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Yuba Sutter Kids & Teens Youth Choir Now Forming for “Starry Nights and Christmas Lights” Holiday Concert

Yuba City, Calif., September 8, 2026 – Young singers throughout the Yuba-Sutter region are invited to join Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s Kids & Teens Youth Choir as it begins rehearsals for its annual holiday concert, “Starry Nights and Christmas Lights.”

Led once again by accomplished musician and music educator Gay Galvin, the Youth Choir gives young people an opportunity to develop their voices, learn proper vocal techniques, gain confidence as performers, and experience the fun of making music as part of an ensemble. The 11-week program begins September 22 and culminates with a festive holiday performance on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6pm. No rehearsal Thanksgiving week.

The Yuba Sutter Kids & Teens Youth Choir is part of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s ongoing Arts in Education programming and welcomes students in 3rd through 12th grades. Rehearsals and the final performance will be held at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. The cost for the entire 11-week program and final performance is \$65, and every participating singer will receive a special choir T-shirt.

The holiday choir has become a favorite seasonal tradition, bringing young voices together to perform music celebrating the warmth, excitement and spirit of the season. “Starry Nights and Christmas Lights” will feature a lively collection of holiday music while giving singers the chance to learn about harmony, rhythm, stage presence and the importance of listening and working together as an ensemble.

Returning director Gay Galvin brings a lifetime of musical experience to the program. She has been singing and playing piano since the age of six and is trained in both classical and jazz styles. She has performed with big bands, musical theater productions, jazz trios, classical ensembles and rock bands and has taught choir to singers of all ages. Originally from Ohio, Gay holds a master’s degree in music and is also a co-founder of the Yuba Sutter Big Band.

For Gay, the program is about much more than preparing for a single concert. It is an opportunity to help young people discover the joy of singing together while building musical skills they can carry with them for years to come.

To register or learn more, visit yubasutterarts.org or call Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture at 530-742-2787.

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. For 45 years it has been 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 Productions, Stage 754, the Art Box Marketplace and many more.

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YS Youth Choir Holiday 2024 Show



YS Youth Choir led by Gay Galvin



Gay Galvin YS Youth Choir Director