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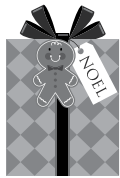
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On the cover | Downtown Nevada City during a past Victorian Christmas.
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Nevada Union High School Celebrates the Season with Three Holiday Events!

Nevada Union High School invites the community to celebrate the holiday season with three cherished traditions, highlighting the remarkable talent of its students in music and the performing arts. From festive band classics and seasonal choral melodies, to a magical medieval feast, these events are sure to delight audiences of all ages.

The season begins with the Nevada Union High School Band Winter Concert on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM in the Don Baggett Theater. Featuring the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band, this annual performance highlights the skill and dedication of NU's young musicians with an exciting mix of musical styles and holiday favorites. The concert runs until approximately 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for students and children, available online at nevadaunionhsvapa.ludus.com/200507377.

Next, step back in time for a night of music, merriment, and a feast fit for royalty at the NU Madrigal Dinner! This enchanting holiday

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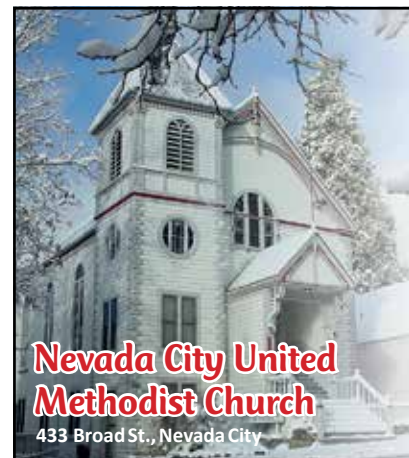
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tradition blends laughter, song, and lively entertainment with a multi-course feast, including grilled chicken with sun-dried tomato cream, basmati rice, roasted vegetables, fresh salad, and more. Wine will be available for purchase (cash only). The Madrigal Dinner will be held on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph's Cultural Center, 410 South Church Street, Grass Valley. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased at www.nuchoir.org/madrigaldinner. A minimum age of 12 is recommended, and parties are encouraged to purchase all tickets together to ensure group seating.

Rounding out the festivities is the Nevada Union Choir's Annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in the Don Baggett Theater. The entire choir of seventy students will take the stage for an evening of classic Christmas selections and holiday favorites. In a treasured NU tradition, alumni are invited to join current students for the closing piece, *"May the Lord Bless You and Keep You."* Tickets are available at www.nuchoir.org/.

Nevada Union High School warmly invites the community to celebrate the season and experience the joy and talent of its students through these holiday performances.



Nevada Union Choir's Madrigal Dinner

Holiday Schedule of Events

10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Thursday, December 18 at 4:00 PM

Come celebrate at the Miners Foundry featuring the largest Menorah in Nevada County, with entertainment for children and adults. There will be plenty of dreidels, donuts and latkes for all. All are welcome, no charge. jewishgv.com

NEVADA CITY WINTER CRAFT FAIR

November 30 at 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM \$7

Join us at the Miners Foundry on Sunday for the 14th Annual Nevada City Winter Craft Fair! We have over 70 of the top local Etsy crafters, designers, and artisans featuring handmade home decor, apparel, bath products, station-

ary, art, food, drinks and more.

minersfoundry.org/all-events

FOUNDRY SINGS 'SIERRA SLEIGHBELL SINGALONG'

December 3rd at 6:00 PM \$15

On Wednesday December 3 rafters of the 160 year old Stone Hall at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center will ring with the sound of Christmas carols. The Foundry Sings makes YOU the star of the show, where sleighbell singalong meets Christmas Choir.

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CANDLELIGHTS CAROL CONCERT

December 20th & 21st 6:00 PM

At the Miners Foundry the Stone Hall comes alive for two days of Christmas Carols. Living trees, open flame candles galore, and a symphony of Christmas music.

minersfoundry.org/all-events

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE MINERS FOUNDRY

The Miners Foundry will be open serving specialty cocktails, hot buttered rum, and beer or wine! Join us for piano music, full bar, or take a photo with the beautiful historic stone walls of the Stone Hall.

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Capture the Magic!

Nevada County's Holt Ballet Presents *The Nutcracker*

For nearly 15 years, Nevada County's ballet conservatory, Holt Ballet, and Nevada City's historic cultural center, Miners Foundry, have collaborated to produce Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky's, *The Nutcracker*.

