

# Balance the Bay



This year's theme:

SUNRISE IN  
THE SUNSET

August 7 - 10, 2014

Join us for Northern California's premiere Contra Dance weekend: *hot* dancing in the *cool* of a San Francisco summer. We're located in San Francisco's famous Sunset district, just half a mile from Ocean Beach, overlooking Lake Merced, so we can take full advantage of the sea breezes and San Francisco's famous fog. This year's theme is *Sunrise in the Sunset*, so dress in your brightest sunrise colors and come dance!

## The Syncopaths:

From dance floors to concert halls, the *Syncopaths* bring a fresh, contemporary spin to music and songs rooted in the Scottish, Irish, and American folk traditions. Evolving beyond their contra dance origins, they are creating a "chamber folk" sound characterized by the compelling, rhythmic interplay of fiddle and mandolin, rich vocals, and unexpected colors and rhythms from the piano and bodhrán. The exuberant joy they derive from the music and each other is palpable and contagious. The *Syncopaths* are equally at home with pulsing, high-energy dance tunes and beautiful, contemplative songs. They ably stretch melodic boundaries while keeping a steady, compelling, danceable beat. **Ashley Broder** on mandolin, **Christa Burch** on bodhrán and vocals, **Jeff Spero** on piano, and **Ryan McKasson** on fiddle.



## The Morrison Brothers:

Maybe you've already noticed the unusual age spread these brothers display. In fact, though all brothers to someone, only **Will** and **Owen** are actually brothers to each other. **Jim** is their dad and the band happened in the course of raising a family. They have played for contra, square and Irish set dancing since Owen was 15. Today Owen plays with about 6 different bands and is a full time guitarist. Will is an electrical engineer but finds time to drum with a couple of other bands too. Jim fixes computers by day and plays on the porch in the evenings. The Morrisons will be joined by Nathan Wilson from Lexington, Kentucky on bass.

Dancers from coast-to-coast will tell you **Beth Molaro** is GREAT and when she calls, the dance is always a party. Beth calls high-energy, turbocharged squares and smooth flowing contras. She is known for her quick no-nonsense walk throughs and effective teaching for both the newest dancers and the most seasoned of dancers. Beth's dances are always a guaranteed whoop and aholler good time!



**Will Mentor** is a contra and square dance caller from Northern Vermont known for his clear teaching, upbeat wit, and relaxed stage presence. He loves to choreograph evenings with a variety of dances and tempos that at times surprise and always delight, all the while keeping intact his guiding principle as a caller: "It's about the dancers!"



The **Saturday night Community Supper** tradition continues: by Denise Ladwig of *Feast Organic Catering*.

**Register online starting April 1<sup>st</sup> — Lottery Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Register online at [www.bacds.org/btb/registration](http://www.bacds.org/btb/registration)

Registrations received after the lottery will be accepted on a space available basis.

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# Balance the Bay – Registration Form

Friday August 7 to Sunday August 9, 2015

The Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Dr. (GPS:100 Zoo Road), San Francisco



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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

On the roster do not list my:  name  street address  city  phone  email

Gender:  M  F  Unspecified Preferred dance role:  lead  follow  both

I am registering with \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not share my email address with:

BACDS (our sponsoring organization)  Other dance organizations

**Lottery** Registrations received by **May 1, 2014** will be prioritized by lottery. Registrations received later will be prioritized in order of receipt. If you register “with” other people, you will be admitted together. Registration is not complete until payment is received. For full details, see the web site, [www.bacds.org/btb](http://www.bacds.org/btb).

**Volunteering** Balance the Bay needs and appreciates its many volunteers.

I'd be happy to help out with:  food  set-up  clean-up  whatever

**Meals** Our Saturday Supper is a community event, included in your registration price. This year it will be catered by *Feast Organic Catering*. You are on your own for breakfast and lunch, although the caterer will have lunches for sale for those who do not choose to sample the great restaurants in the neighborhood.

**Food Restrictions** We are including a sit-down dinner Saturday evening in the price of the weekend.

Please indicate dietary restrictions:  vegetarian  vegan  dairy-free  gluten-free

**Shared Housing** I  NEED /  CAN PROVIDE housing for Men: # Women: # Couples: #

Shared beds for # Separate beds for # Floor space for # Traveling with:

**Comments and Special Needs** (allergies, etc.):

**Work-Trade** Positions are available for folks who are willing to miss some dancing, in exchange for a partial refund (\$40 for approximately 2 hours of work).

I'm interested in applying for a work-trade position. Contact me.

**Cancellation refund policy** (for full details, see web site)

prior to admission..... full refund of registration fee  
until Friday, July 12 .... refund less \$25 cancellation fee  
after July 12 ..... no refund  
Donations are not refundable.

### T-SHIRT ORDER



Price: \$12 until 7/1 \$17 after 7/1

Men's # Size(s): S, M, L, XL, XXL

Women's # Size(s): S, M, L, XL, XXL

### PAYMENT CALCULATION

Registration:  
Adult..... \$125  
Youth (12-25) ..... \$55 \$

Plus Donations:  
Snack Fund \$  
General Fund \$

Work Trade Discount -\$40 -\$

Plus T-Shirt Order  
(Please complete order form to the left)  
(\$12/item until 7/1, \$17 after 7/1)

Total Items: x \$ = \$

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$**

If unable to register online, please mail this form along with a check made payable to BACDS to:

**Balance the Bay**  
4682 Ewing Road  
Castro Valley, CA 94546