



Contact: David Read
530-749-8065
david@yubasutterarts.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yuba Sutter Community Big Band Sets Sail with “Across the Sea” Concert at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts



YUBA CITY, CA, May 26, 2026 – The Yuba Sutter Community Big Band, under the direction of acclaimed conductor and educator Christina-Sleigh Garcia, will present an exciting afternoon of music inspired by the sea, adventure and exploration on Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m. at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$15.

This dynamic ensemble brings together professional musicians, music educators and advanced student performers from throughout the region in a collaborative concert experience that celebrates both musical excellence and mentorship. The concert program features a sweeping collection of contemporary concert band works and beloved cinematic favorites, all connected through themes of oceans, sailing and maritime adventure.

The afternoon opens with Randall Standridge’s uplifting “Blue Sky Horizon,” followed by Yukiko Nishimura’s energetic “Sailing!” and Alfred Reed’s lyrical “Seascape,” featuring euphonium soloist David Bole. The first half concludes with Michelle Rodriguez’s evocative “Of Endless Miles on Empty Rafts.”

Following intermission, the ensemble returns with Robert Buckley’s “Pacific Spirit” before launching into the concert’s centerpiece, Francis McBeth’s monumental “Of Sailors and Whales,” inspired by Herman Melville’s literary classic *Moby Dick*. The dramatic and cinematic work explores the majesty and mystery of the sea through powerful musical storytelling.

Audience members will also enjoy selections from Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* by Alan Menken, the haunting folk melody “Wayfaring Stranger” arranged by Christopher Nelson, music from *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest*, and the patriotic Sousa march “Hands Across the Sea.”

According to Garcia, the concert showcases not only the versatility of wind ensemble music, but also the importance of building connections across generations of musicians.

“This ensemble is special because it creates opportunities for experienced professionals and emerging young artists to perform side-by-side,” Garcia said. “The result is an inspiring musical experience for both the performers and the audience.”

The concert takes place at the historic Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, located at 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Tickets are available at the box office or online through yubasutterarts.org. For additional information, call (530) 742-ARTS.

About Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture: Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, the local affiliate of the California Arts Council, is a nonprofit arts agency dedicated to providing arts programming, cultural experiences, and creative opportunities for residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. Through public art, education, performances, and community partnerships, the organization works to enrich quality of life and strengthen regional identity through the arts.

End