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Trombonanza - Holiday Fun for Everyone

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More than a dozen trombone players from all ages and stages of life gathered in front of the iconic coffee shop - Papillon in La Fiesta Square - to spread holiday cheer through a parking lot concert for a few dozen Lamorindans on Saturday, Dec. 9. The temperature was brisk but the sun shone brightly as an intergenerational crowd gathered to take in the music.

Eleven-year old Noah Koester and his dad, Anthony Koester happened upon the concert when they were in the area to get haircuts. Noah, who plays the clarinet in a community band led by a former Lafayette Elementary School teacher, was really excited about the pop-up concert. "I think it's really interesting to have a band full of trombones. I'm having fun listening to them and I think they sound really good," Noah Koester said. "It's important for the community to come together to support events like this."

Victoria Reimers came from Orinda to be at the parking lot holiday concert with her 6-month-old and 2-year-old sons as well as her husband Time. "This is my son's very first time hearing and experiencing live music. I want my son to feel like he lives in a community," Reimers said about her 2-year-old as he bobbed up and down and smiled widely while taking in the music. "I want him to look back on the place he grew up and remember it fondly and have an attachment to it. I think these kinds of events help with that."



This young Lamorindan experiences his first live concert in Papillon parking lot.

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