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## Cornish Christmas Puts Grass Valley on the Map: Welcoming the World with Warm Pasties!

Submitted by the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce

Every Friday from **Nov. 29 to Dec. 20**, Mill Street and West Main are transformed into a magical, glowing celebration of the season. Under a twinkling canopy of stars, shoppers, bundled up with fingerless gloves and cherry noses, gather to savor golden, flaky pasties, while wisps of warm air mingle with the hot steam rising from the delicious, savory treats. It is a Friday tradition that excites us all as the holidays start rolling around. The famous local pasty companies, **Grass Valley Pasty Company** and **Marshall's Pasties** are prepared to meet the excitement, serving up steaming pasties as fast as they're made, a perfect bite for all those who venture downtown to celebrate. The soft glow of holiday lights reflect off shop windows, casting a timeless warmth that fills the streets, while holiday carols and street performers bring melodies of cheer.

This holiday season, the heart of Grass Valley beats a little warmer and shines a little brighter, drawing locals and visitors alike into the cherished



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celebration of Cornish Christmas. With our beloved pasty shops freshly featured in *The New York Times*, the excitement is palpable. Ever since the article in the national magazine, business has been booming, Grass Valley Pasty Company reports they've hired local workers and even opened up business hours from five to six days a week to meet the demand! It's



Tree Lighting ceremony 2023 in downtown Grass Valley | Grass Valley Chamber

safe to say our cozy mountain town is ready to welcome the world to this time-honored tradition.

Our locals have made Cornish Christmas a holiday tradition for over 50 years, turning downtown into a cozy celebration filled with music, crafts and mouthwatering treats. This is a time when our town's history comes alive, echoing with the spirit of the Cornish miners who once gathered here with hearty laughter, and now with the festive songs of carolers and the sweet smell of mulled wine and spiced apple cider.

The vendors are ready with handmade goods and holiday cheer, and there's a special excitement in the air, knowing this celebration is something the whole country can enjoy. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be present and spread cheer among children and the young at heart.

To every visitor and every local, we say: come for the pasties, stay for the shopping, and share in the joy that fills the streets of historic downtown Grass Valley.

**Dates: Fridays: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20.**



Smiles and pasties for everyone. | Haley Wright at Gold Country Photos

## Holiday Schedule of Events

### THE STONE HOUSE DELICIOUS AND WORRY-FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Indulge in a mouthwatering meal prepared by our talented chefs, all in the cozy ambiance of The Stone House. Leave the cooking and cleaning to us, and simply enjoy a stress-free holiday with your loved ones. Join us on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. 107 Sacramento St, Nevada City, CA 95959 [stonehouse.io/public-events](https://stonehouse.io/public-events)

### COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Live entertainment, community bonfire, wagon rides, food, and unique gifts from more than 100 talented artisans. (\$5 admission) Friday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley [nevadacountyfair.com](https://nevadacountyfair.com)

### LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Welcome to winter with the magic and merriment of Tahoe Donner Ski's annual tree lighting ceremony. Join your neighbors and friends for a festive evening featuring a kids' craft station, hot cocoa, beer and wine, holiday-inspired cocktails, a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and more! (Free admission) Saturday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Lodge Restaurant & Pub 12850 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee [tahoedonner.com](https://tahoedonner.com)

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# You're Invited: Festive Music, Marvelous Crafts, and Merriment at the Miners Foundry!

Submitted by Miners Foundry Cultural Center

Nestled in the vibrant heart of Nevada City, the Miners Foundry Cultural Center invites you to celebrate the holiday season with a lineup of local music, crafts, and traditions that showcase the best of our community spirit. From homegrown bands and artisan markets to family-friendly performances and end-of-year festivities, these events highlight the rich creative culture and timeless charm that define our area.

## Nov. 29 - Hometown Show with Golden Shoulders and Casual Fog

Kick off your holiday season with an unforgettable Friendsgiving, gathering at the homecoming performance at the Miners Foundry featuring Golden Shoulders and Casual Fog, starting at 8 p.m. Golden Shoulders, a beloved local band and cornerstone of Nevada City's music scene since 2001, will perform their 2004 album *Friendship is Deep* in full. Founder Adam Kline will be joined by a talented ensemble of musicians, including



Nevada City's very own Golden Shoulders headlines for the homecoming show of the season. | Miners Foundry Courtesy Photo



The Foundry Sings creates holiday cheer in the gorgeous, historic Stone Hall. | Miners Foundry Courtesy Photo

tall guitarist Ehren "the Doctor" Haas, bassist Hunter Burgan, local favorite Brett Shady, Jonathan Hansard, and percussionists Todd Roper and David Nicholson, creating an electrifying atmosphere with their dynamic sound.

