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## **October History Programs Highlight Queer Artist Rex Ray, Organizing for LGBTQ Health**

**San Francisco** -- The program series for October 2018 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight the graphic work of San Francisco queer artist Rex Ray and the evolution of organizing for LGBTQ health. The events take place at the GLBT History Museum at 4127 18th St. in the Castro District. For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

### **Exhibition Opening**

#### **A Picture Is a Word: The Posters of Rex Ray**

Friday, October 12

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The GLBT History Museum

4127 18th St., San Francisco

Admission: \$5.00; free for members

A new exhibition at the GLBT History Museum surveys the graphic works of internationally renowned San Francisco queer artist and designer Rex Ray (1956 - 2015). "A Picture is a Word: The Posters of Rex Ray" features posters and book-cover designs reflecting the Bay Area music scene and LGBTQ publishing. Vibrant and subversively accessible, Ray's art effortlessly mixes high and low culture, beauty and post-modern conceptualism.

Curators Cydney Payton and Amy Scholder draw attention to Ray's signature graphics, first developed using a Mac Plus long before design applications changed the course of that art form. This distinctive digital style went on to influence the next generation of artists, clients in music and publishing, and their audiences. The opening reception will feature brief remarks by the curators. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2wwDO6K>.

### **Community Forum**

#### **Fighting Back: Health and Wellness for LGBTQ People**

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The GLBT History Museum

4127 18th St., San Francisco

Admission: Free; \$5.00 donation welcome

The latest in the GLBT Historical Society's monthly "Fighting Back" series exploring contemporary queer issues in a historical context, this community forum will outline how social, physical and mental health resources for LGBTQ people first emerged in San Francisco and will address how to further strengthen and care for LGBTQ communities. A panel of historians, health providers, community organizers and advocates will discuss the evolution of LGBTQ health initiatives while underlining how this history can help inform today's resistance movements. Free tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2PxtbZn>.

## **ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORY MUSEUM**

Open since January 2011, the GLBT History Museum is the first full-scale, stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States. Its Main Gallery features a long-term exhibition on San Francisco LGBTQ history, "Queer Past Becomes Present." Its Front Gallery and Community Gallery host changing exhibitions. The institution also sponsors living-history discussions, author talks and other programs.

The museum is a project of the GLBT Historical Society, a research center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

