

**BEST DANCE**

**San Francisco companies take you to 'Intimate Places'**

**Wide-ranging program includes S.F., world premieres**

**»1** Huckabay McAllister and Dance Continuum SF present "Intimate Places," a dance and dance/theater concert with three world premieres and one San Francisco premiere. The program ranges from sensual to humorous, featuring choreography by Jenny McAllister, Peter Litwinowicz and José Ivan Ibarra.

McAllister's dark comedy "Next Time, I'll Take the Stairs" is a Twilight Zone-inspired piece; Litwinowicz's "Touch" finds poetry in mundane and grand activities we perform with our hands, while Ibarra's "Boundaries" explores the meanings of mysterious Salvador Dali paintings.

**Where:** Oct. 12-14 at CounterPULSE  
**Tickets:** \$15-\$20  
**Info:** (415) 435-7552

**2 Lines Ballet:** Alonzo King celebrates the 25th year of his troupe with two world premieres. Performances are Nov. 2-11 at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater.  
**Info:** www.linesballet.org

**3 Shared Space:** The show features world premieres by emerging choreographers Jason Torres Hancock, Nol Simonse and Todd Eckert on Oct. 12-14 at Dance Mission Theater.  
**Info:** www.sharedspacesf.org

**4 Robert Moses Kin:** The San Francisco company known for lyrical athleticism appears at Stanford on Dec. 8.  
**Info:** www.livelyarts.stanford.edu

**5 San Francisco Hip-Hop Dancefest:** Now in its ninth year, the event — the first of its kind in the world — is onstage Nov. 16-18 at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater.  
**Info:** www.sfhiphopdancefest.com



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**BEST ROCK**



**1 Download Festival:** The Cure makes its only U.S. appearance of the season Oct. 6 at Shoreline Amphitheatre.  
**Info:** www.livenation.com

**2 Dave Matthews Band:** The perennially popular laid-back group appears Sept. 29 at Shoreline.  
**Info:** www.livenation.com

**3 The Go Go's:** The original lineup of the '80s band returns for an Oct. 5 show at The Independent.  
**Info:** www.ticketmaster.com

**4 KFOX Summer Send-Off:** Check out excellent old-timers the Steve Miller Band, The Doobie Brothers and others Sept. 22 at Shoreline.  
**Info:** www.livenation.com

**5 Bridge School Benefit:** Neil and Pegi Young's annual acoustic extravaganza Oct. 27-28 at Shoreline features Metallica, Neil Young, Jerry Lee Lewis and more.  
**Info:** www.livenation.com

**BEST COMEDY**



**1 The Fourth Annual George Bush Going Away Party:** Lisa Geduldig hosts an evening of political comedy Oct. 13 at Herbst Theatre with Andy Kindler and many others.  
**Info:** www.koshercomedy.com

**2 Judy Tenuta and Alec Mapa:** A benefit show Sept. 16 at Herbst Theatre.  
**Info:** (415) 392-4400

**3 'Jesus in Montana':** Barry Smith tells about his journey into a religious cult Sept. 26 at The Marsh.  
**Info:** www.themarsh.org

**4 Craig Ferguson:** "Late Late Show" host appears at Cobb's on Sept. 14.  
**Info:** www.cobbscomedy.com

**5 Too Soon? 9/11 Six Years Later:** Show features commentary on changes the country has faced since 9/11. **Info:** www.punchlinecomedyclub.com