



## SF PARKS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES RETURN OF SKYBRIDGE ON STEVENSON DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

*Free Festival Brings Art and Food to Stevenson Street in San Francisco's SOMA District every Thursday from September 15 to October 13*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 1, 2022)** – **San Francisco Parks Alliance** announces the third annual season of ***Skybridge on Stevenson***, a free outdoor hip hop dance and music festival taking place at the 500 block of Stevenson Street between 6th & 7th streets in SOMA Pilipinas. First launched in fall 2020, Skybridge on Stevenson is a community-led effort to revitalize the 500 block of Stevenson Street into a vibrant hub of arts, commerce, and community.

Every Thursday evening from September 15 to October 13, 2022, starting at 6 p.m., Skybridge on Stevenson attendees can enjoy live music, dance battles with cash prizes, critically acclaimed Italian food from Stevenson Street's very own Montesacro, and more. The festival will also feature a diverse lineup of hip-hop & breakdancing talent that celebrates the street culture throughout SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage District.

The slate of performers features Bay Area musicians including weekly DJs; improvised hip hop band Big Trippin'; acclaimed drummer Thomas Pridgen; jazz-funk band The Flannels; indie rockers Woodshop; the East Bay's Most Fried; and blues and soul improvisers, The Mixup.

"Skybridge on Stevenson brings an experience to a part of the city that is bursting with creativity. The music, food, and dancing are SOMA to the core, and it makes for a festival that couldn't happen anywhere else," said Drew Becher, CEO of SF Parks Alliance.

The Skybridge on Stevenson hip hop dance and music festival is just one part of a multi-year project to breathe new life into Stevenson Street that also involves murals, custom lighting, and streetscaping installations. The project started in the spring of 2019, when several community stakeholders came together to discuss investment to make Stevenson Street feel more inviting. From there, the Mid-Market CBD, Office of Economic & Workforce Development, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and Zendesk committed investment into streetscaping, lighting, and a series of events with SF Parks Alliance set to manage the project. In 2021, the Parks Alliance commissioned COZO to create custom lanterns to hang across Stevenson Street that feature the Philippine sun as a nod to SOMA Pilipinas, the Filipino Cultural District.

"There is nothing like the Skybridge on Stevenson events," said community advocate Andrew Sullivan. "With Thomas Pridgen powering the rhythmic engine, scores of hip hop dancers from around the Bay busting moves and local residents literally dancing in the streets, the transformative potential of art and shared experience is in full bloom. Skybridge is a Bay Area bucket-list must."

The 500 block of Stevenson Street is punctuated by the iconic Skybridge – an architectural landmark in the SOMA. Originally part of Weinstein's Department Store, the bridge connected the main building on Market Street to a second building located on Stevenson Street, shuttling merchandise between the two. Because the buildings were built at different times, the floors did not line up precisely, resulting in the Skybridge's quirky, angled shape.

Skybridge on Stevenson is produced by SF Parks Alliance. Special thanks to the Mid-Market CBD, the Office of Economic & Workforce Development, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Urban Alchemy and the Friends of Stevenson St. for their support in making this series possible. Interested parties can learn more about Skybridge on Stevenson at [skybridgeonstevenson.org](http://skybridgeonstevenson.org).

### **Skybridge on Stevenson Schedule 2022:**

*All events take place from 6-10 p.m.*

- Thursday, September 15: The Flannels, DJ Quantum, Thomas Pridgen & Big Trippin, 1 vs 1 Breakin' Battle
- Thursday, September 22: Woodshop, DJ D-Sharp, Thomas Pridgen & Big Trippin, 1 vs 1 Breakin' Battle
- Thursday, September 29: Most Fried, DJ Kool-Raul, Thomas Pridgen & Big Trippin, 1 vs 1 Breakin' Battle
- Thursday, October 6: Thomas Pridgen & Big Trippin, DJ Precise, 1 vs 1 Breakin' Battle
- Thursday, October 13: The Mix-Up, DJ Shortcut, Thomas Pridgen & Big Trippin, 1 vs 1 Breakin' Battle

### **About San Francisco Parks Alliance**

SF Parks Alliance is San Francisco's only citywide parks nonprofit. For over 50 years, we've been partnering closely with communities and public agencies to create, sustain, and advocate for parks and public spaces across the city. We believe that everyone deserves access to safe and welcoming community spaces, regardless of where they live in San Francisco.

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