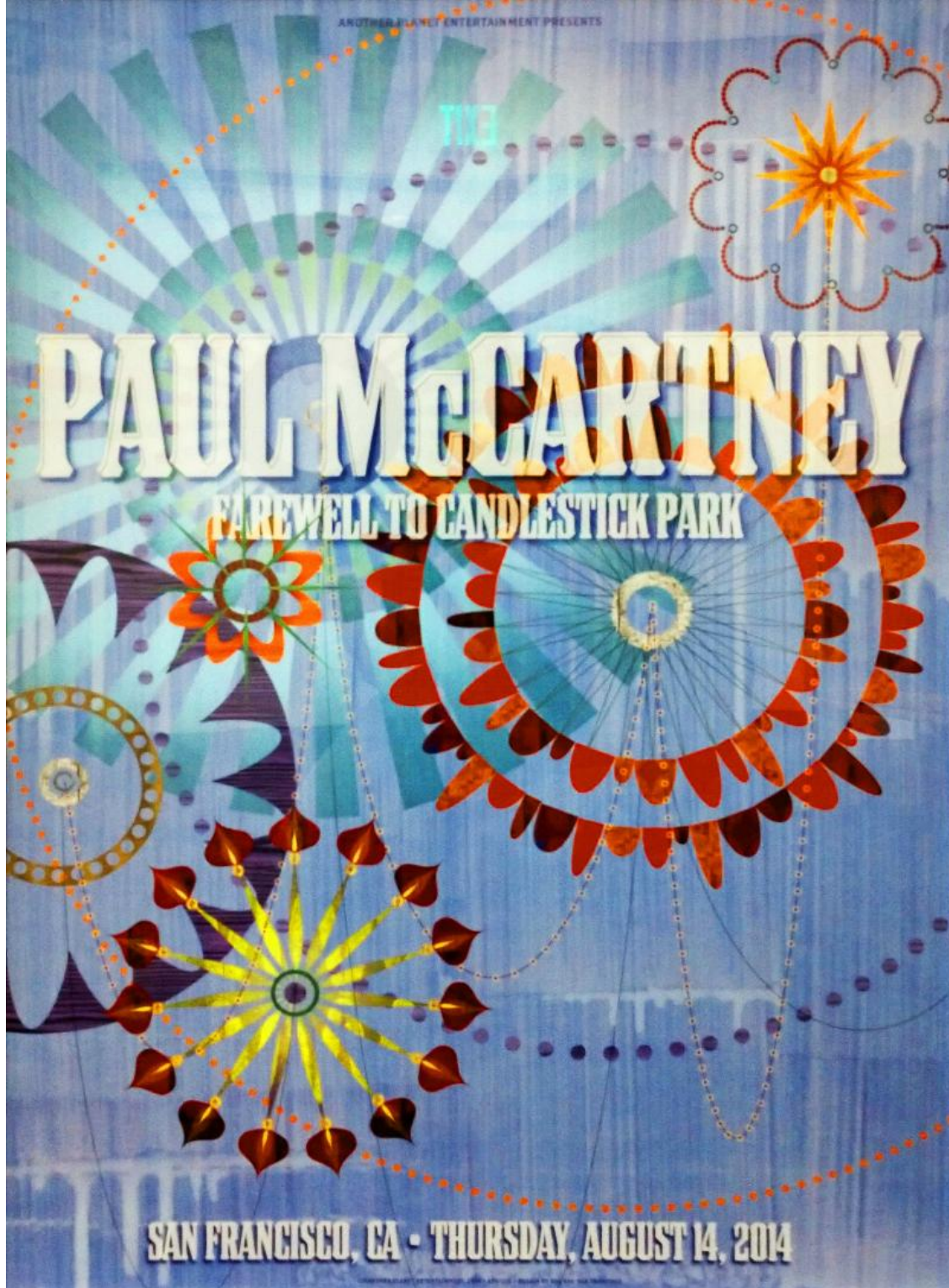
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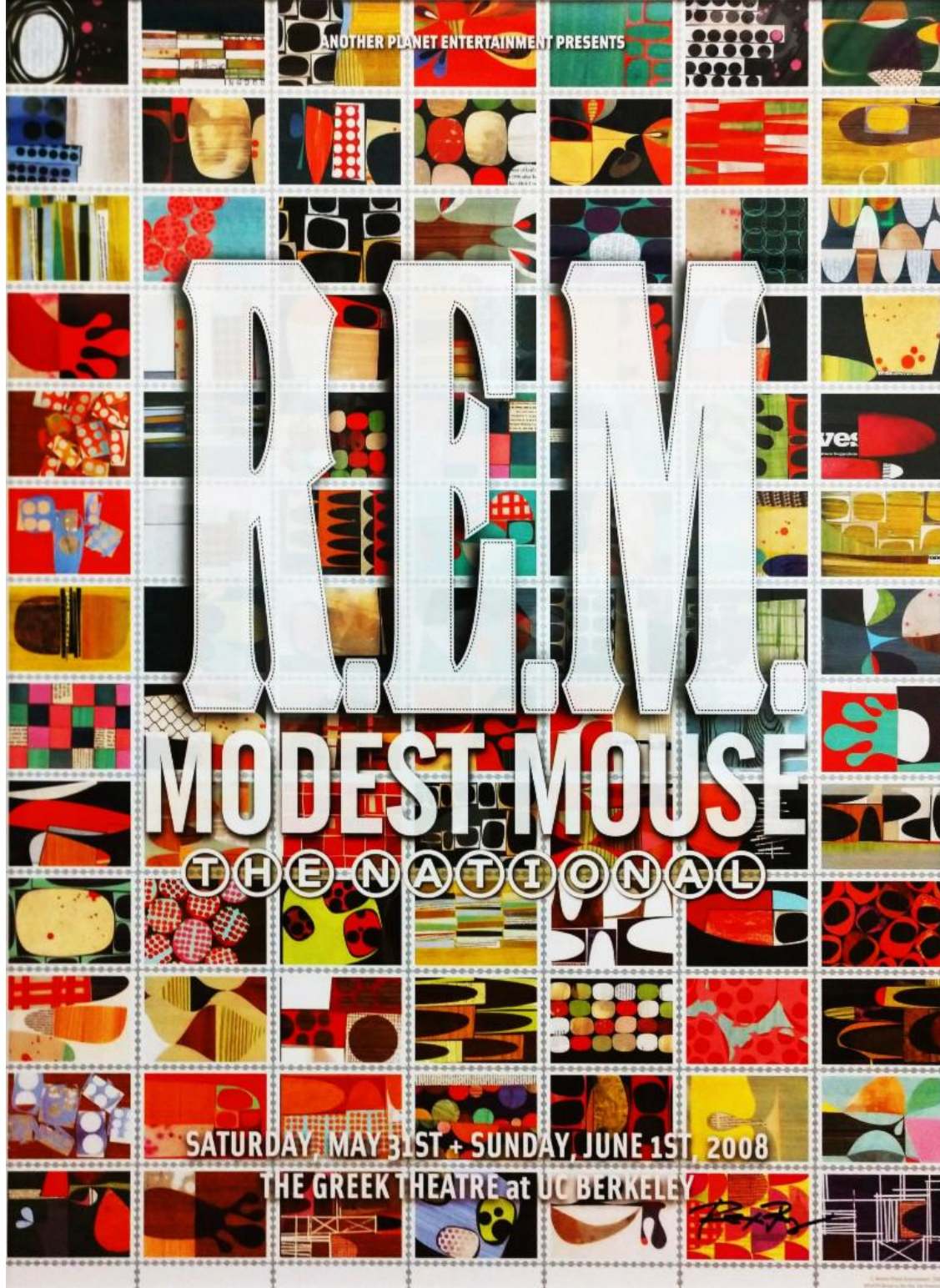
### **October 12: Rex Ray Exhibition**