Opening the night is Casual Fog, led by Ryan Donnelly. Known for their eclectic sound that seamlessly blends electronic and organic elements, Casual Fog's performance will feature songs from their latest albums *Different Mirrors* and *Else*. Accompanied by frequent collaborators Ben Milner on keyboards and Jacob Bradford on synth guitar, the band crafts a moody, immersive vibe that captures both pop-infused highs and introspective lows.

## Dec. 1 - Nevada City Winter Craft Fair

Join us for the Nevada City Winter Craft Fair, held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic Miners Foundry. This juried exhibition showcases over 70 local Etsy crafters, designers and artisans, featuring handmade home decor, apparel, bath products, stationery, art, food and more. The Nevada City Craft Fair embodies a modern rustic aesthetic that highlights the innovation and sustainability of our local makers. Don't miss this chance to shop unique, handcrafted items and celebrate the spirit of the holidays.

## Dec. 4 - Foundry Sings!

Gather with friends and family for the holiday edition of Foundry Sings! Starting at 5:30 p.m., this event invites the community to join in singing energizing holiday favorites that fill the Stone Hall with joy. The singing begins at 6 p.m., creating a festive atmosphere perfect for kicking off the season with music and laughter.

### Dec. 7 - Martinis & Mistletoe

Step into a vintage wonderland with Martinis & Mistletoe on Saturday at 7 p.m. Experience the magic of cabaret jazz and holiday classics performed by the talented Tamara Fouyer and her band, alongside local harmonists Michelle Amador and Karen Woerner. The evening will be filled with cherished swing and jazz standards reminiscent of the WWII era, brought to life by top Nevada County instrumentalists.

### Dec. 12-15 - Clara and the Nutcracker

The Miners Foundry Cultural Center and Holt Ballet Conservatory are delighted to present *Clara and The Nutcracker* with five performances from Dec. 12-15. Enjoy this enchanting production filled with talented dancers, colorful costumes and magical sets, all set to the timeless music of the holidays. With evening shows starting at 7 p.m. and matinees at 1 p.m., this family-friendly ballet is the perfect way to create cherished memories together.

### Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Bash

End the year on a high note with the annual New Year's Eve Bash at the Miners Foundry, presented in collaboration with

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Ballerinas, dancers, and story tellers of all ages perform Clara and The Nutcracker. | Miners Foundry Courtesy Photo

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Kuk Sool won is a comprehensive Korean martial art. The motto at Gold Country Kuk Sool won is:



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Paul Emery Music. This year's celebration features local legends Achilles Wheel, known for their genre-defying blend of roots rock and dance hall psychedelia. Special guests Vibeyard will set the stage for a night of high-energy music, dancing, and revelry. With over a decade of hosting this much-anticipated event, the Miners Foundry promises a night to remember as we welcome 2025.



The Nevada City Winter Craft Fair is the place for gift shopping and enjoyment. | Miners Foundry Courtesy Photo

*All events at the Miners Foundry feature a no-host full bar with snacks available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit our website at [minersfoundry.org](http://minersfoundry.org) or contact the Miners Foundry box office 530-265-5040.*



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Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Cultural Center, 410 South Church Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
nuchoir.org

## HOLIDAYS AT EMPIRE MINE

Live music, visits with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, crafts, and more fun for the family. (\$5 admission)

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Empire Mine State Historic Park, 10791 E. Empire St., Grass Valley  
parks.ca.gov/empiremine

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Saturday, Dec. 14, bikers meet at 950 Maidu Ave, kickstands up at noon.

If you aren't a biker and still want to participate, you can donate money, gift cards, and new toys the Friday before the event at the Nevada County Fairgrounds and come to Mill Street to see the parade and cheer on the bikers!

NevadaCountyToyRun.com 530-575-7127.

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS 'A FAIRY TALE CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Mother Goose narrates as famous fairy-tale characters take on the memorable roles from Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol. (\$23 admission)

Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m.  
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## NORTH COLUMBIA SCHOOLHOUSE CRAFT FAIR

North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center annual craft fair.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

17894 Tyler Foot Road, Nevada City  
northcolumbiaschoolhouse.org

## GOLD VIBE KOMBUCHARY IT'S ABOUT TO GET UGLY: HOLIDAY SHOWDOWN!

Get in the holiday spirit with a friendly night of ugly sweaters, gingerbread creations, and fun games to bring out your competitive side. (Free admission)

Friday, Dec. 13, 4 p.m.-11 p.m.

