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## For Immediate Release

### ***Turn Up the Mariachi Music Dinner & Concert Fundraiser at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts***

Marysville, CA, March 7, 2025 – Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is very pleased to announce a fundraiser in support of the youth mariachi orchestra program. After years in the planning stages and having received several grant awards, the collaboration between the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, the Marysville Joint Unified School District, and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture has paid off. Now it's important to keep the momentum building and your support is needed to keep this culturally relevant program alive and well for our students. Currently based at Arboga School, the program is led by music educators, Deanna Olson and Lalo Barriga with support from several other instructors.

Now a part of the MJUSD curriculum and soon to be offered in Sutter County schools as well, the youth mariachi musicians are ready to perform for a wider audience. Help raise funds for additional instruments and mariachi uniforms as the program expands by attending a fundraiser on Saturday, March 15th at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Doors open at 6 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. The cost is \$25 per ticket, which includes dinner and the concert. The meal is being catered by none other than Justin France!

The history of mariachi dates to the 18th century and evolved over time in the countryside of western [Mexico](#). Modifications of the music over the years included influences from other musical genres, the addition of trumpets, and the wearing of [charro outfits](#) by mariachi musicians. There are many mariachi styles, but they include [corridos](#), [cumbias](#), [boleros](#), [ballads](#), [marches](#), [polkas](#), and [waltzes](#). Most of the lyrics are about machismo, love, betrayal, death, politics, revolutionary heroes, and country life. The origin of the word, mariachi, is disputed, but it may come from the name of the wood used to make the wooden platform that couples would dance upon to the accompaniment of an early form of mariachi music.

As an extra added attraction, the newly formed ballet folklorico dance ensemble from Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts will be performing. Folklorico is a collective term for traditional cultural dances that emphasize local folk culture with ballet characteristics. These are folk dances that one finds in villages throughout [Mexico](#), the [Southwestern United States](#) and [Central American](#) countries.

Enjoy this concert in celebration of these unique music and dance forms being performed by students who will be the next generation of culture bearers and who are part of the wonderful cultural diversity of Yuba-Sutter.

**About YSA:** Yuba Sutter Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance, and service to artists, organizations, and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Yuba Sutter Big Band, Very Special Arts Festival, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts, Convergence Theatre Co., and many more.

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