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By: **Silke Tudor** Wednesday, May 16 2012

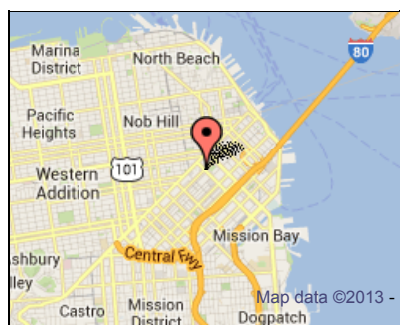
We don't know why stiltwalking holds such enduring fascination, but archaeologists found a vase with a Greek chorus of stiltwalkers dated as early as the sixth century B.C.E. The beginning was probably pragmatic, as in regions of France where shepherds used stilts to walk across marshland, or in California where they are still used to reach high fruit. But the possibility of wide-ranging amusement could not be contained. In countries throughout the world, festival highlights include stilt-dancers known and admired for their imagination, skill, and artistry — few more so than Bogota's Teatro Taller de Colombia and our own Carpetbag Brigade. The troupes appear today as part of this year's Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, which brings 100 free programs to the city over the course of six months. Teatro Taller channels the deeply percussive elements of their native cumbia, while the Carpetbag Brigade employs modern dance techniques, but both troupes tackle the roles of court jesters and take it seriously. Teatro Taller presents the U.S. premier of *Exodo*, a bird's-eye view of the struggle of refugees, after which the Carpetbag Brigade offers its elegiac response to climate change titled *Callings*. Stability and acrobatics promise to be as challenging as the themes.

Sat., May 19, 1 p.m., 2012

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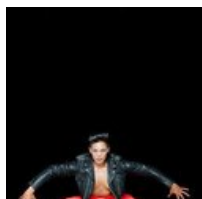
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