

Theater, Art & Music



THE COSMOPOLITAN CABARET

Casting for the California Musical Theatre production of "My Way: a Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra" at The Cosmopolitan Cabaret has been completed. The accomplished four-person cast will include long-time Music Circus favorite Michael G. Hawkins. He'll be joined by Karole Foreman, Laura Dickinson and Jeffrey Christopher Todd.

"My Way: a Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra" celebrates the music of this icon of cool: a singer whose style, voice and attitude defined much of 20th century music. Two dynamic couples take the audience from the 1940s swing era, to the bright lights of Las Vegas with the Rat Pack, to Sinatra's final performances in the 1990s.

The musical features 58 songs made famous by Ol' Blue Eyes, including "Strangers in the Night," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Fly Me to the Moon" and "New York, New York." The production will begin its 15-week run on January 26, 2010 with three preview performances and will open on January 29, continuing through May 9. Tickets are currently available as part of a three-show subscription package with "Shear Madness" and "Suds." California Musical

Theatre Artistic Director Glenn Casale will direct the production, and Chris Schlager will be musical director and onstage accompanist. Casale is best known to Sacramentans for his 20-year career directing at Music Circus. Schlager returns to The Cosmopolitan Cabaret after completing an 11-month run as musical director and pianist for "Forever Plaid" in September.

Tickets for "My Way" are \$33 for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings, and \$38 for Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday matinees. Thursday matinees (\$33) are scheduled for February 26, March 25 and April 29.

Tables on the first level of the tiered seating are \$38 for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings and Thursday matinees and \$43 for Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday matinees. Preview performance tickets are only \$25. Three-show subscription tickets are discounted more than 20 percent off the price of the tickets sold separately.

Tickets are available in advance at the Wells Fargo Pavilion Box Office, 1419 H Street, (916) 557-1999. All performances are at The Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 1000 K Street (at 10th street). Cabaret box office is open two hours before performances.

The Cosmopolitan Cabaret is a 200-seat cabaret-style theatre, featuring 23 tables of four and seven rows of tiered seating with beverage counters. www.CosmopolitanCabaret.com.

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Valentine Dinner & Dance

Murphys, February 13, 2010. Enjoy a romantic dinner at Ironstone Vineyards Tasting Room Bistro. Guests will be able to select from our special Valentines Bistro Menu upon making their reservations. Small romantic candle lit tables just for you and that special loved one. The three-course meal includes a split bottle of wine per couple and a romantic desert. There is a no host cash bar available to purchase your favorite Ironstone Wines. Enjoy the great sounds of Speakeazy Jazz Orchestra and dance the night away. Dinner seating starts at 7:00, \$65 per person. Reservations; call Ironstone Vineyards, 209-728-1251 ext.11 or email us at events@ironstonevineyards.com.

Sacramento Philharmonic's "Songs of Hope" Unity Concert

Sacramento Philharmonic to perform with Israeli, Egyptian, Iranian and other musicians from the Middle East as an example of dialogue through the power of music. The concert will feature great classics such as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Mozart's Piano Concert # 20, as well as two works inspired by Middle Eastern cultures.

"Songs of Hope-Building Bridges", **Scheherazade, Mozart - Concerto for Piano No. 20 in d, K. 466, Reza Vali - Concerto for Persian Ney and Orchestra**, Nader Abbassi - Egyptian Maestro (Conductor); Shai Wosner - a renowned pianist from Israel; Khosrow Soltani - a leading Ney (Persian Flute) player. Together they will explore compositions by Mozart, Reza Vali, Rimsky-Korsakov, and the Maestro himself, Nader Abbassi. January 23, 8pm, Community Center Theater, 13th and L Street, Sacramento. \$16-85 (Discounts available for students and Military). For information, call Greg Wellman at 916-732-9045 or visit www.sacphil.org.

The concert will be preceded by a series of lectures and talks with the soloists, as well as a pre-concert lecture at 7pm day of the performance.

Sat, Feb 20, at 8:00pm, **Rachmaninov: Rhapsody, Theme of Paganini, Sibelius: Symphony No. 2**. Join Maestro Morgan and world renowned pianist Misha Dichter for the perfect wintertime concert featuring romantic music.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 8:00pm, **Midori Recital**. The Philharmonic presents the second in its great Artist Series. For the first time in Sacramento Midori will perform works of Bach, Brahms and the tour de force of virtuosity "Tzigane."