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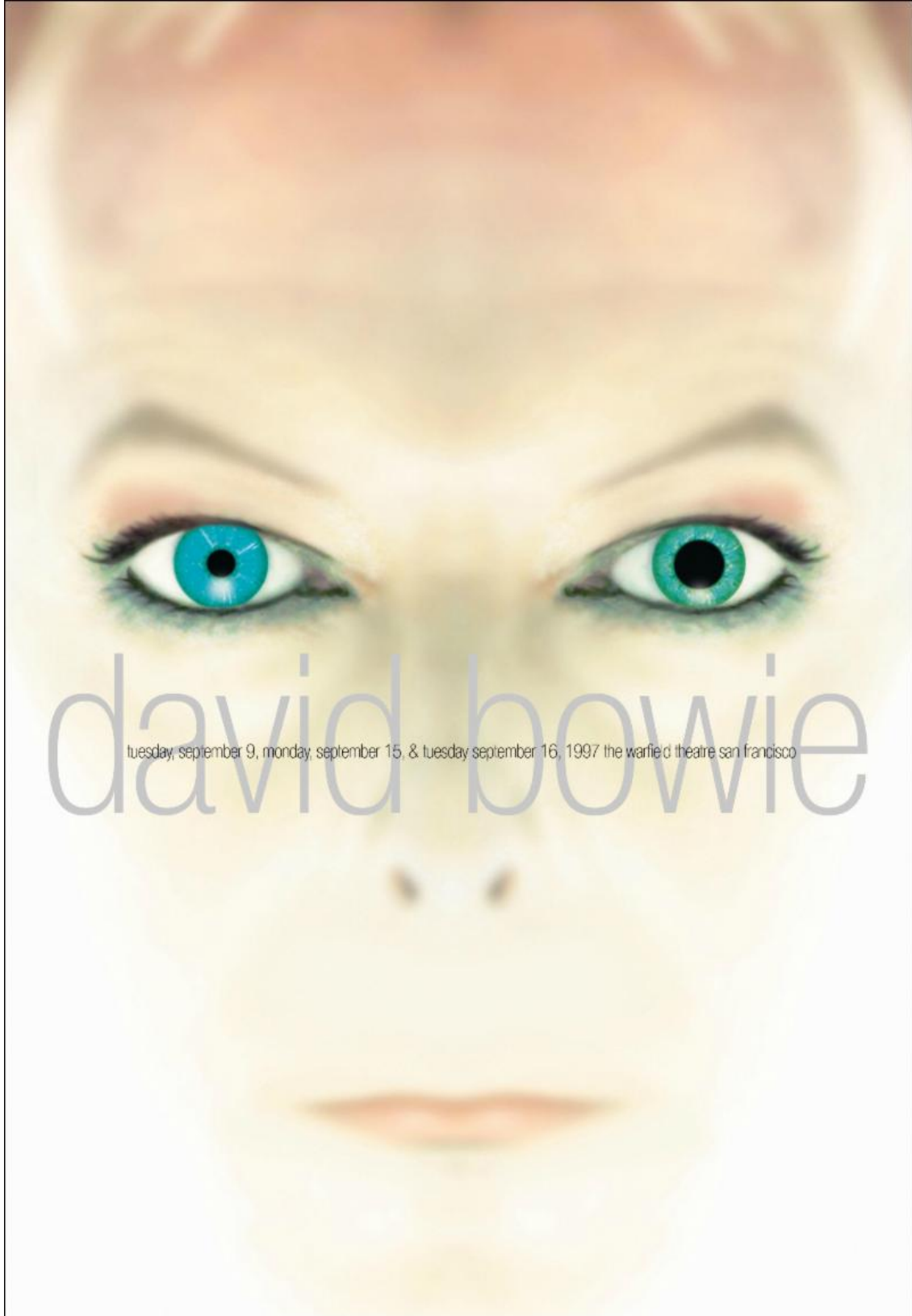
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Rex Ray. Poster for Paul McCartney concert at Candlestick Park, San Francisco (2014). Rex Ray Graphic Art Collection, archives of the GLBT Historical Society; gift of the estate of Rex Ray.



