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Art Book Fair, Downtown Night Market & Other Free San Francisco Events This Weekend

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Partygoers enjoy a Non Stop Bhangra dance event in San Francisco. | Courtesy Odell Hussey of Non Stop Bhangra

This weekend, neighborhoods across San Francisco will be bustling with summer events to keep you busy and your wallet full. Whether you choose to chow down on delicious South Asian street food and dance the evening away at a

night market Downtown, unleash your inner kid at the Hayes Valley Carnival or pick up some art books in Dogpatch, you can't go wrong. Read on for this week's picks for cost-free ways to spend your weekend in San Francisco.

1. SF Art Book Fair in Dogpatch


 Friday-Sunday | 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Friday-Saturday), 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sunday)


 [Minnesota Street Project](#)

 sfartbookfair.com

The San Francisco Art Book Fair will return for its sixth year at Minnesota Street Project this weekend. The event showcases a treasure trove of books, art, zines, catalogs and more from an expansive group of independent publishers, artists, designers and collectors. On top of the plethora of booths to shop at, there will also be talks, exhibitions and other special programming to check out.

2. Bastille on Belden in the Financial District

 Friday | 4:30-9:30 p.m


 [Belden Place](#)

 downtownsf.org


Bastille Day, a national holiday in France, commemorates the day of the storming and fall of the country's Bastille in Paris during the French Revolution. San Francisco hosts numerous [Bastille Day celebrations](#), but perhaps the most iconic is a block party on Belden Place—an alley that serves as a hub for the city's small but mighty French American population.

Classic accordion music will set the mood, participating restaurants will have special promotions and there will be complimentary berets. C'est bon!

3. Bhangra & Beats Night Market in Downtown

 Friday | 5-10 p.m.

 Battery and Clay streets

 bhangraandbeats.com

As part of ongoing efforts to breathe life back into San Francisco's struggling Downtown, Bhangra and Beats Night Market returns for the second of three times this season. This street fair intertwines South Asian and Bay Area roots for a lively, joyous night of music, dancing and street food. Once your feet get tired from dancing, there will be a curated collection of local vendors whose booths you can peruse to round out the night.

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4. Hayes Valley Carnival in Hayes Valley

 Saturday | Noon-4 p.m.

 Octavia and Hayes streets

 eventbrite.com


Popcorn, funnel cakes and acrobats will be flying next to Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley this Saturday during the neighborhood's carnival, which is now in its second year. The

highlights of the afternoon will be a performance from Circus Bella, a Bay Area contemporary circus troupe, followed by upbeat tunes from the Circus Bella All-Star Band at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. There will also be other live music, food and carnival games for a sun-soaked afternoon of silly fun.

5. 'Frisco Fresh' Urban Youth Arts Festival in Bernal Heights

 Saturday | 1-5 p.m.

 Precita Park

 precitaeyes.org

With a special focus on younger attendees, this community event creates a sanctioned, safe space for the public to freely collaborate on large aerosol art pieces. In the largest iteration of the festival's 27 years yet, nonprofit and organizer Precita Eyes will be constructing two 8-by-20-foot walls for designated youth organizations to spray-paint to their hearts' content. There will be 10 other smaller-scale walls around the park for spray paint self-expression, too, in addition to a community wall for traditional brush painting.

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