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**The City of Redwood City presents  
*Target Family Days*  
A Series of Free Themed Family Activities on Courthouse Square  
in Downtown Redwood City**



Target Family Days, generously sponsored by Target Stores, will transform Theatre Way, near the corner of Broadway and Middlefield Road, into a fun, walkable assortment of themed family entertainment this summer. Featuring Cultural Food, themed face painting, hands-on art projects, cooking demonstrations, bounce houses and more, there will be something for everyone on three Sundays from July through September. Plus, the street will be closed to through traffic, making a stroll along beautiful Theatre Way a fun and relaxing family experience.

Each Target Family Day includes:

- Cultural Food
- Hands-on cooking booth with Chef Steve Cortez
- Themed Face Painting by Fairy Faces
- Hands-on Art Stations with FREE projects!
- Street Performers
- Bounce Houses & more!

**Target Family Days is on Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway 11am – 3pm**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – Asian Theme**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> – Latin Theme**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Hawaiian Theme**

## **Asian Theme – Sunday, July 11, 2010**

### **Featuring:**

- **Chinese Lion Dancers**
- **Shaolin Kung Fu International**
- **Fei Tian Dance Academy**
- **Walk on the Wild Side with Wild Wonders**
- **Hands-on Wonton Cooking with Chef Steve Cortez**
- **Chinese hands-on arts presented by Hidden Dragon Station**
- **The Art of Magic with Frank Balzerak**

### **Fei Tian Dance Academy**

Fei Tian Academy of the Arts is a natural expansion of the Fei Tian Dance School, a nonprofit organization created by Falun Dafa practitioners in 2006 that sought to preserve, promote, and develop traditional Chinese dance and arts through classes and performances. Fei Tian strives to rediscover China's traditional arts—musical, performing, and dance—and share these with a broader audience. They feel that this brings a purity and inner beauty to their works like nothing found elsewhere. <http://feitianacademy.org>

### **Wild Wonders**

Take a Walk on the Wild Side with Wild Wonders! Let them take you on a dynamic adventure without ever leaving your seat, as you meet animal ambassadors from all over the world! This programs allow kids and adults alike to "tame" their curiosity about the wild kingdom., with a goal to excite the public and foster a desire to preserve and learn about the wildlife and planet we share. Join in for an exciting, up-close and personal visit with many different species! <http://www.wildwonders.org>

### **Frank Balzerak The Art Of Magic**

Frank Balzerak is a classically trained magician. With over thirty years of experience in his craft, Frank is a polished and skilled entertainer. He brings mystery, humor and joy to every performance. His style of fine sleight of hand magic is close-up and personal. Performing only inches from the spectators, Frank's technique is sophisticated, elegant and visual, yet his style is fun and humorous.

Experience the magic of Frank Balzerak! <http://www.frankbmagic.com>

## **Latin Theme – Sunday, August 8, 2010**

### **Featuring:**

- **Andy Z and the Andyland Band**
- **Benny & Bebe's European Magic Circus**
- **Piñata making**
- **Carmen's Taqueria**
- **Heather Rogers – Magician**
- **Bay Area Parent Celebration Booths**

### **Andy Z and the Andyland Band**

Andy Z delights kids and kids-at-heart with his musical adventures. He will have your children smiling, singing and dancing along as he takes them on an imaginary tour of the Andyland Islands. His story adventure performances feature a full host of Andyland characters, traditional and contemporary music plus original songs. Children are drawn in by his use of character voices, puppets and music that runs the gamut from educational to just plain silly; dance songs to lullabies, sing-a-longs to finger plays to full body movement. Genres include rock, British pop, jazz, folk, country, hip-hop, blues, Irish and classic traditional kids' tunes.

