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**BAY AREA'S JAZZ MAESTRO RICHARD HOWELL  
DIGITALLY RELEASES NEW PROJECT "BURKINA"**  
*FOLLOWED BY JANUARY 16TH CONCERT AT THE FAMOUS HERBST  
THEATER WITH HIS BAND SUDDEN CHANGES*

San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center  
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The long-awaited music project BURKINA, by saxophonist/composer/producer/educator and 2015 Isadora Duncan Award recipient Richard Howell, is now available in digital format online Monday December 7, 2015. The High Fidelity file can be purchased exclusively from [www.rchowellmusic.com](http://www.rchowellmusic.com) or [RichardHowellandsuddenchanges.com](http://RichardHowellandsuddenchanges.com). The physical CD will be available January 16, 2016 at the CD release celebration concert at The Herbst Theater in the San Francisco Veterans War Memorial Building.

Powerful and delightfully bombastic, Burkina grooves with melodies to make the heart sing and the spirit dance. Richard Howell and Sudden Changes is a must see group! Their undeniable groove is guaranteed to make your body move, and the style will make you smile. "Bridge Music influenced by Jazz".

This exceptional ensemble of world class musicians has performed with national and international artists throughout the world. On piano is legendary Frederick Harris, with celebrated bassist Heshima Mark Williams, renowned saxophonist Charles McNeal and a rising star Ele Howell on drums with special guest award winning and celebrated world wide, trumpeter Christian Scott. The January 16th evening concert also features the Oaktown Jazz Workshop's youth ensemble performing original music by Richard Howell, with arrangements by Frederick Harris. Theater access will begin at 6:30pm .

BURKINA means "honorable" in the ancient language of the Moor still used today by the Mossi people of West Africa.

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