Vau de Vire Society
presents
The Soiled Dove
Under the Tortona Big Top
The Point Alameda
July 15th & July 16th 2016

A circus-infused dinner theatre set in a reincarnation of Barbary Coast's red light district.

Alameda, CA - From the co-creators of the world renowned Edwardian Ball, Phantasm Halloween, Lagunitas Beer Circus, New Bohemia NYE and a decade of San Francisco’s most creatively outrageous nightlife events, comes an immersive, circus-infused, dinner-theater experience that will titillate your every sense. After the first and second runs of sold out shows in 2014 and 2015, The Soiled Dove returns on July 15/16, 2016 to a new location on the shore of the bay at The Point Alameda...in a massive 12,000 sq. ft. circus tent recently acquired from the countryside of Tortona, Italy.

Discover The Twilight Zone
Explore an ocean frontier more mysterious than the surface of the Moon! Twilight Zone: Deep Reefs Revealed opens tomorrow, Friday, June 10. This groundbreaking new aquarium exhibit will take you on a journey to an entirely unknown underwater world. Meet spectacularly colorful fish and rarely seen invertebrates, and learn how the discovery of new species in the twilight zone is changing what little we know about this unique ecosystem. Interactive displays and hands-on experiences offer a glimpse of what it’s like to dive hundreds of feet beneath the ocean's surface. Learn how Academy scientists are pushing the limits of dive technology and scientific research at Twilight Zone: Deep Reefs Revealed—opening tomorrow!

The California Academy of Sciences is a renowned scientific and educational institution dedicated to exploring, explaining, and sustaining life on Earth. Based in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park, it is home to a world-class aquarium, planetarium, and natural history museum—all under one living roof.
TAKE ME DOWN TO GARLIC CITY... An annual homage to the stinking rose, the Gilroy Garlic Festival (July 29-31) includes Gourmet Alley, where “pyro chefs” cook up garlic-laced calamari and shrimp scampi in huge iron skillets, as well as the only-in-Gilroy garlic ice cream. There’s also live entertainment on three stages, arts and crafts, cooking contests and demos, wine tasting, children’s play area, and a Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant. 10am-7pm. (Gilroy: Christmas Hill Park, 7050 Miller Ave.; 408/842-1625)

BREW MANIA...The ultimate zythophile (aka beer-lover) event, Silicon Valley Beer Week (July 22-30) celebrates the region’s vibrant brewing and culinary traditions. The week kicks off with an opening party followed by hosted events throughout the area, including tap takeovers, food pairings, seminars, demonstrations, brewmaster’s dinners, new release nights, and live music. See website for complete schedule (Downtown San Jose: various venues; svbeerweek.com)

BARD IT UP...The beloved words of the Bard are brought to life by a talented ensemble of repertory actors at the annual Santa Cruz Shakespeare Festival. Held at its new home at The Grove in Delaveaga Park, it offers an intimate, beautiful outdoor setting to enjoy a picnic and comfortably take in the show. July performances include: A Midsummer Night’s Dream (7/15-8/28) and Hamlet (7/28-8/28). Wed-Thurs, 7:30pm; Fri, 8pm; Sat-Sun, 2 and/or 8pm. (Santa Cruz: The Grove at Delaveaga Park, 501 Upper Park Rd.; 831/460-6399)

JAZZMATAZZ...Check out some of the best live music around at the Stanford Jazz Festival (thru Aug 8), attracting over 15,000 jazz fans every summer with artistic programming that represents the rich history of jazz, as well as the diversity and creative fertility of the contemporary jazz scene. Held on the attractive Stanford University campus (including the prestigious Bing Concert Hall) and put together by the Stanford Jazz Workshop, this popular season-long series provides an informal environment in which fans, students, artists and educators come together to celebrate their love of jazz. A strong lineup of sure-to-be memorable performances in July feature swinging jazz by Dick Hyman and Ken Peplowski (7/8); an Ella Fitzgerald tribute by Kenny Washington, Bobbe Norris and Alex Brandenburg (7/10); jazz fusion by Terence Blanchard and The Collective (7/16); Afro-Cuban jazz legend Carlos O’I Puerto (7/23); Big Band jazz by Electric Squeezebox Orchestra (7/24); jazz renditions of Stevie Wonder songs by Claytoven Richardson (7/27); and classic jazz by the Billy Hart Quartet (7/31). See website for times and complete schedule. (Palo Alto: Stanford University campus, various venues; 650/725-ARTS; stanfordjazz.org)

