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**BAY AREA'S JAZZ MAESTRO RICHARD HOWELL
RETURNS TO FAMOUS HERBST THEATER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016**

San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center
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International Jazz saxophonist Richard Howell and his multi-generational group "Sudden Changes" returns to perform at the beautifully restored landmark Herbst Theatre, a cornerstone of San Francisco performing arts, located in the War Memorial Veterans Building.

Howell perfected his craft by contributing to and absorbing from the great legends Etta James, Chaka Khan, Maurice White, Jimmy Smith, Cecil Taylor, Don Cherry, Taj Mahal, Don Myrick, and many other talented, gifted artists.

The performance and celebration will coincide with the CD release of Howell's new album 'BURKINA'. With passion at its core, joy surrounds its exuberance, and love just keeps it all together as Sudden Changes performs the original music from 'BURKINA' and more!

This exceptional ensemble of world class musicians has performed with national and international artists around the globe. On piano is legendary Frederick Harris, with celebrated bassist Heshima Mark Williams, renowned saxophonist Charles McNeal, and the rising young star Ele Salif Howell on drums.

Mr Howells' "Bridge Music" draws on the ancestry of Jazz, the essence of soul music, the sensibility of "Popular Music", and the spirit of a triumphant nation that was refined in the Bay Area. The 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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