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Concerts & Carols

Holiday Concert at Saint Mary's College Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 8 pm Start the holiday season off with a song! Join us at the annual performance by SMC's student chorus, the NightinGael. The program includes selections from the great composers, contemporary artists and holiday favorites. Chapel, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Free and open to all.

Cantare Chorale & Nova Children's Treble Choir Concert Sat and Sun, December 5 and 6 A dazzling array of holiday music and beloved carols where the audience will be invited to join in the singing. Saturday, Dec 5th, 7:30pm at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie (off California), Walnut Creek, and again on Sunday, Dec 6th, 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, 27th and Broadway, Oakland. Both venues are wheel chair accessible. Tickets are \$40 general, \$35 senior and \$10 youth. Purchase tickets at www.cantareconvivo.org, or call the Cantare office at (510) 836-0789.

A Ceremony of Carols Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 pm Annual holiday concert by WomenSing, directed by Martin Benvenuto. a 55-voice chorus with a vibrant and beautifully blended sound. Come hear innocence and hope in Benjamin Britten's masterpiece and audience-favorite. A stunning Magnificat in 10 parts conceived as a prayer labyrinth by Christine Donkin, an opening three choir Dona Nobis Pacem by Ko Matshushita and other pieces by Debussy, Carter. St Mary's Chapel, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

Romantic Classical Guitar Concert and Fundraiser Friday, December 11 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm Classical guitarist Nihat Iyriboz will perform the 19th and 20th century luscious music by composers like Francisco Tarrega from Spain and Augustine Barrios Mangore from Paraguay. We'll finish off with a holiday choral performance by the award-winning Joaquin Moraga Middle School Choir. Light refreshments provided. Call 284-5050 to reserve a spot. Funds raised from this event will support the Lafayette Senior Needs Assessment Project. Lafayette Community Center Live Oak Room \$3 Members / \$5 Non-Members.

Chanukah Service in Song Friday, Dec 11 at 8pm, Shabbat Service Temple Isaiah Sanctuary, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. "Magnify Joy - Annual Christmas Concert" Saturday and Monday, December 12 & 14, at 4:00 p.m. The Festival, Chamber Chancel and Handbell Choirs, Revelers, Moodswing, Jazz Trio and Jubilate Baroque Orchestra will perform. Bach's

"Magnificat," the concert's centerpiece, is bursting with exuberant syncopation. Tickets are free, but required call 283-8722 x 223 Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette.

Christmas Bells Are Ringing Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 pm Featuring the Our Saviors Lutheran Church (OSLC) choirs. Choirs, handbells and congregational choral singing - nostalgic and fun, sometimes surprising and always family oriented, followed by a reception. Free. OSLC's gift to the community, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.

Christmas on the Hill: The Songs and The Story Sunday, December 13th at 7 pm Experience a heart-warming evening of your favorite carols led by the Kurt Ribak Trio, the Chancel and Kingdom Kids Choirs, and the MVPC Worship Team. Childcare for children ages 6 months to 5/K by reservation only. Contact Kathy Veitch: 376-4800 x245; kveitch@mvpctoday.org. Children ages 3 years to 5/K will enjoy a mini Christmas faire! Sanctuary, Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga, www.mvpctoday.org or 925-376-48.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony Monday, December 14 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive. Ticket information not yet available.

Pacific Boychoir Academy -"Harmonies of the Season" Saturday, December 19 at 7:00. Internationally renowned for rich and pure tone, bringing life and magic with them every time they sing. Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive.

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