Thursday, July 2

8:00pm - 9:30pm
Marx in Soho • Play by Howard Zinn, performed by Brian Jones, introduced by comedian and author Mark Steel

Women in Sports: Fighting for Equality On and Off the Field • Dave Zirin, Elizabeth Terzakis, and Dana Blanchard

The Decline and Fall of California: How the Golden State Lost Its Shine • Mike Davis

Friday, July 3

9:30am - 11:00am
40 Acres and a Mule? What Went Wrong? The Rise and Fall of Radical Reconstruction • James Illingworth

Death to the State: Can Anarchism Smash Capitalism? • David Russitano

How Capitalism Works—And How It Doesn’t: The ABC’s of Marxist Economics • Deborah Goldsmith

The Roots of Women’s Oppression: The History of Sexism • Gillian Russom

Eye-witness to the 1979 Iranian Revolution • Barry Sheppard

11:30am - 1:00pm
Students, Young Workers and Capitalism: How Can We Get the Future We Want? • James Bichler, Seattle Central Community College; Wael Elasady, Portland State University; Laura Martinez, Mt. San Antonio College; Adam Hudson, Stanford University; Tayler Mehit, San Francisco State University

Can Socialism Liberate the Oppressed? • Jesse Hagopian

Emiliano Zapata and the Mexican Revolution • Victor Fressie

Lenin’s State and Revolution • Todd Chretien

How Eugene Debs Became a Socialist • Jessica Hansen-Weaver

1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch

2:00pm - 3:30pm
The Roots of Racial Oppression: Why Didn’t Racism Vanish After Slavery was Abolished? • Sid Patel

The General Strikes of 1934: San Francisco, Minneapolis and Toledo. What Can We Learn Today? • Sharon Smith

What Would a Sustainable Society Look Like? • Avery Wear and Michael Yates

10 Days that Shook the World: How the Russian Revolution Was Won • Christine DaRosa

Political Art in a New Era • Dave Zirin and Jeff Chang

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Three Strikes, the Death Penalty, “Tough on Crime:” Is It Time to Abolish Prisons? • Barbara Becnel and Cameron Sturdevant

Trading in Pollution: Environmental Destruction & the Fallacy of Market Solutions • Jeffrey St. Clair

Charlie Chaplin: Never Afraid to Stand Up • Scott Johnson

How are Revolutionary Parties Built? • Ahmed Shawki

Venezuela: The Bolivarian Revolution and Socialism in the 21st Century • Martin Sanchez

5:30pm - 7:00pm Dinner

Stand Up Dinner Comedy and Politics with Mark Steel on the Life of Che Guevara

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Prop 8 is Going Down! Winning Gay Marriage in California • Sherry Wolf with Gay Marriage activists from up and down the West Coast, including: Kip Williams, San Francisco; Chanan Suarez Diaz, Seattle; Zakiya Khabir, San Diego; and more to come!
Saturday, July 4

9:30am - 11:00am
The Revolutionary Ideas of Charles Darwin: Is Capitalism Natural? • Andy Libson
Luxemburg's Reform or Revolution • Doniella Maher
The Communist Party in the 1930s: How the Left Organized in the Great Depression • Adam Sanchez
James Connolly and the Irish Revolution • Alessandro Tinonga

Sexuality and Socialism • Sharon Smith

11:30am - 1:00pm
Class Traitor or Capitalism’s Savior? Roosevelt and the New Deal • Lance Selfa
How the South African Working Class Defeated Apartheid • Patrick Bond
Immigration Reform: Ideas from the Frontlines • Enrique Morones, David Bacon and Justin Akers-Chacón
Haiti and the Myth of Humanitarian Intervention • John Green

Empire and Obama: Power, Illusion, and America's Last Taboo • John Pilger

1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch
Intro to the ISO: Everything You Need to Know to Join the ISO • Leela Yellesetty

2:00pm - 3:30pm
The Economic Crisis: How Bad Will It Get? • Joel Geier
The Seattle General Strike • Darrin Hoop
The Struggle for Palestine • Jess Ghannam, Nora Barrows-Friedman and Ahmed Shawki
What Should Public Education Look Like: Radical Pedagogy or Charter Schools & Teaching to the Test • Adrienne Johnstone and Sarah Knopp
Socialism: Do you mean Sweden? What is Social Democracy? • Randy Childs

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Social Unionism: Putting the Movement back in the Labor Movement • Brian Cruz, David Rapkin, and Michael Yates
30 Years Since the Nicaraguan Revolution • Steve Leigh

The Border Crossed Us: Immigration and the Nation State in the 21st Century • Nativo Lopez and Roger Dyer
Do We Need an Anti-War Movement Under Obama? • Cindy Sheehan and Anthony Arnove
Principles of Communism and the Communist Manifesto • Kurt Krueger

5:30pm - 7:00pm Dinner
Mark Steel’s July 4th Dinner Stand Up Tribute to Tom Paine

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Oscar Grant, San Francisco 8 and the History of Political Repression in America • Richard Brown, Dana Blanchard, and Jack Bryson
Afghanistan: Obama’s Vietnam? • Christian Parenti
Media as a Weapon: Speaking Truth to Power • Alan Maass, Rose Aguilar, John Pilger, and Tim Harris
The Real Lenin • Paul D’Amato

Sunday, July 5

9:30am - 11:00am
The Economic Crisis and the New Imperialism • Lee Sustar
How the German Revolution Was Lost and Paved the Way for Hitler • Amanda Maystead

Trotsky on the United Front • Andrea Hektor
Socialism: Utopian and Scientific • Rachel Wilsey
The Radical Roots of the Civil Rights Movement • Brian Jones

11:30am - 1:00pm
Rebelling Against Racism: The Black Power Revolt of the 1960s • Keeanga-Yahmatta Taylor
Will Socialism Eliminate Sexism? • Jessie Muldoon
What Would Socialism Look Like? • Regina Johnson
From Degenerated Workers’ State to a New Class Society: Theories of Stalin’s Russia • Elizabeth Terzakis
One State, Two States: How Can Palestinian Liberation be Achieved? • Sam Bernstein and Nick Kardahji

1:30pm - 3:00pm
The Return of Socialism: Final Rally • Sharon Smith and others