

1 [Commendation- San Francisco International Arts Festival 2003.]

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3 **Resolution commending the San Francisco International Arts Festival 2003**  
4 **collaborative project members and the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts for presenting**  
5 **this year’s festival from September 4<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup> in the City and County**  
6 **of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, The mission of the San Francisco International Arts Festival is to promote  
9 the City as a major center of creativity and exchange by inviting artists and audiences from  
10 around the world to an international celebration dedicated to exploring collaborative projects  
11 that push the boundaries of artistic excellence, genre, culture, and human understanding; and,

12 WHEREAS, The inaugural San Francisco International Arts Festival 2003 involves  
13 artists from at least fifteen countries in the disciplines of dance, music, film, opera, theater,  
14 visual arts and circus; and,

15 WHEREAS, This year’s event is a major collaborative project involving eight San  
16 Francisco-based arts organizations, which include the Door Dog Music Productions/ San  
17 Francisco World Music Festival, the Bay Area Hip-Hop Theater Festival, the Yerba Buena  
18 Center for the Arts, the Asian Art Museum, the San Francisco Opera, Earplay, the AfroSolo  
19 Theater Company and the Circo Zero; and,

20 WHEREAS, This year’s events are scheduled to be held in venues throughout San  
21 Francisco, including the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater and Forum, the War  
22 Memorial Opera House, the Asian Art Museum and the African American Art and Culture  
23 Complex; and,

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1           WHEREAS, This year’s event will be dedicated to the memory of Malonga  
2 Casquelourd, a Congolese artist and community leader who served the Bay Area community  
3 for more than thirty years, and who was tragically killed on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003; and,

4           WHEREAS, This event is the first step towards creating an annual flagship event that  
5 celebrates San Francisco as an international City of art and culture; and, now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 does hereby commend the San Francisco International Arts Festival 2003 collaborative  
8 project members and the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts for presenting this year’s festival  
9 from September 4<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup> in the City and County of San Francisco.

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