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Bandits & Bandanas Meets the Grand Ole Opry **The Fundraiser for the Main Stage at The Sutter Theater Center for the Arts Returns**

Yuba City, Calif., July 29, 2026 – Pull on your boots, dust off your cowboy hat, and get ready for an unforgettable evening of country charm, laughter, and community spirit as Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture presents *Bandits & Bandanas Meets the Grand Ole Opry*. This year's signature fundraising gala transforms the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts into a celebration of country music, Southern hospitality, and classic Americana, all while raising critical funds for the continued redevelopment of the theater's historic Main Stage.

Guests will enjoy an evening filled with delicious food, lively entertainment, games, auctions, and plenty of surprises in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're a lifelong country music fan or simply looking for a unique night out with friends, *Bandits & Bandanas Meets the Grand Ole Opry* promises an experience that celebrates community while supporting the future of the performing arts in Yuba-Sutter. Proceeds from the event will help advance Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture's vision of completing the transformation of the back half of the historic Sutter Theater into a modern, 299-seat Main Stage performance venue. Once completed, the expanded theater will provide a larger permanent home for concerts, theater productions, educational programs, community events, and visiting artists, strengthening downtown Yuba City's role as a regional arts and entertainment destination.

The show kicks off on Saturday, August 22nd, in the Giddy-Up Saloon at 5:30 followed by a chuckwagon supper at 6:30. The music starts at 7. It all takes place at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Individual tickets are \$75 or \$550 for a table of eight. Sponsorships are also available. Purchase tickets or tables at yubasutterarts.org.

Lots of folks don't realize that behind the existing beautiful lobby, art gallery, and Clark Family Black Box Theater at the front of the building, there is a 299-seat theater waiting to be refurbished. It is what was once the front half of the original 900-seat Sutter Movie Theater. It is like a time capsule, unchanged for over 70 years. There stands the raised stage and proscenium arch right where they were when "Singin' in the Rain," "Rear Window," "Star Wars," and "Indiana Jones" were first screened there. The plan is to restore the space and convert it into a live performing arts venue. Imagine a 299-seat multi-purpose theater right in the heart of downtown Yuba City and what that will mean for businesses on Plumas Street and all of Yuba City.

Back to the lineup for *Bandits & Bandanas*. The amazing cast of this cabaret-style show (think *Applause*) includes Kathy Campbell, Thor Campbell, Tanda Phelps, and special guest stars Shannon and Josh Dukeberry. The whole show is being wrangled by returning native son, Alex Cesena, who is once

again directing, singing, and dancing right alongside his longtime sidekicks. This year's live auction will feature awesome, biddable items including a vintage wine collection, dinner for eight prepared in

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your home by chef Justin France, a residential yard cleanup and makeover by the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club led by master gardener, Ron Ingram, Decadent Desserts by the one and only Elizabeth Preston, a Husqvarna Chain Saw and Blower, an artfully decorated antique table by Mike Pasquale and a monthly bouquet for a year, compliments the Country Florist.

And again, this year, we're bringing back "Chicken Sh*t Bingo." If you're not familiar with this game, it involves a 4'x8' board with random numbers under a cage in which a chicken is placed. The winning number is the one the chicken..., well, you can figure it out from there.

The Main Stage area is not yet generally open to the public, so be sure to schedule a tour when you arrive either before or after Bandits & Bandanas to see what it's all about. You will get to see the space before the transformation begins. The McCandless & Associates architectural firm has been working on the project for over a year now and the planning is moving forward in earnest. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in this great project that will benefit the entire community in unimaginable ways. Join the celebration and celebrate these wonderful artists who are donating their time and talent for this worthy cause. Purchase your tickets or a table at 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 for 45 years, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Stage 754, Center Stage Productions, the Yuba Sutter Big Band and many more.

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Bandits and Bandanas 2024



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The Bandits and Bandanas Crew 2024