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U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West's Sierra Winds Comes to the Sutter Theater for Free Concert

August 27, 2026, Yuba City, CA - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is proud to welcome the Sierra Winds Trio, an ensemble of the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West, for a free concert on Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts in Yuba City. Based at Travis Air Force Base, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West is the only active-duty Air Force band west of the Rocky Mountains. Its highly trained Airman-musicians perform throughout the western United States at concerts, military ceremonies, schools and community events, serving as musical ambassadors for the United States Air Force.

Sierra Winds is one of the Band of the Golden West's chamber ensembles, showcasing the artistry and versatility of its professional musicians in a more intimate setting. Audiences can expect an engaging program demonstrating the remarkable range of the woodwind repertoire and the musicianship for which Air Force bands are known.

Military bands have played an important role in American life for more than two centuries. From the fife and drum corps of the Revolutionary era to today's sophisticated concert, jazz and chamber ensembles, military musicians have helped mark important national occasions, honor those who serve, lift morale and bring communities together. The modern Air Force musical tradition grew dramatically during World War II. Beginning in 1941, the Army Air Forces established dozens of bands and recruited talented musicians from symphony orchestras, colleges and some of the nation's leading dance bands. When the United States Air Force became an independent military branch in 1947, music remained an important part of its public and ceremonial mission.

Today, Air Force bands continue that tradition not only at official military functions but also through public performances across the country and around the world. These concerts provide a unique connection between members of the armed forces and the communities they serve.

"There is something very special about welcoming military musicians into our community," said David Read, Executive Director of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. "They represent an extraordinary combination of artistry and service. Military bands remind us that music can honor our history, celebrate our country and create connections among people from all walks of life. We are delighted to bring Sierra Winds to the Sutter Theater and especially pleased to offer this concert free to our community."

The concert is open to everyone, and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture especially encourages veterans and military families, young musicians and music students, families and music lovers of all ages to attend. The concert is free, but please pre-register. It offers an excellent opportunity for families, veterans, students, musicians and music lovers of all ages to experience one of the United States Air Force's outstanding musical ensembles. For additional information, and to register, go to yubasutterarts.org or call 530-72-2787.

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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