This timeless entertainment, a ballet for the whole family, continues to inspire adults and youngsters alike with its wit, beauty, color, and story. For some adults it is their first classical ballet experience, and for many youngsters, it is what compels them to sign up for ballet lessons at their local studio.

Clara and the Nutcracker, a coming of age story as told by Holt Ballet, follows Clara, a 12 year old girl, on the eve of Christmas, who awakens from a dream to find her toys have come to life and are engaging in battle. The toy Uncle Drosselmeyer gave Clara for Christmas, a Nutcracker doll, arrives to save Clara. Defending her from the attacking Mouse King and his threatening rats, the stalwart Nutcracker soldier sacrifices himself to save her.

Restored by Drosselmeyer, the Nutcracker doll becomes a live Prince who escorts Clara in a journey to a whole new world — a world of dancing snowflakes twirling around a snow queen, of exotic maidens snapping their fans to the beat of Spain, of vigorous Cossack soldiers exhibiting their athletic prowess, of an Arabian enchantress hidden behind her scarf, and many other dancing beauties led by the lovely and gracious Sugar Plum Fairy. Clara joins them in dance and adventure on this journey her uncle Drosselmeyer has magicked for her.

Holt Ballet's Clara and the Nutcracker offers a fresh experience with this classical story. Our Clara does not sit on a throne and passively watch life from the distance. She jumps in and participates as a Spanish Fan Dancer, A Rose in the bouquet, A Danish Marzipan playing her reed flute. Performed by Sparrow Stone-Francisco, this 14 year old dancer has skill and artistry beyond her years. Sure footed, a nice actress, and a lovely presence, the audience will never tire of watching her on stage. Our Sugar Plum Fairy, Kaylee Nicholls, 15 years old, will delight our audiences with her strength, control, and musicality. Accompanied by veterans Logan Hollmer, Nutcracker Prince, Christopher Selbie, Cavalier and Snow Prince, and Brooke Colvin, the Snow Queen, this show brings expertise and excellence to the Miners Foundry stage.



Clara (Kaylee Nicholls) and Frau Stahlbaum (Sara Colvin) celebrate the arrival of their guests on Christmas Eve.
Patrick Nicholls photo credit



Sugar Plum Fairy (Kaylee Nicholls) and Cavalier (Christopher Selbie) prepare their Grand Pas de Deux: Yelena Holt photo credit



The Snow Queen brings a flurry of wind and snow to shepherd Clara to the Magic Kingdom: Emma McBurney Snow Queen; Patrick Nicholls photo credit

You can't go through the winter holidays and not go see a Nutcracker ballet! As sure as trimming a tree, or lighting a candle menorah, or tracking the moon, Nutcracker is a part of the season's traditions. Don't let it pass you by!

**HOLT BALLET CONSERVATORY WITH THE MINERS FOUNDRY PRESENT:
CLARA AND THE NUTCRACKER**

December 11, 2025: 7:00 PM
December 12, 2025: 7:00 PM
December 13, 2025: 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
December 14, 2025: 1:00 PM
Advanced Tickets Adults: \$40
Advanced Tickets Students: \$35
At the Door Adults: Starting midnight before the event: \$45
At the Door Students: Starting midnight before the event: \$40

The box office opens one hour before each performance and the doors to the theater open 30 minutes before each performance.
Proceeds from the show provide financial benefit to Miners Foundry and its mission to support local and national talent and celebration. Proceeds also enable Holt Ballet Conservatory to continue to provide professional training in classical ballet to Nevada County's aspiring dancers.



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Friday Nights, November 28 through
December 19, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Step into the warmth and wonder of an Old-Fashioned Christmas Street Faire, where the charm of a bygone era comes alive under twinkling lights and festive decorations. Stroll through streets lined with stalls brimming with handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, and local treasures.

