

Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival

January 13-15, 2012



Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contribution to the civil rights and labor movements - a weekend of solidarity in an era of hard times, hope, and change.

**Local 1781 of the I.A.M.,
1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA**

Program information subject to change - see updates at www.docspopuli.org/WesternWorkers.html

Art display at festival

Luis Pineda and the Transcultural Matrix Project; political posters from JustSeeds, Doug Minkler, and others, curated by Lincoln Cushing and Favianna Rodriguez; photographs of migrant workers by David Bacon.

Labor Films all day Saturday and Sunday. See website for schedule.

Friday, January 13

6:00 pm - Registration

7:00 - 10:00 Welcome
Solidarity Circle - Song, poetry, and story swap

Saturday, January 14

9-10 am Muffins, juice, coffee available – donations please; informal song swap/arts exchange

10:00-noon Workshops

“Displaying Union Power” and Occupy songs, with Bay Area Rockin’ Solidarity Labor Heritage Chorus

“Puppets for Social and Environmental Justice” with David Solnit

“Rebel Rank and File” with Cal Winslow

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch

Sandwiches and salad available at a reasonable price

1:00 - 1:50 pm Featured Presentation: “Can Posters Build a Movement?” with Lincoln Cushing and Favianna Rodriguez

2:00-3:15 pm Workshops

“Occupy Everything! Songs from the New Deal to the No Deal” with Bobbie Rabinowitz

“Spoken Word” with Chris Chandler

“Reclaiming the Past, African Americans in California in the 19th century” with Joe and Shirley Moore sharing stories and songs they have collected

3:30-5:15 pm Workshops

“Choral Conversation” with the Bay Area Rockin’ Solidarity Labor Heritage Choir, La Peña Community Chorus, Solidarity Notes, Vukani Mawethu

“Underground Newspapers of the Sixties” with editor Sean Stewart and Billy X. Jennings, Black Panther Party

“Detourning,” with Mike Konopaki: Morphing corporate logos into a progressive message

3:30 - 5:15: film: *Harvest of Loneliness* (about the Bracero program) with Vivian Price, filmmaker

5:30-7:00 pm Dinner

Hot meal available at a reasonable price

7-10 pm Arts Exchange

Sunday, January 15

9:00-10:00 am Muffins, juice, coffee available – donations please; informal songswap/arts exchange

10:00-11:30 Workshops

Music workshop with Avocetja

“Wisconsin, a Year Later: Report Back” with Kathy Wilkes and Mike Konopaki

A song swap of Woody Guthrie Songs

Noon – 1 pm Lunch

Sandwiches and salad available at a reasonable price

1:30-2:30 pm

Mid-Day Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jimmy Collier, civil rights songs; Elise Bryant as Sojourner Truth

3:00-4:45 pm Practice for concert performance Chorus group, directed by Lichi Fuentes

5-6 pm Dinner

Hot meal available at reasonable price

7 pm benefit concert honoring Jon Fromer

M.C. Andrea Turner

Benefit concert tickets:

unemployed:\$10, regular tickets \$15 - 25

For more information, or to volunteer in exchange for registration fees, please contact coordinator David Winters, dawinter@cabrillo.edu, (831) 426-4940; No one turned away for lack of funds.. Holiday Inn Express hotel booking information: Call 1-800-465-4329 and ask for the “Western Workers Festival” rate. For disabled assistance to venue via public transportation see Sam-Trans Redi-Wheels. BART shuttle available on a limited basis; call (650) 796-7648 for pickup. Sponsors include the AFL-CIO Central Labor Councils & Unions of the greater Bay Area, the Labor Heritage Foundation, Ullico and Weinberg, Roger, Rosenfeld, and others.

Please mail this bottom part of the registration form and payment to: **WWLHF, P.O.Box 7184, Santa Cruz, CA 95061**

Registration fee enclosed: Whole weekend \$65 (includes concert admission) Saturday only \$40 concert only

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ e-mail: _____

Group or union affiliation (if any): _____

Need housing? _____ Willing to provide local housing? _____

Tickets for meals are available Saturday and Sunday at the registration desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

Low income rates and scholarships available based on need, please contact Kendyll Stansbury