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Epiphany Productions announces the 12th annual  
**SAN FRANCISCO TROLLEY DANCES**

*This year's route will follow Muni's T-Line from Mission Bay to the Bayview.*

**October 17 - 18, 2015**

Tickets: Free



*Left: Rashidi Omari. Right: Rachel Furst and Antoine Hunter. Photos: Andy Mogg.*

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA, June 30, 2015 – **Epiphany Productions** is pleased to announce details for the 12th annual season of **San Francisco Trolley Dances (SFTD)**, **October 17 to 18**. This year's route will follow **Muni's T-Line from Mission Bay to the Bayview**. More than half a dozen site-specific performances are currently programmed including works by Bay Area choreographers **Byb Chanel Bibene**, director of **Kiandanda Dance**; **Alex Ketley**, director of **The Foundry**; **Amy Seiwert**, director of **Imagery**; **Valerie Gnassounou-Bynoe**, director of **Yameci Dance Company**; **Heather Baer**, director of **Cielo Vertical Arts**; and **SFTD Artistic Director Kim Epifano**. This year's event will also involve a partnership with **ODC Theater**. **Zoe Bender** and **Sheena Johnson**, two of the artists mentored in ODC's "Pilot 66" program this fall will present new works for SFTD. **This is a free event.**

Each year Epifano matches artists and ensembles with specific sites, inviting them to create an 8- to 15-minute piece in response to the physical environment, architecture and history of the area. "The city is changing so fast," says Epifano. "SFTD has traveled the T-Line twice before, but each time we activate new sites. The event inevitably introduces audiences to places they've never visited, and sometimes those places are old and historic, and sometimes they're brand new."

**The starting point for this year's event is the Bay View Boat Club** whose original structure dates back to the late 1930s. Since its founding in 1961, the Club has witnessed tremendous change in the Mission Bay neighborhood. Representing the changing face of the neighborhood on this year's route is **Mission Bay**

**Commons**, the newest addition to the Mission Bay Park System. The park begins at Terry Francois Blvd. and stretches west to Third Street between Mission Bay Boulevards North and South.

Also on this year's route is the **First Responders Plaza at the newly opened Public Safety Building**. Within this structure, which houses a memorial for fallen and injured San Francisco police officers, is an outdoor plaza featuring a 21,000-pound bronze bell – named the “All Is Well Bell” – designed by San Francisco-based artist Paul Kos.

From the Mission Rock area, SFTD moves to the Bayview with performances at **Mendell Plaza** near the **historic Baview Opera House** constructed in 1888, the **Bayview YMCA** at the corner of Lane and Revere Streets, and the **Bayview/Linda Brooks-Burton Branch Library**, which reopened after major renovations in 2013. The library now features an interior courtyard with benches and a tiled walkway with engravings of Adinkra symbols from the Asante people of West Africa. The engraved pavers were gifts of the Bayview Koshland Fellows, who chose the symbols for the “life-affirming message they evoke.”

At each site, trained volunteers greet audience members, while professional theater artists act as tour guides leading audiences along the performance journey. Attendees have the option to walk or bike to the performance sites on their own. Route maps will be available on site and online at [epiphanydance.org](http://epiphanydance.org).

**Kids on Track** is the educational programming arm of SFTD that since 2007 has served Bay Area elementary through college students through in-school lecture demonstrations and workshops led by teaching artists. On October 16, Kids on Track students and their teachers are invited to experience SFTD performances on reserved tours culminating in a conversation with the featured artists.

#### **ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO TROLLEY DANCES**

San Francisco Trolley Dances (SFTD) is produced by Epiphany Productions Sonic Dance Theater. An annual event now in its 12th year, SFTD is presented free to the public over three days every October. Inspired by the San Diego Trolley Dances, Artistic Director Kim Epifano has adapted the large-scale, site-specific event for San Francisco, working to sustain a public-private partnership that involves the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority, multiple professional Bay Area artists and ensembles and the neighborhoods and community sites where the route is placed each year. Each year SFTD aims to introduce audiences to new neighborhoods and new dance companies that reflect an array of sensibilities, cultures and styles. The unpredictable sounds and sights of San Francisco intermingle with the spontaneity of public response to ensure a dynamic experience for audiences and performers. For more information, visit [epiphanydance.org](http://epiphanydance.org).

## FACT SHEET

### WHAT:

The 12th annual **San Francisco Trolley Dances**. Featured artists include **Heather Baer, Byb Chanel Bibene, Kim Epifano, Valerie Gnassounou-Bynoe, Alex Ketley, Amy Seiwert** and ODC Theater "Pilot 66" artists **Zoe Bender** and **Sheena Johnson**.

### WHEN:

**October 17 - 18, 2015**

Saturday and Sunday: six tours @ **11am, 11:45am, 12:30pm, 1:15pm, 2pm, 2:45pm**

*Each tour runs approximately two hours.*

### WHERE:

Start Point

**Bay View Boat Club**

489 Terry A Francois Boulevard

San Francisco, CA 94158

### TICKETS:

**Free.** Muni fare is \$2.25 for adults, \$1.00 for seniors and youth, and free for children 4 and under.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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