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“Art & Oysters” (and Chicken too!) Fundraiser Entertainment Lineup to help open the 299-Seat Main Stage Theater

Yuba City, Calif., October 21, 2025 – In case you haven’t heard, “Art & Oysters” is back this year and it will be bigger and better than ever. And it’s not just about the all-you-can-eat oysters (and chicken!). It’s a fundraiser to help open the 299-Seat Main Stage Theater on Plumas Street. Art & Oysters will be held on Saturday, November 1st starting at 6pm. The location is the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Tickets are \$85 each or \$650 for a table of eight. Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$95 each. Admission includes a fantastic lineup of musical and comedic entertainers, all you can eat oysters, chicken and side dishes. There will be a full no-host bar.

Here’s a look at the entertainment lineup that awaits you. We’ll kick things off with a sponsors-only Happy Hour in the lobby featuring Nicky Monroe on cello. Then the party really gets underway at 6pm with the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts (MCAA) Youth Mariachi Orchestra performing an early arriver, crowd-pleaser teaser concert on the sidewalk in front of the theater.

Funds are being raised to help resurrect the other half of the original Sutter Theater which has been dubbed the “Main Stage.” So now for the first time, it will begin to reemerge as a live music showcase at 6:15 with a performance by none other than the amazing Ella Rhody. She’ll be followed at 6:45 by her sister in music and life, Olivia Rhody playing some classic acoustic covers. MCAA Mariachi will be back, this time on the Main Stage at 7pm for an encore performance.

Attendees will also have the option to hear performances in the Clark Family Theater (sorry to make you choose genres!) for a 6:15 MCAA Bluegrass group performance. At 6:45 the big guns come out. Strap yourself in for a performance by the powerhouse vocal duo, Kathy and Thor Campbell, who will perform from their vast repertoire of everything from opera arias and duets to pop/rock favorites. Right around 7pm, Justin France will take a break from shucking and barbecuing oysters and chicken to sing a few numbers. If you didn’t know, before he became a master chef, Justin trained as an opera singer having performed in the bay area and locally in many productions.

At 7:30, Brandon Hunt will host our live auction of amazing items including a gourmet meal for

eight prepared in your home by Justin France, a private Sip 'n Sketch paint party for eleven led by Pamela Nowak, rental of the Sutter Theater for your private event, cases of wine, and decadent desserts by master baker, Elizabeth Preseton. Silent Auction items will include collectible artwork, fantastic gift baskets, a brand new acoustic guitar, antique furniture and lots more. Then back to the entertainment with our very favorite, very funny local comedian, Sinn Rella, who will regale you with her hilarious insights into daily life. We'll hold our Rooster Roulette Bingo competition and announce our 50/50 and Silent Auction winners. The evening concludes with a full concert by Janice White, formerly of JJ White, along with an encore appearance by Kathy and Thor. And did we mention that we are excited to have Briggs Moor, as in Dave & Briggs, formerly of Country 103.1 as our Master of Ceremonies!

So come out and support not only YSAC's efforts to finish the remodel, but also show your support for these amazing performers, young and old, who are singing and playing and yucking it up for the cause. Tickets are available online at yubasutterarts.org and in person at the Sutter Theater box office. There is limited seating so do not delay if you are planning to attend. The live music, comedy, art, fun atmosphere and great company are all included. Proceeds from the event will benefit the opening of the 299-seat Main Stage theater. By the way, naming rights for the theater are still available for purchase! Event sponsorships are also available from \$250 to \$1,500 with incremental benefits at each level.

For tickets or more information, call 742-ARTS or go to yubasutterarts.org.

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, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts, Convergence Theater Co., the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, the Yuba Sutter Big Band & many more.

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