

Welcome to Culture Connection

**Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring
the events, stories and people of our community**



\$9 Million for California Cultural Districts

On January 10, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom submitted a 2020-21 budget proposal that includes a one-time \$10 million increased general fund allocation for the California Arts Council.

According to the Governor's budget proposal, the following provisions are proposed to be expended or encumbered over a three-year period:

- \$9 million shall be provided for the support of existing cultural districts and the addition of cultural districts in underrepresented areas
- \$1 million shall be provided for the development of disaster preparedness guidelines and best practices at the county level

[California Arts Council](#) Chair Nashormeh Lindo and Executive Director Anne Bown-Crawford issued the following joint statement in response to the proposed budget:

"The California Arts Council plays a vital role in protecting and preserving the cultural identity of our state. We are deeply grateful to Governor Newsom for his thoughtful leadership in prioritizing our cultural districts and disaster preparedness initiatives in this state budget proposal. These initiatives demonstrate community-building results that

respond to local needs and priorities by placing arts and culture at the center of cross-sector partnerships. We look forward to working with the Governor's Office and the Legislature throughout this year's budget process in support of Governor Newsom's vision of all Californians striving and succeeding together--in pursuit of their own version of the California Dream."

The Governor's full budget proposal is posted [here](#).



Free Poetry Hour with Nevada County Poet Laureate Chris Olander

Tonight, Wednesday, January 15th, from 5 - 6:00 pm, [Nevada County Arts](#) and [Wild Eye Pub](#) will host Free Poetry Hour with Nevada County Poet Laureate Chris Olander at The Wild Eye Pub in Grass Valley.

This event is an opportunity to meet with Olander in a casual setting to discuss poetry, ask questions, read a poem, and explore the many ways that poetry as an art form can impact and transcend our daily lives. Come early or stay later to enjoy a beverage, some food and some good music.



Yuba Lit Presents "Three Fearless Funny Spirits"

Tonight, Wednesday, January 15th, at 7:00 pm, [Yuba Lit](#) presents "Three Fearless Funny Spirits" at [Wild Eye Pub](#) in Grass Valley.

Hear live readings from three fiction writers who face the world with humor and heart. From the Bay Area, [Tomas Moniz](#) and [Nancy Au](#) are both nominees for the prestigious PEN America literary awards! Moniz will read from his novel *Big Familia*, which Foreword calls "a timely and entertaining exploration of family, sexuality, race, and community," while Au will read from *Spider Love Song and Other Stories*, which Kirkus called "an original and delightfully off-kilter debut collection about searching for a sense of belonging, set mostly in Chinese American communities in California." From Nevada City, [Judie Rae](#) will read from her novel "The Haunting of Walter Rabinowitz," about a post-grad student exacting revenge on a womanizing professor.

Audience members who write are encouraged to bring a poem or page of their own for the chance to read in Yuba Lit's lively audience flash reading round. Doors open at 6:30pm. Advance tickets are \$8; or \$10 at the door. Seating is cabaret style, and food and beverages are available for purchase.

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Wild & Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibition Opening Reception

[SYRCL](#) and [Nevada County Arts Council](#) will kick off the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibition](#) with an **Art Reception and Award Ceremony** from 4:30 to 6:30pm on **Thursday, January 16th**, at the Gold Miners Inn, 121 Bank Street, in Grass Valley.

On Friday, January 17th you can take an Art Stroll in Nevada City from 4 - 6pm, and another on Saturday in Grass Valley from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

Download the complete schedule of films, events and workshops, [here](#).



Sierra Theaters Presents NT Live's "All My Sons"

On Thursday, January 16th, at 6:30 pm [Sierra Theaters](#) will present NT Live's production of Arthur Miller's "All My Sons" at Sierra Cinemas in Grass Valley.

Broadcast live from The Old Vic in London, Academy Award-winner Sally Field and Bill Pullman star in Arthur Miller's blistering drama "All My Sons". In America, 1947, despite hard choices and even harder knocks, Joe and Kate Keller are a success story. They have built a home, raised two sons and established a thriving business. But nothing lasts forever and their contented lives, already shadowed by the loss of their eldest boy to war, are about to shatter. With the return of a figure from the past, long buried truths are forced to the surface and the price of their American dream is laid bare.

