

6 essential Bay Area arts events, May 1-4

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Juliana Kang Robinson's "Mound of Persimmons," part of "Eating Cultures" at SOMArts Cultural Center in San Francisco. Photo: Aawaa



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Visual arts: 'Eating Cultures'

This exhibition, presented by the **Asian American Women Artists Association** and **Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center**, features more than 30 Asian Pacific American artists whose works are inspired by Asian American food and foodways. Reception 6-9 p.m. Thursday; panel discussion 2-4 p.m.

May 10. Through May 30. SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., S.F.

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Theater: 'Romeo and Juliet'

Nicolina Akraboff and **Ross Neuenfeldt** play the immortal star-crossed lovers as the feisty young **Ninjaz of Drama** company stages an intimate, modern look at **Shakespeare's** timeless tragedy repeating itself in a contemporary Verona. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Through May 24. \$15-\$20. Phoenix Theatre, 414 Mason St., S.F. (415) 509-8656. www.ninjazofdrama.com.

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Theater: 'A Moon for the Misbegotten'

Marin Onstage, the county's newest professional company, ends its season with **Eugene O'Neill's** classic alcohol-soaked tale of old sins, wasted possibilities and a tarnished saint under a full moon on a New England tenant farm. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. \$10-\$18. Little Theatre at St. Vincent's, 1 St. Vincent Drive, San Rafael. (415) 290-1433. www.marinonstage.org.

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Comedy: Al Madrigal

The comedian - a.k.a. "**The Daily Show With Jon Stewart's**" senior Latino correspondent, one of the stars of the new show "**About a Boy**" and a San Francisco native - returns to the Bay Area for a weekend set at Cobb's Comedy Club. 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:15 p.m. Friday, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday. \$25. Cobb's Comedy Club, 915 Columbus Ave., S.F. (415) 928-4320. www.cobbscomedyclub.com.

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Dance: Chitresh Das Dance Company

The troupe will perform "**Pancha Jati - Reimagined**," full of the movement, rhythm and music of ancient India, and conceived and choreographed by **Pandit Chitresh Das**. 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$28-\$55. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St., S.F. (415) 333-9000. www.kathak.org.

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Music: The Dover String Quartet

The up-and-coming young ensemble performs quartets by **Mendelssohn**, **Barber** and **Shostakovich**. 8 p.m. Friday; preconcert talk at 7. Free. McKenna Theatre, Creative Arts Building, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., S.F. (415) 338-1111. <http://morrison.sfsu.edu>.

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