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Oakland Fire: Benefits, Vigils and Other Ways to Honor the Victims



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When tragedy strikes, as it did [over the weekend in Oakland](#), a feeling of helplessness can take hold. But eventually we pick ourselves up, [find ways in which we can help](#), and seek out spaces where we can collectively mourn and be there for each other. Here are some benefits, vigils and other events for those affected by the Oakland warehouse fire happening around the Bay Area:

[Light Vigil for 'Ghost Ship'](#)

Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 at 8pm

Lake Merritt Pergola (North east corner of the lake)

Bring flameless candles, glow sticks, flashlights, or other types of light. For those who can't attend, there will be a live feed on Facebook.

Oakland Fire Vigil and Call for Safe Spaces for Trans Folk

Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 from 5:30pm to 7pm

Harvey Milk Plaza (2401 Market St, San Francisco, CA)

A candlelight vigil in the Castro to mourn the victims and to raise awareness around the unique issues facing trans victims of the fire. Speakers include the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Tracy Garza, the Rev. Cameron Partridge, and more.

In Honor of Our Friends: The Oakland Queer + Trans Open Mic #OaklandGhostShipFire

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

440 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA

[SPECTRUM Queer Media](#) will provide sanctuary and celebrate the victims' lives through music, poetry, visual art, films, stories, and more. Donations will go to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Benefit for Ghost Ship: Cables & Arms, Belle Reve, Twin Screw Steamer

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at 7:30pm

El Rio (3158 Mission St, San Francisco, CA)

San Francisco punks eager to do anything they can to support their friends and community in Oakland. All proceeds and donations will be going to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Oakland Fire Benefit: Kimya Dawson, Torrey Pines, Johnny Physical

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 at 8pm

Starline Social Club (2236 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA)

Kimya Dawson, who wrote [an impassioned post](#) about the need for artists' spaces, will perform. [Torrey Pines](#), a stop-motion queer punk coming-of-age story by director Clyde Petersen, will be screened with a live score by the band Your Heart Breaks. [Johnny Physical Lives](#), a documentary by Joshua Neuman about rock 'n' roll and the passing of his brother, will also screen.

Yours Truly: A benefit for Ghost Ship fire victims

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 from 7pm to 2am

El Rio (3158 Mission St, San Francisco, CA)

Hard French and El Rio "invite you to gather, embrace, share, be, dance, sing or just get some air with family, while we honor our fallen primos in Oakland."

Featuring DJ sets from DJ Carnita, Brown Amy, Vin Sol, and Josh Cheon, and music from Thao, Tender Forever, Scott Moore, and more. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

A Housepitality Moment of Silence for Ghost Ship victims

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 at 9pm

Housepitality SF (1192 Folsom St, San Francisco, CA)

The Housepitality crew lost some of their own and will use this event as a way of honoring those people and the

other victims. Justin Long of Circling Vultures, Secret Studio, Justin Anastasi and Rachel Aiello will provide entertainment. Proceeds will go to victims' families.

Ghost Ship Benefit: undō/Void Omnia/Akatharsia/Yarrow

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 from 8pm to midnight
The Golden Bull (412 14th St, Oakland, CA)
Music from undō, Void Omnia, Akatharsia, Yarrow ,
and DJ HARRY POTES. 100% of the door money will go
to [the rent fund](#) for the victims.

For Oakland: Public Candlelight, Interfaith Prayer & Taize Vigil

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 from 7pm to 8pm
Skyline Community Church United Church of
Christ (12540 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA)
Skyline Church in Oakland is holding an interfaith
candlelight music and prayer vigil. Voluntary donations
will go to support the relief efforts for those impacted by
the fire.

Benefit for Ghost Ship at the Golden Bull

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at 8pm
Golden Bull (412 14th St, Oakland, CA)
Performances by Maya Songbird, Elrond, Collin
Gorman Weiland, Denney Joints and more live acts and
DJs TBA. According to organizers, all funds go to [the
YouCaring fundraiser](#).

Willa Mamet & Julie Indelicato and Collisionville at The Lost Church

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 from 7:30pm to

10:30pm

The Lost Church (65 Capp St, San Francisco, CA)

Willa Mamet & Julie Indelicato and Collisionville will perform and donate to the families of the victims.

Ghost Ship Arts Collective - Benefit Party

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 from 10pm to 4am

The Endup (401 6th St, San Francisco, CA)

A fundraiser to raise money for the victims' families.

DJs who have donated their time include Sychosis, Ruby Valeros & Nick Garcia, Cristoffer Zuniga, Papa Lu, Vedda, and more.

Ghost Ship Benefit with Shannon and the Clams

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 7pm to 1am

Eli's Mile High Club (3629 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA)

Music by Shannon and the Clams, Diesel Dudes, Preening, and more. All proceeds will go to the [Fire Relief Fund](#) and the [Safety Fund for Oakland Art and Community Spaces](#).

AFC Presents: A concert to support the victims of the Oakland Fire

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 6:30pm - midnight

The Arlene Francis Center (99 6th St, Santa Rosa, CA)

The all-ages DIY space, which once served as a flour warehouse, will host five hours of live music from Joshua James Jackson, [Attacrobat](#), [Rags](#), [The Illumignarly](#), [Horders](#), [Secret Cat](#), and Living in the 90's.

The Vile Augury / Suicide Queen / Striplicker

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 8pm to midnight
DNA Lounge (375 11th St, San Francisco, CA)
The Vile Augury, Suicide Queen, and Striplicker will perform and donate 100% of their pay to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Oakland Fire Benefit: HFHW, Tamborays, The Easies

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 9pm to 2am
Amnesia (853 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA)
Day 1 of Amnesia's mini festival "Soundcheck" will feature music from Hot Flash Heat Wave, The Tambo Rays, and The Easies. Donations taken at the door will benefit the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Oakland City Chorus Memorial Concert

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 at 7pm
First Presbyterian Church of Oakland (2619 Broadway, Oakland, CA)
The Oakland City Chorus will perform Requiem by Gabriel Faure and Litanies à la Vierge Noire by Francis Poulenc with organist Jonathan Dimmock.