9TH ANNUAL PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING  
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Second night of Chanukah, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.  
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## LEGACY PRESENTS 'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE'

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Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, 22, at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Special closing matinee: Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. Nevada Theatre, 401 Broad Street, Nevada City. Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 door, \$35 reserved seating. Available at The BookSeller, Harmony Books, or legacypresents.com. Call (530) 268-5419.



## BLU EGYPTIAN'S HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY

Experience an unforgettable night with one of NorCal's hottest young jam bands, Blu Egyptian! Known for their high-energy shows and genre-blending style, they bring jam-rock, funk, Latin grooves, reggae, and even newgrass to the stage. Don't miss this holiday dance party! (\$15 admission)

Saturday, Dec. 21, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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# Drink Up, Dress Up and Delight in Nevada City's Victorian Christmas

Submitted by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

The 46th annual Victorian Christmas fills the streets with the aroma of roasted chestnuts, fiddlers fiddling and the warm glow of gas-lit lamps that line the historic avenues. On **Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, and 22 (1:30-6 p.m.)**, and **Wednesdays, Dec. 11 and 18 (5-9 p.m.)**, Nevada City transforms into a cozy winter wonderland, with over 120 artisan vendors offering handmade goods, unique wares and seasonal treats. As a special perk, you're invited to wander the streets with a hot buttered rum or mulled wine in hand — an exclusive treat during Victorian Christmas.

Imagine stepping back in time, where you're not just a visitor but a character in the enchanting world of holidays past. Dust off your top hats, shawls and bonnets, and immerse yourself in this timeless tradition. Victorian gentlemen, Dickensian carolers and festive holiday

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travelers don't appear out of thin air — they're everyday people journeying from mountain towns and riversides to historic gathering places, keeping the spirit of the season alive. Vendors and shoppers make this event so special and the community is happy to do what it takes to make it memorable for all the right reasons.

Keep an eye out for Father Christmas, the Famous Walking Christmas Tree and other Victorian voices spreading cheer. Kids can visit Santa at the Masonic Hall, and everyone can warm up with complimentary, hot, roasted chestnuts by the open fire. With bands, jugglers, and bagpipers, you'll feel like you've stepped back in time to celebrate the holidays in true Victorian style.

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce has thoughtfully prepared to ease the city's parking challenges. For a smooth experience, simply drop off your guests, park at the County of Nevada Rood Center at 950 Maidu Avenue and take the \$6 shuttle to the event. When it's time to leave, your entire party can enjoy a free shuttle ride back together. Also, a free shuttle from Grass Valley to Nevada City will be available on Wednesday evenings. For more details, visit [nevadacitychamber.com](http://nevadacitychamber.com).



Victorian Christmas on Broad St. | Haley Wright at Gold Country Photos

## A Sparkling Holiday Choral Celebration

Submitted by InConcert Sierra

InConcert Sierra brings the abundance of holiday joy with Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra to Grass Valley, CA on **Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15.**

"We're thrilled to share a joyful program that brings the spirit of the holidays to life," says Alison Skinner, music director and conductor of the Sierra Master Chorale (SMC). "At the heart of our concert is the radiant masterpiece, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a work filled with beauty and ex-



The Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra dazzle the audience with sounds from their voices. | Photos by Carolyn Valle of Valle Visions

uberance that perfectly captures the season's warmth. Our second half is a festive blend of holiday favorites, each piece selected to remind us of the joy that defines this time of year."

The *Gloria*, while not initially composed for the holidays, is a wonderful choice for a seasonal program with its lively rhythms, bright melodies, and joyful expression. This piece, known for its uplifting spirit and melodic richness, feels right at home in a holiday celebration, resonating with warmth and excitement.

Another highlight of the program is *Craig Courtney's A Musico-logical Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas*, a whimsical and imaginative arrangement of the traditional carol. Each verse takes the listener through a different era of music history, from medieval chant to a Sousa-style march, with nods to Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and even iconic composer styles. Courtney's witty take on this holiday classic brings humor and delight, encouraging the audience to recognize and enjoy the various musical references.

