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## Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



# Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival and Parade: Honor MLK in San Francisco in 2023 What should you do on MLK Day?

Make an impact. Participate in a Day of Service within your community.

- Volunteer your time as an act of service.
- Research local community Day of Service activities.
- Organize a drive: Contact your local food bank, animal shelter, or organizations that empower low-income and homeless populations to find out what they need.

#### 2023 Schedule of Events

These are the events planned for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

#### King & Faith Symposium and Events

**Dates**: 1/14

This important discussion will be about Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and will discuss where we go from here. It focuses on themes of justice and varied religious topics.

It will be held at the Stanford Memorial Church in Stanford, CA. It starts at 5 pm. It's free and no registration is required to attend.

#### **Liberation Film Festival**

**Dates**: 1/14 - 1/16

This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival also includes the Liberation Film Festival starting at 12 pm. It features both short-format cinema and human-interest documentaries aimed at reaching new and diverse audiences.

The film screenings are free and open to the public. They will take place at the Yerba Buena Center Theater and Screening Room, and the Freedom Theater at the Museum of the African Diaspora.

#### The Black and Brown Comix Arts Festival

**Dates**: 1/15 & 1/16

This one-day event features the creative works by people of color. It includes comic arts, pop culture and hundreds of other pieces.

# **Events Only on Monday, January 16**

## **Labor and Community Breakfast**

The 2023 Labor and Community Breakfast will be held on January 16 from 8 am to 10 am at the InterContinental at 888 Howard Street. In addition to breakfast, you get the chance to hear from San Francisco's labor unions, as well as political, civic, and community leaders.

#### Parade/March

The largest event this weekend is the parade/march. It will be on Monday, January 16 at 11 am.

This 1.5-mile march starts at SF's Caltrain Station (4th and King) and crosses over the Lefty O'Doul Bridge near Oracle Park. It then stops in the Willie Mays Plaza to commemorate the Edmunds Pettus Bridge crossing of the famous Selma-to-Montgomery, Alabama march, a symbol of violence and victory during the civil rights era.

After stopping for a few minutes, the march will continue north to the Yerba Buena Gardens. This is where you can enjoy several other events that will take places throughout the day.

#### **Music Festival**

This year's music festival on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday will feature a live taping for the show *I Remember That Song*.

It will take place outdoors at the Yerba Buena Gardens. In attendance will be their host Gerry Dove with some special guests including Russell Gatewood, DJ Flash of "The World-Famous Rick & Russ Show," and other DJs, radio personalities, and artists.

These performances will take place on the Esplanade Stage. It starts at 1 pm.

# **Additional Events and Details**

In addition to those listed above, you will find even more events and details on the official site. <a href="https://norcalmlkfoundation.org/events/">https://norcalmlkfoundation.org/events/</a>