Downtown Grass Valley
downtowngrassvalley.com

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 7, 14, 21, 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday December 10 & 17, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The aroma of roasted chestnuts fill the air, along with cries of street vendors hawking their wares and lamp-lit streets filled with Christmas treasures. It's the one & only Victorian Christmas. Welcome the holiday season in Nevada City. It's a magical setting of hilly



Cornish Christmas

streets with authentic gas lamps, wandering carolers dressed in Victorian attire, and visitors sharing holiday cheer and good tidings. This annual family tradition has been held since 1978 and takes place two Wednesday evenings and three Sunday afternoons in December. There are holiday activities for all ages including live entertainment, yuletide treats and libations, and Father Christmas! Downtown Nevada City
nevadacitychamber.com

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Nevada Theatre, Nevada City

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November 29, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

This is a Western Flair take on a downhome Traditional Christmas community gathering, and has been hosted for decades by Gladys Martines. Visit the Village Center of Penn Valley, at the shopping plaza at the intersection

of Penn Valley Drive by Spenceville Road. A band, Robby James and The Streets of Bakersfield will be playing music, food is offered for free, hot chocolate, cider and tractor gives hay rides to nearby Word A Live Church to see a living Nativity scene. The Christmas tree will be lit and visits from Santa who comes riding in on a tractor!
Penn Valley Village Shopping Center

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

November 28 & 29, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

November 30, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Visitors to the Country Christmas Faire will enjoy musical entertainment, a gingerbread house and holiday exhibit displays, a community bonfire, and wagon rides. There are also delicious food and beverage booths. Our large exhibit buildings are filled with thousands of handcrafted items and gifts, giving shoppers a chance to start their holiday shopping and purchase unique quality handmade items created by more than 100 talented arti-

sans. Santa is available for visitors each day in the Chapel from 10 AM to 5 PM on Friday and Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Bring your camera for that special photo.
Nevada County Fairgrounds
nevadacountyfair.com

NEVADA UNION BAND ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

December 4, 7:00 PM

This festive performance will feature the school's Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band, showcasing the talents of student musicians across the program. Audiences can look forward to a diverse selection of music, highlighting a range of styles with a special focus on holiday favorites that capture the warmth and joy of the season. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM and conclude at approximately 8:30 PM.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for students/children. All ages are invited to attend.

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We work one-on-one with entrepreneurs and small business owners to navigate local regulations, identify funding opportunities, connect with workforce training, explore site options and access business planning assistance. Through partnerships with local economic organizations, chambers, regional agencies and others, we ensure that businesses have access to the tools and expertise they need to succeed.

Our mission is simple: to strengthen

Nevada County's economy by supporting the people who make it unique - our small business community. From Truckee to Penn Valley, Grass Valley to Nevada City, down the South County corridor and in every community in between, we're proud to help businesses of all sizes build a vibrant and sustainable future.

For more information, email kimberly.parker@nevadacountyca.gov or call (530) 470-2795.

Together, let's ensure Nevada County is thriving and growing, one small business at a time.



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Don Bagget Theater, Nevada Union High School, Grass Valley

NEVADA UNION’S MADRIGAL DINNER 2025

December 5, 7:00 PM

December 6, 5:00 PM

Hear ye! Hear ye! Lords and Ladies of the 21st Century. You are hereby invited, nay, commanded, to enjoy Royal Entertainment as honoured guests at the Feast of Christmas. Ye shall enjoy the finest food and drink His Majesty’s stores have to offer and be entertained by the finest musicians and actors the realm has ever seen. Not one will be allowed to leave without a full belly and a joyous heart. The King himself has commanded it!

Tickets: \$50.00

St Joseph’s Cultural Center, Grass Valley
nuchoir.org/madrigaldinner

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December 5 & 6, 6:30 PM

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For ticket information go to:
thecenterforthearts.org

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS HOEDOWN

December 13, Doors open at 5:00 PM,

Music starts at 6:00 PM

Let The Horses Run is a country dance band featuring traditional, classic, and original country songs in the honky-tonk, rockabilly and western swing genres. This event benefits Frank Gallino American Legion Post 130 Veterans Assistance Fund. No host bar. Food available.

Tickets available AML Post 130, call 530-687-2440. \$15.00 at the door.

Grass Valley Veterans Hall

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December 6, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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**NEVADA UNION CHOIR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT**

December 11, 7:00 PM

This much-anticipated event showcases the talent and dedication of Nevada Union's outstanding choir students. The concert will feature performances from all of the school's choir ensembles, with a program focused on holiday music from a variety of traditions and styles. Tickets are available for purchase online at nuchoir.org. Admission is \$15 for general seating and \$5 for students and children. Don Bagget Theater, Nevada Union High School, Grass Valley.
nuchoir.org

34TH ANNUAL NEVADA COUNTY TOY RUN

December 13, Kickstands up at Noon.