Interwoven throughout the program are beloved carols and seasonal favorites. The choir and orchestra will present a lively medley featuring *Ding Dong Merrily on High* and *Carol of the Bells*, along with the reflective *I Will Light a Candle This Christmas*. In celebration of Chanukah, *Eight Days of Lights* will be performed in both Hebrew and English. Shawn Kirchner's arrangement of *Brightest and Best*, set to

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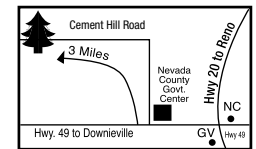
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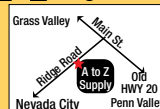
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The 68 member auditioned Sierra Master Chorale will perform with a 24 piece orchestra of professional instrumentalists from the InConcert Sierra Orchestra.

## Know and Go

**What:** Sierra Master Chorale presented by InConcert Sierra

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2pm

**Where:** 12889 Osborne Hill Road, Grass Valley, CA

**Tickets:** \$50 general (no added fees), youth under 18 free

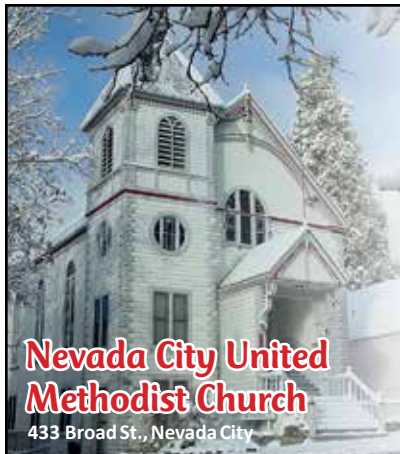
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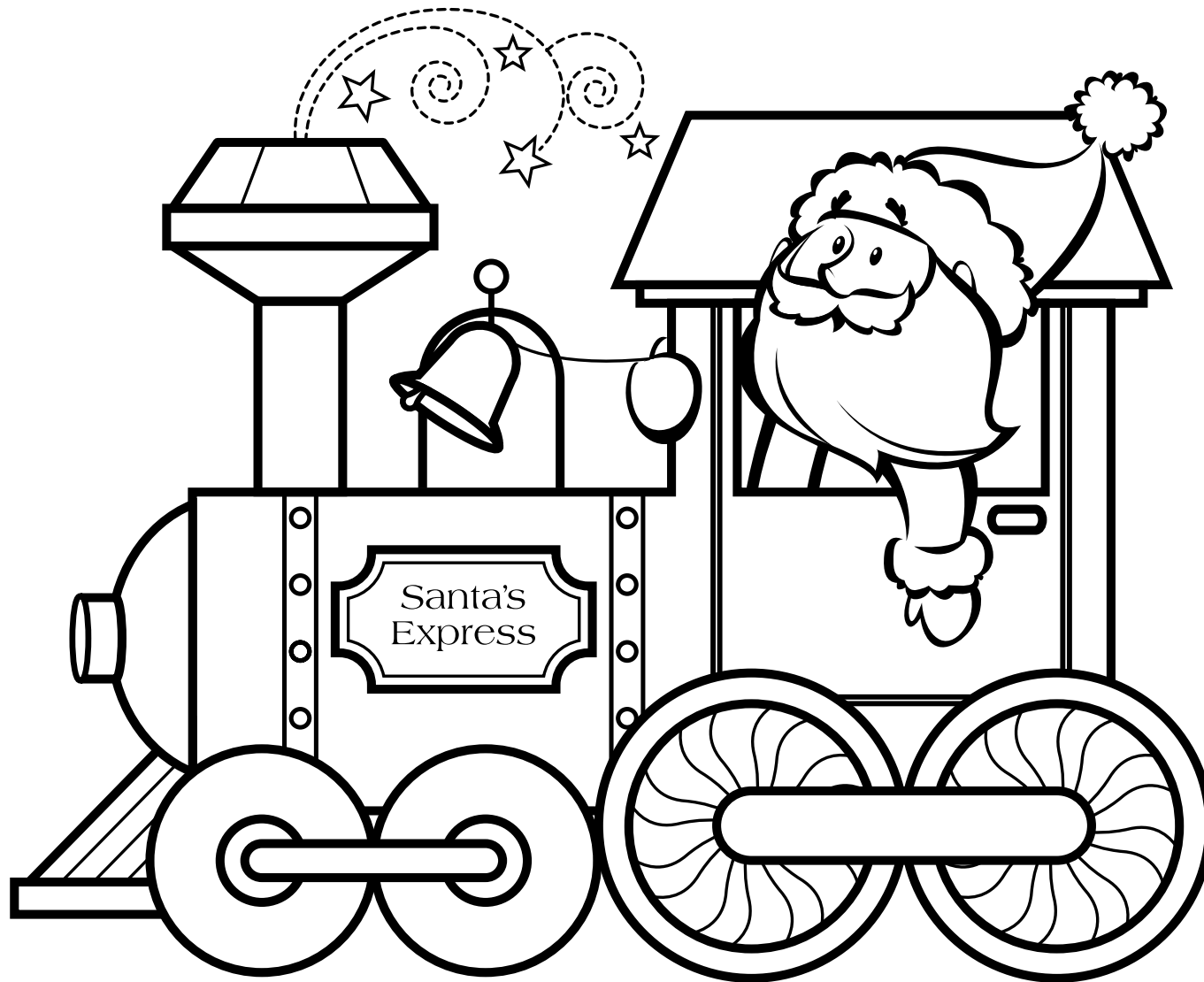
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# Music in the Mountains Brings Holiday Magic for All Ages

