

# Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival

January 17-19, 2014

*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.*

Program information subject to change - see updates at [www.westernworkersfestival.org](http://www.westernworkersfestival.org)

## 28th Annual Festival Tentative schedule of events

Workshop presenters and other performers that have not been finalized are indicated by (invited). When available, related web-sites are included.

**Art Display:** Posters from the Shelley Kessler collection (many available for purchase). Poetry from San Francisco students (invited).

### Friday, January 17

6 pm Registration opens

7-10 pm (Machinists, Main Hall) Solidarity Circle: Song, poetry, and story swap

### Saturday, January 18

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

#### 10:00-noon Workshops

“James Connolly: Irish Songs of Freedom,” with Mat Callahan, Owen Murphy, and others. [www.pmpress.org](http://www.pmpress.org)

**Film:** “Freedom Riders” (120 minutes)

10:00 - 10:50 Performance by New York City Labor Chorus. [www.nyclc.org](http://www.nyclc.org)

11:00 - noon Domestic Workers, with Bill Shields and members of Work Tales.

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch** – Sandwiches and salad available at a reasonable price

**1:15 – 2:00 pm General session** - Featured Performance: “We Were There,” with Bev Grant and colleagues.

#### 2:15-3:30 pm Workshops

-“The Great Migration,” Performance by Rockin’ Solidarity Labor Heritage Chorus, directed by Pat Wynne“

-Community Organizing and Alliance Building,” with Angela MacWhinnie, Conny Ford, and Francisco Herrera.

2:15 - 3:40 **Film:** “Brother Outsider” (about Bayard Rustin, 83 minutes)

#### 3:45-5:00 pm Workshops

-“Freedom Riders,” with Jerry Moore (original Freedom Rider)

-Canadian labor history, with the Resisters from Vancouver, B.C.

-“The Sitka Project,” with Joe Moore.

5:30-7:00 pm **Dinner** – Hot meal available at a reasonable price

7-10 pm (Machinists, Main Hall) Arts Exchange (song, poetry, and story swap) Featured performers to be announced

### Sunday, January 19

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

#### 10:00-10:45 am Workshop

“The Almanac Trail Project” with George Mann [www.almanactrail.com](http://www.almanactrail.com)

10:00 - 11:30 **Film:** “Dirty Wars” (90 minutes)

#### 11:00 - 11:45 Workshop

“Black Cowboys,” with Jimmy Collier

Noon – 1 pm **Lunch** - Sandwiches and salad available at a reasonable price

#### 1:15-2:30 pm Mid-Day Tribute to

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Free to the public.

Civil Rights songs, with Jimmy Collier, civil rights songs Sharecropper’s Troubadour: John L. Handcox, the Southern Tenant Farmer’s Union, and the African American Song Tradition (he is the author of “Roll the Union On” and other songs), with Mike Honey [www.http://books.google.com/books/about/Sharecropper\\_s\\_Troubadour.html?id=qbvusQAACAAJ](http://books.google.com/books/about/Sharecropper_s_Troubadour.html?id=qbvusQAACAAJ)

2:45-4:30 pm

(Transport Workers Hall) Chorus group practice for concert performance

**Film:** “Playing for Change”

4:30-5:30 pm **Dinner** (for Sunday Festival participants only) – Hot meal available at reasonable price.

7 pm

#### Benefit concert for workers in need.

Elise Bryant, MC; performers to be announced

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IAM Local 1781, 1511 Rollins Rd., Burlingame CA.  
Site is wheelchair accessible.

Draft program on the back of this flyer.  
**See program updates at**  
**www.westernworkersfestival.org**

Lunch (sandwiches, salad) and dinner (hot meal) available Saturday and Sunday at a reasonable price (meals for festival participants only).

## Friday, January 17

6 pm Registration opens  
7-10 pm Arts exchange - Song and poetry swap

## Saturday, January 18

10 am - 10 pm - workshops, films, and featured performers

## Sunday, January 19

10 am - noon (workshops and films), with a 1:30 tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Workshops include, but not limited to:

•Saturday: "James Connolly: Irish Songs of Freedom," New York City Labor Chorus, Bev Grant's "We Were There" (Multimedia presentation on women's labor history).

•Sunday: Jimmy Collier "The Black Cowboy"; Mike Honey "Sharecropper's Troubadour: John L. Handcox, the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union, and the African American Song Tradition"

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

Registration fee enclosed:  Whole weekend \$85 (includes concert admission)  Saturday only \$40

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 ask for Kendyll Stansbury when registering at Festival.

For additional information, call (831) 426-4940 or (408) 666-3011



## Benefit concert: Sunday, January 19, 7-9

The Labor Arts Award will be presented to Francisco Herrera.

### Festival Rates:

\$85 for the full weekend, \$15 Friday night, \$40 Saturday only, \$65 Saturday-Sunday, \$10 single workshop, \$20-35 sliding scale for the concert. No one turned away for lack of funds.



The Festival hotel is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA. Call hotel directly at 650-342-9200 and ask for Bertha, requesting the Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival rate: \$89 per night. Rate NOT available through 800 number; must call hotel directly. Parking charges are \$1 per hour or \$18 overnight.

Shuttle from Millbrae BART and Caltrain station available; call (650) 796-7648 for pickup. Our shuttle cannot accommodate motorized wheelchairs, but the county paratransit can. If you are eligible for paratransit at home, fax a copy of the certification to SamTrans and you will be eligible for RediWheels, their paratransit branch. RediWheels requires reservations at least 24 hours in advance, and asks you to allow 45 minutes for a ride under 5 miles (either the hotel or Millbrae BART or CalTrain). The cost is \$3.75 each way, with a reduced low income rate. For the fax number and details on how this works, contact Elly Colwell, Customer Relations Specialist, at (650) 508-6241. For other ADA assistance, call (650) 572-8848 before January 3.