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Tuba Christmas and the Yuba Sutter Community Band Two Holiday Concerts in One!

Yuba City, CA, December 9, 2024 – This year enjoy two shows in one at the annual Tuba Christmas/Yuba Sutter Community Band concert at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Even during the theater's construction phase, musicians gathered during the holidays to celebrate a national tradition performing holiday favorites on low brass instruments. Over the years, the Yuba-Sutter edition of Tuba Christmas has achieved "tradition" status.

Come out and enjoy some great brass band holiday music at this special concert at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, Sunday, December 14th starting at 6:00pm, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. General admission tickets are \$15. The performance will also include a community sing-along. And be sure to visit the Art Box Gallery and lobby art displays and do some holiday gift shopping. Musicians interested in participating in Tuba Christmas will meet to rehearse at 1pm at the Burrows Center for the Arts, 624 E Street in Marysville and then head over to the Sutter Theater for the 6pm performance.

2025 is the 51st anniversary of Tuba Christmas concerts which occur worldwide. The event celebrates those who play, teach, and compose music for instruments in the tuba family, including the tuba, sousaphone, baritone, and euphonium, though some participants bring rarer members of the family such as the helicon, ophicleide, serpent, and double bell euphonium. The first Tuba Christmas was conducted by Paul Lavalie at New York City's Rockefeller Plaza on Sunday, December 22, 1974.

For years, Tuba Christmas has been held locally at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. The all-volunteer band is led by local professional musician and music educator, Deanna Weisman, who will be playing euphonium for the concert. Deanna has a Master of Arts in Education degree and has been teaching for 25 years, currently in the Marysville Joint Unified School District and is also the band manager for the Yuba-Sutter Big Band. She's also the lead instructor for the new MJUSD Youth Mariachi Orchestra program.

This is the second year that the Yuba-Sutter Community Band will also be performing. Directed by Christina Sleigh-Garcia, it's a group of musicians that just want to have fun and play music, so they get together every week to make a beautiful noise. The group ranges in age and includes student musicians as well. They will perform a wide variety of holiday music. For tickets, go to yubasutterarts.org or visit the box office Tuesday through Friday from 10-4.

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 Productions, the Yuba Sutter Big Band, Art & Oysters and many more.

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