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## **Yuba Sutter Kids & Teens Youth Choir Now Forming for “Snowflakes and Sparkles” Holiday Concert**

Marysville, Calif., August 15, 2025 – A new session of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s Kids & Teens Youth Choir is now forming. The choir’s holiday performances and other concerts during the year have become must-attend events in the community. Being part of the Youth Choir is a great opportunity for young people to learn vocal techniques from an experienced professional. The Choir will be rehearsing classic holiday standards for its “Snowflakes and Sparkles” concert to be held on December 12.

The Yuba Sutter Kids & Teen Choir is for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and is part of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s Arts in Education program. The 20+ member Choir will rehearse weekly for ten weeks prior to the concert. Rehearsals and the performance will be held at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Register your student for the Choir online at [yubasutterarts.org](http://yubasutterarts.org) or by calling 530-742-2787.

Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 4:30 – 6pm, beginning on September 18 and run through December 4 with a break during Thanksgiving week. The fee is \$40 if students are registered by September 11. There is a \$5 discount for a second child from the same family. The fee after September 11 will be \$50 and \$45 for a second child. The registration fee includes a Choir T-shirt.

Once again, the Youth Choir is directed by the incomparable Gay Galvin. Gay has been singing and playing piano since she was six years old. Trained in classical and jazz styles, she has worked in big bands, musicals, jazz trios, and various classical ensembles. She is an accomplished vocalist and has taught choir at all age levels. Gay is a co-founder of the Yuba Sutter Big Band. Originally from Ohio, Gay has a master’s degree in music. She plays most musical genres and has even played in rock bands. Gay also leads her own jazz trio.

Choir students will work on a wonderful program of holiday favorites. You’re likely to hear their renditions of Carol of the Bells, Joy to the World, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Holly and the Ivy, Christmas Time Is Here (from A Charlie Brown Christmas), Sleigh Ride, My Favorite Things (from The Sound of Music), and lots more.

“I’m so privileged to lead the Youth Choir again this year,” said Gay. “And what better way to engage young singers than by having them learn some of their favorite holiday songs,” she added.

**About YSAC:** Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture 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, Arts in Corrections, Very Special Arts Festival, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts, Convergence Theater Co., the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, the Yuba Sutter Big Band & many more.

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