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Bikers meet at the Eric Rood Center (950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City)
nevadacountytoyrun.com

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For monetary donations go to:
grass-valley-ca.toysfortots.org

**HOLT’S BALLET PRESENTS:
CLARA & THE NUTCRACKER**

December 11, 12, 13, 7:00 PM
December 13 & 14, 1:00 PM matinee
Holt Ballet Conservatory’s Clara and The Nutcracker brings to life the complete classical repertoire from original productions of The Nutcracker, with reimagined spectacle that has endeared Director Holt to dance audiences for over two decades.

Ticket information at:
holtballetconservatory.org/clara-and-the-nutcracker-tickets/
Miners Foundry, Nevada City

**CENTER STAGE GRASS VALLEY PRESENTS:
NEVADA COUNTY NUTCRACKER**

December 12 & 13, 6:00 PM
December 13 & 14, 2:00 PM
Welcome to our 21st annual production of

the Nevada County Nutcracker! This is a wonderful seasonal holiday ballet. Come enjoy an evening out and support our local community of dancers.

Ticket information at:
centerstagegrassvalley.org/nutcracker/
Don Bagget Theatre, Nevada Union, Grass Valley

MIM’S HAPPY HOLIDAYS CONCERT

December 13, 7:00 PM
December 14, 2:00 PM
The fabulous Music in the Mountains Chorus is joined by orchestra and soloists in a heart-warming salute to The Holidays. You’ll hear old favorites, new arrangements, and even a Sing Along! These concerts are perennial favorites and tend to sell out — get your tickets soon.

Ticket information at:
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12 Holidays in Nevada County 2025

Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra Ring in the Holidays

Submitted by InConcert Sierra

InConcert Sierra presents the Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra’s “Sing in the Season” holiday concerts, under the direction of Alison Skinner, on Saturday evening, December 20 and Sunday afternoon, December 21.

“This program is inspired by fresh interpretations of classic holiday texts and well-loved tunes,” says Skinner, whose artistic vision brings joy and sparkle to the season.

The first half of the program highlights the beauty of Christmas texts in Latin, blending historic works with modern interpretations. “The program starts with an orchestral arrangement of “Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful),” followed by choral arrangements of “Personent Hodie” and “Gaudete,” both wonderful examples of contemporary composers setting old tunes in new ways, with rhythmic countermelodies and exciting accompaniments,” Skinner explains. Audiences will also enjoy Mark Miller’s ethereal arrangement of “O Magnum Mysterium,” as well as works by Renaissance German composer Heinrich Schütz, whose “Hodie Christus Natus Est” features a recurring dance-like chorus, and Franz Schubert’s exuberant

“Magnificat,” with a reverent middle movement framed by energetic sections.

The second half of the concert features melodies that are instantly recognizable, including “Carol of the Bells,” “Ding Dong Merrily on High,” “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen,” and “The First Nowell.” Chanukah favorites, such as “I Had a Little Dreidel, Ma’oz Tzur (Rock of Ages),” and “Jerusalem of Gold,” add further variety. Skinner notes, “I love the way these melodies are woven together—familiar carols and tunes with the sparkle of creative composers.”

The full program spans centuries and styles, from Renaissance and classical masterpieces to contemporary compositions, offering a rich musical experience for audiences of all ages. Sing-along selections invite the audience to join in, creating a lively and joyful celebration of the season.

