explore the delights and wonders of the natural world through changing exhibits that highlight varied themes in science and natural history research. Closed M-Tu. [www.santacruz museums.org](http://www.santacruz museums.org), 1305 E. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz, 831.420.6115.

**SFO MUSEUM**—Founded in 1980 as the first such cultural institution inside an international airport, these rotating exhibition galleries are a nice treat while you wait for your plane at SFO. They include the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and the Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum located in a pre-security area in the International Terminal, as well as public art displayed throughout the airport in the form of paintings, sculptures, mosaics and environmental works. Exhibitions are on display for viewing 24 hours. [www.flysfo.com/museum](http://www.flysfo.com/museum). Located throughout SFO terminals, 650.821.6700.

**SUE AVERELL GALLERY AND STUDIO**—This beautiful, loft-style gallery on the north side of Sausalito houses the latest works by the internationally collected artist Sue Averell. Private viewings are available. [www.gallerysausalito.com](http://www.gallerysausalito.com), 480 Gate Five Rd., Studio 235, Sausalito, 415.706.5051.



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