Submitted by Music in the Mountains

Music in the Mountains (MIM) is thrilled to bring a holiday season brimming with warmth, joy and the magic of live, classical music to Nevada County. This year's concerts promise to bring all ages together, creating memories to last a lifetime. So, gather your loved ones, head to your favorite spot in downtown Grass Valley, and enjoy an upscale evening with these inspiring and talented musicians.

The Music in the Mountains Youth Orchestra (MIMYO) will present its winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (Bldg. N12) at Sierra College Grass Valley Campus. Tickets for this concert are \$10 for adults, with free admission for kids 17 and under. These young musicians, who have poured their hearts into

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preparing a joyful program, will treat you to a blend of classical favorites, festive melodies, and a few delightful surprises. It is a perfect evening to cheer on the rising stars of our community. Youth Orchestra mentor Hayley Watson reflects, "Working with MIMYO each week, I get to see young people as they learn, grow, and, of course, experience the joy of music." The Winter Concert is the culmination of the work of the semester. MIMYO rehearsals are held Mondays, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and is a part of Music in the Mountains' education programs that range from after-school instrumental instruction to in-classroom learning.

For MIM's Director of Education, Marge Shasberger, this concert is especially dear. "The orchestra just gets better every year," she shares. "This will be a wonderful concert, featuring classics that will be familiar to many." Come celebrate the talents of our local youth and feel the season's magic come alive through their music.

Next, Music in the Mountains' (MIM's) exquisite "Comfort and Joy" concerts bring the holiday spirit to the beautiful, eccentric Center for the Arts in downtown Grass Valley on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. This cherished community venue, nestled in the heart of town, will be filled with the voices of the MIM Chorus, a professional orchestra, and guest stars, stunning soprano Rena Harms, and talented tenor Sal Atti. It's a night of music that feels like

magic. Rena Harms is well known for her breathtaking performances with the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera as Contessa in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and appears in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. As Chorus President Robbie Merchant puts it, "Music inspires and connects people through nostalgic melodies, especially this time of year."

With stirring pieces like Dan Forrest's "Angels We Have Heard on High," the timeless "Silent Night," and jazzy renditions of holiday favorites, there's something for everyone. Longtime fans of classical music will enjoy Morten Lauridsen's "O Nata Lux," while families will find joy in lighthearted tunes like "Sleigh Ride" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." For children, it's an opportunity to experience the magic of live music; for grandparents, a chance to pass on cherished holiday traditions; and for all, a night of heartwarming holiday cheer.

As Merchant reminds us, "MIM's holiday concerts have been a cherished tradition in the Nevada County community for decades." Gather with us in the heart of Grass Valley and experience the warmth and joy of this annual celebration.

Turn your evening into a full holiday outing! Before or after the concert, keep the cheer going by stopping by one of our beloved local spots. Grab a cozy drink at Grass Valley Brewing, the newly-reopened Owl Tavern, indulge in classic cuisine at Sergio's or Maria's, or enjoy a unique fusion experience at Enrique's. Cirino's on Main Street, Alloro,



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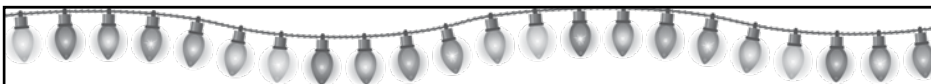
Young musician in Nevada City performs downtown at Victorian Christmas. | Haley Wright at Gold Country Photos

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- Comfort and Joy Holiday Concert: Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 22 at 2 p.m., \$20-\$67.

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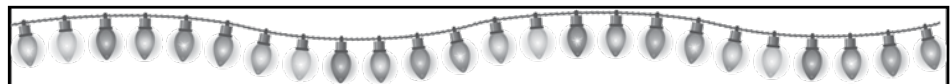
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