"Midori is a violinist, and an institution. Midori feels passionately that people must have access to a variety of great music, regardless of their age, race, social class, geographic location, or financial means.

Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 8:00pm, **Prokofiev, Gershwin, Still**. The season finale mixes classical music, the ever-popular *American in Paris* by Gershwin, the music of African-American composer William Grant Still, and the local Paradise Church Baptist Gospel Choir. Rachel Barton Pine is part of the new generation of violin masters, and she has performed with symphonies around the world including the Chicago Symphony.

Now in its thirteenth year of operation, the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra Association, Inc. is the professional symphonic orchestra for the Sacramento region and receives support from a variety of regional and national sources, including the Sacramento Philharmonic Foundation, the Sacramento Philharmonic League, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, Raley's, Target and numerous individuals, businesses and foundations. www.SacPhil.org; www.facebook.com/pages/Sacramento-Philharmonic/105170952280.

For more information, www.sacphil.org/calendar/item/id:231/. Community Center Theater, 1301 L Street, Sacramento, 95814.

Sutter Creek Theater

Maria Muldaur and her Red Hot Bluesiana Band! Saturday, January 23 - 8:00 pm \$23 adv / \$26 day of show. This will be a great night of great blues. **The Special Consensus Bluegrass Band**, Saturday, January 30 - 8:00 pm \$18 adv / \$20 day of show, a superb bluegrass outfit in a classic vein. Mark your Calendars:

2/6 Peppino D'Agostino
2/13 Missy Raines & the New Hip
2/20 Fred Eaglesmith
2/27 House of Floyd
Sutter Creek Theater, 44 Main St., Sutter Creek. (209) 267-1070. More info/tickets at www.suttercreektheater.com.

13th Annual Wine & Chocolate Weekend

Spend Valentine's Day weekend, February 13 & 14, 11 am to 4 pm in Lodi Wine Country sipping delicious, hand-crafted wines during the 13th annual Wine & Chocolate extravaganza event! 40 wineries in the Lodi Appellation; live music. Unwrap the 'Golden Ticket' and win a Wine Country Getaway or one of over 100 other prizes. \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door Desig. drivers complimentary. Contact 209-365-0621.

Crystal Image will be performing classic rock, country, blues and oldies music at the Jackson Elks Lodge Saturday, Feb 13 for their "Sweetheart's dinner/dance". Tickets are \$15 per person. The dinner starts at 6 pm with dancing at 7 pm. For more information call 209-223-1905. The Jackson Elks lodge is located at 12500 Kennedy flat road in Martell.

Crystal Image has "blues" and "country folk" CD releases available at their shows and on iTunes, amazon.com and cdbaby.com. They also have vintage rock song releases from the 60's and 70's on CD product in Germany and England. The English CD "California love-in" also features legendary rock band *Steppenwolf*. The European releases are rare limited collector's items. *Crystal Image* was formed in 1968. A new collectors edition CD titled "Hippie Party!" is offered at their Hippie Party shows or by contacting www.crystalimagemusic.com.

Their songs have been featured on VH1, TNN, ABC and A&E network TV shows. The February 13 show will feature John Covert, Michael Samaritano, Stephanie and Steve Farrell. "The new show is a lot of fun!", comments band leader, Covert. "We love interacting with the audience, dancing and singing with them." Crystal Image has always been a family friendly show and the audience and their happiness is our priority! The act will be performing as a five-piece band for *Hoot 'n Annies'* first anniversary party, January 16 at 8 pm and the duo will perform, with special guests, at Sierra Ridge Vineyards tasting room on February 26 at 7 pm.

Passport Wine Weekend is now Passport Days!

Calaveras Passport Days is a new four-weekend event! Join us for eight days of wine "Specialty" wine tasting, 2 days of gourmet foods and, of course, specials and discounts too good to pass up! On each weekend, participating member wineries will feature specials just for Passport holders. 2010 Passport dates are: March 13-14, April 17-18, May 22-23 and June 26-27.

On April 17th and May 22, 2010, select wineries will be providing gourmet foods, entertainment, special winery discounts and of course award winning Calaveras wines!

April 17th: Beaux Chevaux Winery, Bodega del Sur Winery, Brice Station Winery; Brill Mountain Vineyards, Chiarella Winery, Milliaire Winery, Muir's Legacy Vineyards, Newsome-Harlow Wines' Renner Wines and Zucca Mountain Vineyards. May 22nd: Black Sheep Winery, Chatom Vineyards, Chiarella ...

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