Rex Ray. Poster for R.E.M., Modest Mouse and The National at the Greek Theatre, Berkeley (2008). Rex Ray Graphic Art Collection, archives of the GLBT Historical Society; gift of the estate of Rex Ray.

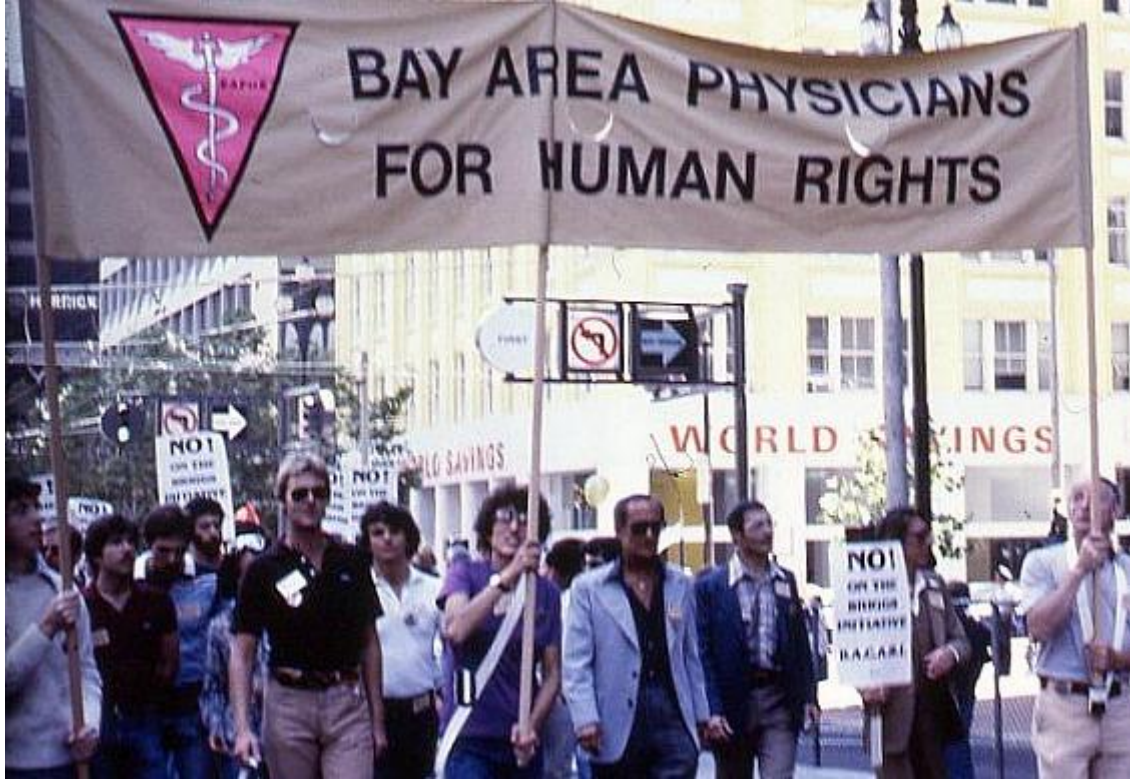


Rex Ray. Poster for David Bowie at the Warfield Theatre, San Francisco (1997).  
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**October 24: Fighting Back**



Lesbian Midwives and Gay Nurses in San Francisco (1978); photographer unidentified. Amber Hollibaugh Collection, GLBT Historical Society Archives.



Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights marching in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade (1978); photographer unidentified. Amber Hollibaugh Collection, GLBT Historical Society Archives.