The Sierra Master Chorale (SMC) is an auditioned community chorus and part of InConcert Sierra’s Concert Series. Since its

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plus! ONE Thursday Dec. 18th @ 7pm
Special Christmas Eve Matinée @ 2pm

LeGacy Presents

Founded as a small business theatre troupe, LeGacy Presents has been producing shows at the beautiful, historic Nevada Theatre since 2007. Focusing on the use of local talent, LeGacy is proud to once again present “It’s A Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play” from December 5th thru December 27th. Sands Hall returns (with Sara Noah) to direct this charming stage version of the iconic Frank Capra film, as adapted by Joe Landry. The show is presented as a 1940’s radio broadcast, complete with sound effects, ensemble voice acting, and an original emotional and energetic score by Sky Seals. Nevada County virtuoso pianists Beverly Marks and Janet Rossman share musical duties on the baby grand piano and additional keyboard. Rounding out the excellent production team is Les Solomon on light design, Hunter Reed on sound, with costumes by

Paulette Gilbert. Five talented actors encompass all the Bedford Falls characters, starring John Gardner as the beleaguered George Bailey. On this fateful Christmas Eve, George learns the lesson of what is most important in our lives on this earth, the love of family and friends. Helping George learn this lesson are talented actors Philip Jacques, Bruce Barnard, Sarah Mugridge and Sara Noah (who also is co-directing!) Chiming in on additional speaking roles are Jerry Peters and Del Dozier, as the “Foley” sound effects actors. “It’s A Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play” is a heartwarming reminder of small-town resilience-fitting for a county that prides itself on the same!

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founding in 2008, SMC has always performed with the InConcert Sierra Orchestra—an unusual opportunity for a community chorale—bringing choral masterpieces and beloved favorites to life. SMC is a major part of ICS’s long-standing tradition of presenting world-class classical music since 1946. ICS also offers educational programs and outreach, and is creating Crown Point Venues, a new home featuring an acoustic concert hall, conference center, and black box theater.

KNOW & GO

What: Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra

When: Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM /
Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 2 PM

Where: 12889 Osborne Hill Road, Grass Valley (GV Seventh-day Adventist Church)

Tickets: \$50 general admission, \$5 youth 18 and under

Phone: 530-273-3990

Online: [simplenetix.com/e/sierra-master-chorale-orchestra-holiday-20-tickets-214381](https://www.simplenetix.com/e/sierra-master-chorale-orchestra-holiday-20-tickets-214381)



The Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra dazzle the audience with sounds from their voices. | Photo by Valle Vision Photography



Victorian Christmas – Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

The aroma of chestnuts wafting through the air, costumed carolers singing, vendors with artisan wares, and the twinkling glow of gas-lit lamps filling the street. These are but a few reasons Victorian Christmas is such a magical holiday event. With glowing Christmas lights and fresh boughs of greenery, Nevada City is transformed into a winter wonderland reminiscent of years past.

The 47th annual Victorian Christmas is a family tradition that will take place on Sundays December 7, 14 & 21 from 1:30-6pm and Wednesdays – December 10 & 17 from 5-9pm. Enjoy a hot buttered rum or mulled wine as you browse the 120 artisan vendors with handmade goods, unique wares, and delicious food. The event showcases dozens of Victorian era inspired performing groups including brass bands, carolers, bagpipers, fiddlers, handbells, jugglers, and more. Enjoy

free hot roasted chestnuts as you warm up by the open fire.

New this year, the event offers an expanded footprint including Union Street, to offer more space for attendees to spread out. Additionally, and secondary shuttle location has been added to the event at the Bodhi Hive, formerly the Nevada City Tech Center. The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to join the festivities.

To avoid the hassle of parking take the shuttle from the Bodhi Hive, 420 Providence Mine Road, or the Nevada County Rood Center, 950 Maidu Ave., for \$8 of \$6 for locals with ID. More information can be found at nevadacitychamber.com.



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14 Holidays in Nevada County 2025

Music in the Mountains Presents a Joyful Celebration of the Season

Submitted by Music in the Mountains

Music in the Mountains (MIM) invites the community to celebrate the holidays in grand style with its annual Holiday Concerts on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM at The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley.

This year’s program is a jubilant mix of the familiar and the new, bringing together timeless carols, lush choral landscapes, and a dash of jazz, all performed by the MIM Chorus and the MIM Orchestra under the batons of Ariel May and Ryan Murray. The concerts will also feature two exceptional guest soloists: soprano Liisa Dávila and tenor Salvatore Atti, fan favorites who are returning to the MIM stage due to popular demand.

A PROGRAM FULL OF HEART AND TRADITION

“This concert is all about tradition,” says Music in the Mountains Artistic Director and Conductor Ryan Murray. “My favorite part is the audience; I love that the audience is familiar and right there with us with the sing-along. I like the way we come together as a community.”

