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## **World Arts West Enlivens Presidio Tunnel Tops, Sept. 6**

*Global Dance Festival Returns for 5<sup>th</sup> Season*



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**San Francisco, CA (August 06, 2026)** — World Arts West (WAW) presents the third and final weekend of the [2026 World Arts West Dance Festival](#), at the East Meadow of Presidio Tunnel Tops on Sunday September 6, from 1pm – 4pm. This free, family-friendly outdoor celebration brings live performances, interactive workshops, and community participation to the Presidio for the fifth year in a row. Its theme, *Legacy of Liberation*, explores the ideas of legacy, empowerment, and belonging, and highlights the resilience of community arts in the Bay Area.

Building on its longstanding partnership with the Presidio, the festival's closing weekend transforms one of San Francisco's most scenic public spaces into a vibrant gathering place where audiences experience the richness of global dance traditions. "Through our partnership with the Presidio we are able to offer these performances free of charge, making the festival more accessible for both our performers and our audience," says Andréa Spearman, associate programs and community engagement manager, World Arts West. "The power of dance is its ability to connect us across cultures, inspire healing, and create joy. We are grateful to World Arts West for bringing that spirit to the Presidio and creating a space where everyone feels welcomed, celebrated, and in community," says Andrea Tacdol, Community Partnerships Manager at the Presidio Trust.

### **The Final Weekend Lineup Includes:**

- [Academy of Danse Libre](#) - 19th- and early 20th-century social dances performed in period costumes
- [Amazed by Grace Dance Ministry](#) - fusion of West African dance traditions and African American Praise dance
- [Los Lupeños de San José](#) - Mexico's rich folklórico tradition

- [Uzumaru](#) – energetic Japanese yosakoi dance

Interactive workshops led by:

- [Tainah Damasceno – Brazilian Dance](#)
- [LaKiesha Golden – Line Dancing](#)

### **Event Details:**

What: 2026 World Arts West Dance Festival – Weekend Three

When: Sunday, September 6, 2026

Who: World Arts West in partnership with the Presidio Trust

Where: East Meadow, Presidio Tunnel Tops, San Francisco, CA

Admission: FREE and open to the public

Registration Link: <https://presidio.gov/explore/events/world-arts-west-dance-festival-2026>

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, enjoy the park's accessible amenities, visit local food trucks, and spend the day celebrating the diversity of movement, music, and community.

### **About World Arts West**

World Arts West's mission is to support artists who are preserving and innovating the world's cultural dance traditions. Serving as a central hub for culturally specific dance communities, the organization provides artist services, advocacy, and platforms that strengthen artistic practice and organizational sustainability. World Arts West collaborates with artists, organizations, and communities committed to intersectional solidarity and cultural responsiveness, recognizing these values as essential to advancing social justice. By centering the voices and experiences of the artists it serves, World Arts West continues to build a future in which cultural artists have equitable access to resources, visibility, and decision-making power.

### **About the Presidio**

The Presidio is one of America's most visited national park sites, located within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Its Presidio Tunnel Tops opened in July 2022, adding 14 additional acres of parkland over the top of highway tunnels, with unparalleled views of the Golden Gate Bridge, and visitor amenities. With input from many community groups including World Arts West on site design, activation, and programming, the Presidio regularly co-presents events and welcomes many groups. Presidio Tunnel Tops has seen 5M visits to date and opened a new extension, the Outpost Meadow, in July 2025. For the entire event season and other activities in the park, see [presidio.gov/events](https://presidio.gov/events).

### **Advance or Day-Of Media Coverage is Welcome**

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