<http://www.andyz.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/AndyInAndyland>

### **Benny & Bebe's European Magic Circus**

Magic Circus offers a variety of shows and programs for children, family and adult audiences. Their repertoire includes comedy magic, circus clown, mime & puppet shows for festivals, fairs, theaters, special events, corporate

& private functions and birthday parties. With their award winning, creative shows, they have been enchanting US and European audiences since 1987. The founders Benny & Bebe have stimulated the minds and touched the hearts of thousands of children and adults. <http://magiccircus.com/>

### **Heather Rogers Magician**

Heather Rogers entertains, dazzles, and motivates the audience with high humor, powerful insight and heart-stopping magic. An award winning magician and motivator, she has presented magical programs at over 3,500 public and private events ranging in all sizes and venues, including the Wonder Dome and House of Mirth in Las Vegas. As a trained actor and solo performing artist, Heather has also written and produced 7 one-woman shows that ran in many theaters in San Francisco including Venue 9's Women's Work Theatre Festival, The Shelton Theatre, The Marsh Theatre, and many others

<http://www.heathermagic.com/>

### **Hawaiian Theme – Sunday, September 12, 2010**

#### **Featuring:**

- **Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band**
- **A Polynesian Performance - Dance Instruction**
- **Lei Making**
- **Hawaiian BBQ**
- **Na Wai Ola Hawaiian Dance**
- **Happy Birds**

**The Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band** was formed in 1984 with the goal to preserve, perpetuate and promote the culture of Hawai'i. The name Kapalakiko is from the Hawaiian word for San Francisco. Even though our performances are centered in the San Francisco Bay area, they also radiate throughout the state of California, nationally within the United States, back to their 'āina [homeland] of Hawai'i and into the international sphere of World Music. They perform not only to entertain audiences, but to cultivate their knowledge about the rich history of Hawai'i through music and dance. They provide "the good stuff" in the mele ku'i tradition. They use both traditional and western instruments and the various genres of Hawaiian music to emphasize the beauty of the Hawaiian language, lyrics, and poetry to complement the hula. <http://www.kapalakiko.org>

### **Halau Hula Na Wai Ola of Cupertino**

The halau is under the direction of Kau'i Isa-Kahaku and has been in existence for over 11 years. Halau Na Wai Ola participates in several competitions, festivals and community events throughout the year and has traveled as far as Italy to perform. Halau Hula Na Wai Ola's mission is to make a positive impact on people's lives through the Hawaiian art of the Hula, and the spirit of Aloha. <http://www.nawaiola.com>

### **A Polynesian Performance - Dance Instruction**

A Polynesian Performance embraces the beauty in the art of Polynesian Dancing. With their experience and knowledge they extend to the community their heart and soul to share their love of the art, culture and history of Polynesian Dancing. **A Polynesian Performance** offers cardio dance classes in the art of Polynesian dancing for everyone! Come express and embrace the sensual art of Polynesian Dancing with the sway of your hips and story telling with your hands. <http://www.apolynesianperformance.com>

### **Happy Birds**

Ed and Julie Cardoza have been performing with their birds since 1989. Together they have performed thousands of shows in hundreds of different locations. The Happy Birds have been enjoyed by audiences as small as ten and as large as one thousand.

Prepare to be amazed by Yah-kee and Korbel, whose performances have been featured on The Tonight Show, Pet Star and The Ellen Show. Their repertoire includes: animal impersonations, singing opera, crying like a baby, and even a song called Clementine! These Happy Birds are loved by children and adults alike!

<http://www.happybirds.com>

## **Other Events at Downtown Redwood City's 2010 Summer Series**

Along with the Target Family Days, other exciting FREE events include: Dancing on the Square on Tuesdays, Movies on the Square on Thursdays, Music on the Square on Fridays, and Jazz on Main on Mondays. Other ongoing events in the coming months include seven special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square, Monday and Wednesday afternoon performances with Lunchtime on the Square, as well as weekend Classical concerts and Cultural Events.

Full details at [www.redwoodcityevents.com](http://www.redwoodcityevents.com)

These free events, occurring throughout the summer, are sponsored by the City of Redwood City and its Redevelopment Agency, Civic Cultural Commission and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

The Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for City buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational, and cultural activities, as well as information, referral, and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at [www.redwoodcity.org/parks](http://www.redwoodcity.org/parks).

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