The program features beloved seasonal works including *Silent Night*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, and *O Come All Ye Faithful* in

fresh new arrangements. It also includes *Sing Songs of Joy*, a piece by local composer Jerry Grant, a longtime member of the Nevada County Composers Cooperative and a veteran of the Los Angeles music scene.

Audiences will also enjoy the atmospheric beauty of Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, whose contemporary choral works, including a striking arrangement of the *Coventry Carol*, have become favorites in modern concert halls. The performance also includes an audience sing-along, a cherished MIM tradition that brings families, neighbors, and music lovers together in joyful harmony. Jazzy renditions of *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year* and other holiday classics round out the program and lift the energy at this feel-good event.

CELEBRATED GUEST ARTISTS

Liisa Dávila is known for her vocal clarity and dazzling coloratura, an elaborate style of ornamentation in vocal music, characterized by fast-paced runs, trills, and leaps. She has performed leading roles such as Pamina (*Die Zauberflöte*), Violetta (*La Traviata*), Mimi (*La Bohème*), and Liù (*Turandot*) with opera companies throughout California, including

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Grade: _____

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West Bay Opera and Fresno Grand Opera. She was a San Francisco District winner and Western Regional Finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, among other accolades.

Salvatore Atti is bringing his radiant tenor voice and international experience to the MIM stage for a second season. "Everything is so festive and cheerful, and it really sets the tone for the holiday season," said Atti. "My family gets to come too, which makes it even more special, especially since my travel schedule doesn't always make that easy." A graduate of the Boston Conservatory with multiple advanced degrees in vocal performance and opera, Atti has sung leading roles including Rodolfo (*La Bohème*), Don José (*Carmen*), and Alfredo (*La Traviata*) with companies across the U.S. and abroad. Praised by The Boston Globe for his "radiant" tone, Atti has performed with the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir in tours across Europe, including a Verdi Bicentennial performance in Busseto, Italy, where he earned the affectionate nickname "Piccolo Pavarotti." Atti enjoys singing with the MIM Chorus. "The musicians are such a joy to sing with; they're so talented and committed that it makes performing feel fun and effortless," he said.

A BELOVED COMMUNITY EVENT

The MIM Holiday Concerts have become one of Nevada County's most anticipated seasonal events, combining professional artistry with community spirit. Families, longtime patrons, and newcomers alike gather each December for music that warms the heart and inspires connection.

Last year's performances sold out, and this year's program is expected to do the same. Early ticket reservations are highly recommended.

EVENT DETAILS

What: The Music in the Mountains Holiday Concerts

When: Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 PM & Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM

Where: The Center for the Arts, 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, CA

Tickets: musicinthemountains.org

Keller Williams Gold Country Celebrates the 10th Annual Pet Bed Drive

What started as a simple chat between a few animal-loving Keller Williams agents in Grass Valley has now grown into a full-blown, tail-wagging, purr-inducing community tradition. Ten years ago, during a conversation in the office, someone said, “Wouldn’t it be great if shelter pets had something soft to sleep on?” And just like that, the Pet Bed Drive was born—proof that sometimes the best ideas happen between showings and paperwork.

Leading the charge from day one is Margaret Mickelson, a Keller Williams REALTOR® with a heart big enough for every dog and cat in Nevada County. She’s the kind of person who remembers every pet’s name she meets—and occasionally their birthdays. At her side each year is the ever-supportive Haidée Reyes, proudly representing the “and

cats too!” fan club.

Over the years, the Pet Bed Drive has become more than an office activity—it’s a community celebration. Kids help pick out beds. Neighbors drop off blankets on their lunch breaks. Agents forget to eat because they’re too busy sorting donations (well... almost). And every soft, fluffy bed ends up comforting a dog or cat waiting patiently for their forever family.

Margaret puts it best: “Helping one animal might seem small—but to that one animal, it means everything.”

Join in on the Fun — Here’s How!

We’re celebrating the 10th Annual Pet Bed Drive, and we want YOU to be part of the joy, kindness, and community spirit that makes this tradition so special.

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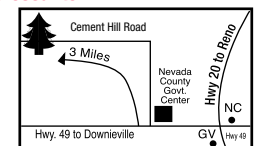
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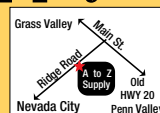
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