



San Francisco Atheists | June 2009 Newsletter Addendum: Final Reminder!

## 2009 All-Atheist Weekend in San Francisco! (June 27th & 28th)

This is a **final reminder** of **All-Atheist Weekend** this month in San Francisco! The fun and festivities get kicked off on Saturday June 27 with our annual **Summer Solstice Picnic**, followed on Sunday June 28th with the first-ever **Atheist Film Festival!** Read on for all the details of this exciting big weekend, and see you all there!

## Summer Solstice Picnic: Saturday, June 27, 2009

Every June, we skip our monthly program meeting and celebrate the **Summer Solstice** outside!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27, and join us for our annual Summer Solstice Picnic! We have once again secured a very nice space at **Pine Lake Park**. Pine Lake Park is located in the southwest quadrant of San Francisco, just north of Sloat Boulevard between 19th Avenue and 34th Avenue. The park is a beautiful eucalyptus-lined meadow next to Stern Grove, site of the famous outdoor summer concerts.

We'll get started about **11 AM** and stay until about 4 PM. Please bring a **potluck dish to share** and **\$5 per person** to cover reservation and food/drink costs. **Grilled burgers** and **hot dogs** with all the fixin's will be provided, as well as **water, soft drinks, beer** and **wine**.



*Good news: weather reports indicate a warm, mostly sunny day is in store for Saturday! Come by anytime after 11 AM, bring a potluck dish and \$5 per person. Questions? [Email us.](#)*

Make your plans to celebrate the longest day of the year with your fellow Atheists on June 27. Dress in layers just in case fog rolls in. You may want to bring something extra for the grill, Frisbee, football, ball and glove, blanket, Scrabble, and even your dog (a popular dog run is between the parking lot and the picnic site).

## Getting There

**Car:** Parking is easy at the park's 100-car parking lot. Turn north on Vale Avenue to enter the park. Park then walk the trail west to the picnic area. [Click here for a Google map](#) with interactive driving directions.

**Public Transportation:** The 28 or the 23 lines of MUNI will get you to the park. Walk north on Vale Avenue to enter the park. At the parking lot, walk the trail west to the picnic area. [Click here for a Google map.](#) [Click here for a MUNI system map \(PDF\)](#) or [plan your trip at 511.org.](#)



Questions? [Email us](#).

Our monthly program meetings resume July 25 at Schroeder's Restaurant.

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## World's first Atheist Film Festival: Sunday, June 28, 2009



Drumroll, please! San Francisco Atheists is proud to present the world premiere gala event of 2009 - the first ever anywhere, first annual **Atheist Film Festival** on Sunday, June 28th, at the historic [Roxie Theater](#) in San Francisco. And best of all, admission is FREE! (donations will be gratefully and eagerly accepted.) The Festival highlights are a lineup of brilliant feature and short films in two theaters, as well as special guest stars including film directors, Michael Newdow, cast members of Evolution- The Musical! and more.

San Francisco Atheists are also sponsoring the 2pm matinee feature, Audience of One, an amazing true story set here in San Francisco. All donations collected at this screening benefit San Francisco Atheists, so you'll want to be sure to make this showing! Here's a brief rundown of the schedule. See the Atheist Film Festival website for more details, movie info, theater directions, etc. It's online at [www.atheistfilmfestival.org](http://www.atheistfilmfestival.org) or search "Atheist Film Festival" on Facebook.

### ***BIG THEATER (240 seats)***

12:15 -- **Pledge of Allegiance Blues** - featuring Michael Newdow's fight to remove "Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance

2pm -- **Audience Of One** - True story: God tells a SF pastor to film a \$50 million sci-fi epic; pathos and hilarity ensue.

4pm -- **Root Of All Evil?** - Richard Dawkins takes on Religion

6pm -- **Deliver Us From Evil** – A searing indictment of the Catholic pedophile priest scandal

8pm -- **Letting Go Of God** - Julia Sweeney's funny, heartfelt and wonderfully moving story of her long break-up with God

10:20pm -- **Evolution: The Musical** - Kooky, zany battle between creationism and Evolution packed with shamefully catchy tunes

11:00pm -- **Awards Ceremony**

*LITTLE THEATER (49 seats)*

(Note: Both shorts programs are approximately 1 hour long and will be repeated during their time slot)

12:15pm - 4:15 pm -- **Shorts Program 1: Fun For Heretics** Classic comedy, outrageous songs and brilliant rants from here, Australia, the U.K., and the ends of the known universe itself. Features George Carlin, Monty Python, David Cross, Bob Odenkirk, Woody Allen, Roy Zimmerman, Marcus Brigstocke, Edward Current, and many more.

4:30pm - 6:00pm -- **God's Cartoonist** – Satan! Sex! Hippies! Homos! Demons! Drugs! Rock Music! The Occult, Evolution, witch spells, The Illuminati, Catholic assassins and more! It's the world of those freaky little Chick Tracts comic books.

6:15pm - 10:15pm -- **Shorts Program 2: Imagine No Religion** A blend of the comic (Ricky Gervais, Mr. Show, Satan) and the powerful. Highlights include the late Theo Van Gogh & Ayaan Hirsi Ali's "Submission," the film that led to Van Gogh's murder by a Muslim extremist, and Lisa Seidenberg's moving 9/11 memorial, "In the Name of God."

Questions? [Let us know!](#) The Atheist Film Festival website is <http://atheistfilmfestival.org> and the Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Atheist-Film-Festival/79082467458>. See you there!

Longer descriptions of each film are available at our website, <http://atheistfilmfestival.org>. Please contact us if you want any more information -- we would love to be interviewed!

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**What: Atheist Film Festival**

**When: Sunday, June 28, from 12 noon to 12 midnight**

**Where: Roxie Theater, 3117 16th Street**

**Cost: FREE (donations accepted)**

Description: The first-ever Atheist Film Festival will be presented at the Roxie Theater on June 28th on two theaters, the 240-seat auditorium and the 49-seat screening room next door.

The festival is sponsored by several atheist groups and individuals, such as San Francisco Atheists, San Francisco Center for Inquiry, the Council for Secular Humanism, Shangri-La Longevity Retreat, and Peter Dworkin.

Festival co-directors (Veronica Chater, David Fitzgerald, Hank Pellissier) have put together a surprising program that is full of laughter and eccentricity -- most of the films are quite amusing and some are hysterical. Routines by comics **George Carlin**, **Ricky Gervais** and **Monty Python** will be presented, along with a "**Letting Go Of God**" a film of the hit Los Angeles live show by comedienne Julie Sweeney. "**Pledge of Allegiance Blues**" and "**Audience of One**" are also humorous documentaries, while "**Evolution: The Musical**" is a campy dissection of creationism by a local director.

Serious fare will also be offered, such as "**Submission**" by Dutch director **Theo van Gogh**, who was murdered soon after its presentation. "**Deliver Us From Evil**" -- the Academy Award nominated documentary about a pedophile priest, will also be shown, as will "**Root Of All Evil?**" the famed documentary by **Richard Dawkins**.

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