RUSSIAN REFLECTIONS...Illuminating a powerful musical and cultural dialogue between Russia and the West, Music@Menlo’s Summer Festival (July 15-Aug 6) features a stellar roster of the world’s greatest chamber musicians, multimedia lectures and opportunities for the audience to engage with the music through interactive discussions, master classes and free institute performances. Performances in July: “Program I” follows the course of Russian music at the turn of the 20th century, highlighting the works of Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and Scriabin (7/16); “Program II” delves into the dark passions that permeate the music of Shostakovich and Arensky (7/19-20); “Program III” traces Tchaikovsky’s deeply personal style back to Mozart (7/22-23); “Program IV” showcases the elements of romance found in Russian music (7/27); and “Program V” exemplifies Russia’s composers’ depiction of melancholia with a performance of Mussorgsky’s Songs and Dances of Death, as well as compositions by Fauré and Ernest Bloch (7/29-30). For complete schedule visit website. (Atherton: Various locations; 650/330-2030. musicatmenlo.org)

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STARLIGHT EVENING TRAIN EXPERIENCE
August 13

Wonder at the beauty of a venerable redwood forest lit up at night from Pullman-like coaches and open-air excursion cars of the Santa Cruz, Big Trees and Pacific Railway. Smell the aroma of redwoods, pines, tan oaks, and madrones while traveling under the stars during Roaring Camp’s “Starlight Evening Train Experience,” on August 13. Evening trains depart from the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz at 8:00 pm for a relaxing and music-filled, two and fifteen minute round-trip excursion along the San Lorenzo River Gorge and forested Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. For more active passengers, several open train cars will be reserved for dancing. Tickets are $29 adult, $23 children (2-12 years). Advance purchase is recommended. For reservations or information, call 831-335-4484 or visit www.roaringcamp.com.

SUMMER GATHERING OF MOUNTAIN MEN
August 20 & 21

Relive history by traveling back to the era of Isaac Graham, the mountain man who settled in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the 1830s. Visit Roaring Camp’s summer gathering of wild and wooly mountain men, August 20 and 21. Wander through wilderness encampments as the colorful and hardy lifestyle of early hunters and trappers is recreated. Watch frontiersmen perfect their survival skills. Chow down to a Chuck Wagon Barbecue lunch from noon to 3 p.m.

Steam trains depart Roaring Camp for Bear Mountain at 11 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, and 3:30 p.m. Beach trains leave for Santa Cruz at 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and 12:15 p.m. from Santa Cruz to Roaring Camp. Ticket prices are $27 adults and $20 children (2-12 years) for steam trains, and $29 adults and $23 children for beach trains.

MOONLIGHT TRAIN DINNER PARTY
August 27 & October 1

Treat the family to an evening of fun and relaxation at Roaring Camp’s Moonlight Train Dinner Party. Start with a delicious barbecue dinner in the moonlight followed by a leisurely train ride aboard vintage railway cars. The steam train stops atop Bear Mountain to a glowing campfire and hot cider. Upon returning to Roaring Camp, hot apple pie, a live band and dancing await you. The Moonlight Train Dinner Party is scheduled for Saturdays, August 27 and October 1. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are $54 adults, $39 children (ages 2-12 years). Parking is $8 per car. Advance reservations are required. For reservations or information, call 831-335-4484 or visit www.roaringcamp.com.
The Beerwalk
July 27th, 6p.m.-9p.m.
Stroll the Row and sample 20-plus beers while enjoying the shopping and dining incentives offered during the fourth annual Beerwalk! Cool off with a walk around Santana Row while tasting brews from local microbreweries. The beer stops are stationed inside of select shops and restaurants for easy sipping & strolling. Early Bird tickets are $30 and on-sale now at www.SantanaRow.com.

Saturday Yoga Series Presented by lululemon athletica
Saturday Mornings Through September, 9a.m.-10a.m.
Get your Namaste on in the sunshine with a FREE Saturday morning yoga class presented by lululemon athletica. The series will feature a free 1-hour yoga class from now-September. The location this year will be in Santana Row Park. The series will feature instructors from different yoga studios in the South Bay area. Registration opens at 8:30a.m. and class runs from 9a.m.-10a.m. Please be our guest and enjoy! For more information on instructors, contact the Santana Row lululemon store directly at 408.557.8721.