2nd Friday Reception and Fundraiser

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm
Norton Factory Studios (3094 E 10th St, Oakland, CA)
An open studio event with participation from Faultline ArtSpace, Float Gallery, Ford Street Studios, Gray Loft Gallery, and Jingletown Art Studios and Gallery. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Friday Nights @ OMCA: Ghost Ship Tribute

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 5pm to 9pm

Oakland Museum of California (1000 Oak St, Oakland, CA)

The Oakland Museum of California is offering half-off admission for adults and free admission for anyone 18 and under at a special edition of the museum's Friday Nights event series, which will include a living memorial wall.

Remembrance of the Ghost Ship Victims

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 from 7:30pm to 10pm

JFK Library (505 Santa Clara St, Vallejo, CA)

A candlelight walk organized by the Vallejo Arts Alliance to commemorate the artists who died in the Ghost Ship Fire. Music by DW Edwards and Lighting Up the Soul.

Ghost Ship Benefit Show Creepers // Religious Girls // Weed Alien

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 starting at 9pm

Hemlock Tavern (1131 Polk St, San Francisco, CA)

Performances from [Creepers](#), [Religious Girls](#), and [Weed Alien](#). \$8 cover. All proceeds will go to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

AYLI Family memorial for Cherushii, Amanda Allen, and Nackt

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 from 9pm to 5am

The Public Works SF (161 Erie St, San Francisco, CA)

A family memorial in tribute to Chelsea Faith, Amanda

Allen, and Johnny Igaz. All proceeds will go to support their families. Music from Prins Thomas, Tama Sumo, Lakuti, Sassmouth, Dorisburg, Sassmouth B2B Mossmoss, Alison Swing, and Petko Nikolov B2B CHVCK.

Bodacious Ancients ~ Pluto & wlfents ~ Noble Savages ~ Rambush

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 from 8:30pm to 1am
Bottom of the Hill (1233 17th St, San Francisco, CA)

Music from Bodacious Ancients, Pluto and the wlfents, Noble Savages, and Rambush. All the bands' proceeds will be donated to help with the fire victims' medical, funeral, and health expenses.

FIVE YEARS Artist Talk

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

Aggregate Space Gallery (801 West Grand Ave, Oakland, CA)

An artist roundtable discussion on "the importance of artists and artist-run spaces and what is required to nurture and stabilize our community after the tragic Ghost Ship fire." The event is free. (Also of note, the gallery will extend its hours on Dec. 11 to provide a space for reflection and healing. Hot cocoa and spiced cider will be served.)

Oakland Fire Relief Benefit: MOBY (DJ Set) + MORE

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 from 8pm to 2am
MEZZANINE (444 Jessie St, San Francisco, CA)
MOBY and other special guests will DJ. Minimum

donation is \$20. Proceeds will go to the [Gray Area Foundation for the Arts Oakland Fire Fund](#).

Arts for a Better Bay Area Story Circle

Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
The Flight Deck (1540 Broadway, Oakland, CA)
An opportunity to share or listen to stories about loss, pain, and creative healing.

Ghost Ship Benefit: Murder Murder, Jackal Fleece, Shame Waves, Voco

Tuesday, Dec.13, 2016 from 8:30pm to 1am
The Knockout (3223 Mission St, San Francisco, CA)

Benefit concert featuring Murder Murder, Jackal Fleece, Shame Waves, and Voco. Proceeds will go to the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

OAKLAND UNITED

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 starting at 7pm
Fox Theater (1807 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA)
This mega-benefit will feature performances by Dan Deacon, Geographer, Hieroglyphics, Jay Som, Primus, Rogue Wave, Sidecar Tommy, Thao Nguyen, The Coup, tUnE-yArDs, Tycho, and more!

The Atom Age ~ Down And Outlaws ~ Half Stack

Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 8:30pm to 1am
Bottom of the Hill (1233 17th St, San Francisco, CA)

Performances by The Atom Age, Down And Outlaws, and

Half Stack. All the bands' proceeds will be donated to

help with the fire victims' medical, funeral, and health expenses.

GHOST SHIP Benefit SHOW with The Atom Age and Dirty Denim

Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 from 9pm to 1am

The Starry Plough (3101 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA)

Featuring music from Oakland garage punk band, [The Atom Age](#), San Francisco '60s rock trio, [Dirty Denim](#), San Francisco punk duo, [Friends W/O Benefits](#), and a set from DJ Sid Presley. Donations will go to the [Gray Area Foundation for the Arts Oakland Fire Fund](#).

Oakland Underground United: a Benefit for the Ghost Ship Fires

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 from 8pm to 1am

Eli's Mile High Club (3629 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA)

A fundraiser featuring performances by Zack Bateman and The Coal Minds, Blatherskite, Toxic Shock Syndrome, Georgia Sam, Mykee Ramen, and LunaSol Music. Sliding scale from \$5 to whatever you can spare. Proceeds will benefit the [Fire Relief Fund](#).

Musical Reflections of 2016

Sunday, Dec. 18 from 11am to 3pm

Chapel of the Chimes (4499 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA)

A free four-hour musical gathering in honor of the victims. Performers donating their services and talents include Kitka, the Temple of Light Georgian Community Choir, Sharmi Basu, the William Winant Percussion Group, the Cardew Choir, and many more.

We will be adding to this list as more events are planned. Know of a benefit or vigil not listed here? Please leave the details in the comments.