Live Weekend Entertainment
Friday evenings beginning at 5p.m.
Saturday’s beginning at 12p.m.
Sunday’s beginning at 12p.m.

Live entertainment can be found in the Oak Tree Lounge (in front of Pinkberry) or Santana Row Park (near the large chess board). Live entertainment is subject to change, and weather permitted. For a complete list of weekend entertainment available, contact the Santana Row Concierge Center at 408.551.4611.
According to the NY Times, the entire food truck industry can be traced back to the year 1872 when Walter Scott, a vendor, parked his covered wagon in front of a local newspaper office in Providence, Rhode Island. Having pre-cut windows in the wagon, he sat on the inside box and sold sandwiches, pies and coffee to the newspaper’s hard-working pressman and journalists.

Or could it be the Texas chuck wagon? As the beef market expanded after the American Civil War, cattlemen were on the road for months at a time. The chuck wagon arose from the need to feed these men. The originator of the chuck wagon “food truck” was Charles Goodnight, a cattle herder. In 1866, he took an old army wagon and built shelving and drawers inside. He stocked it with dishes, spices, pots/pans and easy-to-preserve food. From this chuck wagon, he served food to the men.

Whatever the origin, the food truck has evolved over the years and the modern day version is a true culinary delight serving every kind of food imaginable. The trend that is over 4700 food trucks strong in the USA has arrived to stay in Mexico as well. Due to it’s speed, tasty options and reasonable price the Food Truck now represents 50% of Street consumption in a short time. Food trucks are especially popular with millennials who love the variety of options.

Millenials have taken this meal option a step further. What used to be a favorite lunchtime and late-night food stop has become a hot trend for weddings. Food trucks can feed a large number of guests in a short time and allows guests to make their own meal choices. Food trucks should be chosen to offer a variety of foods including appetizers, beverages, main meal and dessert. You should plan 1 food truck for every 75 guests to avoid waiting in long lines. Food trucks come in many different styles and can be chosen to complement the decor and atmosphere of the wedding.

And while the phrase “food truck” usually calls to mind messy street eats and casual summer fairs, this trend is so huge that a new breed of food trucks are serving up high-end dishes with fresh, seasonal and locally sourced ingredients that fit perfectly at a formal event. Want to offer a midnight snack to satisfy your guests’ late-night munchies? A food truck could be just what you are looking for. After dancing and partying guests can enjoy a snack such as doughnuts, hot dogs, cookies and soft pretzels. Or if you are in Mexico tacos de pastor (pastor meat tacos), tortas de cochinita (pork sandwiches), marquisitas(cones filled with a variety of fillings, quoda cheese being the most popular) and esquites(corn off the cob).

Eating at a food truck is certainly an experience and a rising trend. A food truck wedding isn’t for everyone but it is a low cost option that is definitely worth considering.

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Step Back In time — Music and Attire of the 1920s

Due to popular demand, this stylish 1920’s garden party has moved to a Friday night. Let us take you back to the roaring twenties, with jazz age speakeasies, bobbed hair, and flappers. Come to the party in period attire (optional) or don your fedora and be surrounded by those who have dressed for the occasion. Enjoy a rare opportunity to stroll the House and Garden and take in the majesty of this country estate.

Your evening includes music performed by the Marc Snyder Quintet featuring Suzanna Smith, hors d’oeuvres, and refreshments, including beer provided by 21st Amendment Brewery. All of this will be served by Filoli staff and volunteers in period dress reminiscent of the Bourn’s 1920 household staff.

As you arrive and “step” into the 1920’s landscape, be sure and make your way to the House and admire circa 1920’s automobiles on display in the front courtyard while you sip wine and partake in the hors d’oeuvres.

Enter the House to see “Fashionable Filoli”, a selection of period costumes that span both the Bourn (1915–1936) and Roth (1937–1975) periods when Filoli was not only a home, but a social destination. Finally, take a stroll through the Gardens and make your way to the Tennis Court where you may dance into the evening to the sound of 1920’s Jazz classics.

So wear your dancing shoes and join us for Step Back In Time.
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