There will be an **encore performance on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 3:30pm.**

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InConcert Sierra Presents the Escher String Quartet

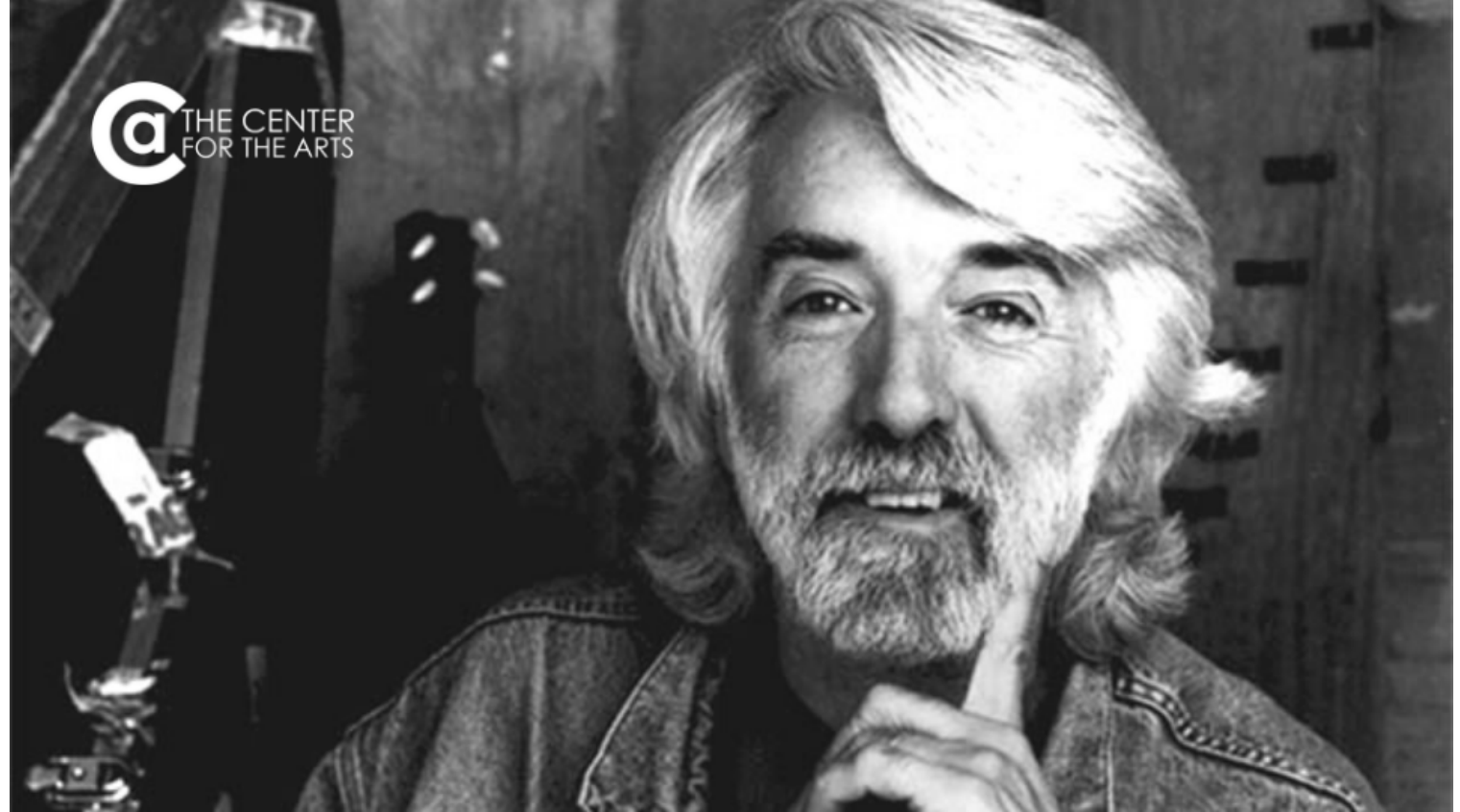
[InConcert Sierra](#) presents The Escher String Quartet at **2pm on Sunday, January 19th**, at the [Seventh Day Adventist Church](#) in Grass Valley.

The Escher String Quartet is one of the fastest rising North American string quartets. The program includes:

- Six Bagatelles, Op. 9 — Webern
- Quartet in A Minor — Kreisler
- Quintet for Strings in C Major, D. 956 — Schubert

Joining the esteemed Escher Quartet to perform Schubert's "Quintet for Strings in C Major" will be InConcert's principal cellist David Speltz, also the father of cellist Brook Speltz and violinist Brendan Speltz.

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The Center for the Arts Presents John McEuen & The String Wizards

[The Center for the Arts](#) presents [John McEuen & The String Wizards](#) on **Saturday, January 25th, at 8:00pm** at [Foothills Event Center](#).

John McEuen is a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, best known for its evergreen bestselling album "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and for its version of the song "Mr. Bojangles." McEuen is one of the seminal figures who conceived and originated the fusion of folk, rock and country, a unique sound still immensely popular today.

McEuen brings his guitar, banjo, fiddle, and mandolin along with favorite NGDB songs and the stories behind them to the stage in a manner that earned him the honored "Best in the West Award" from the Folk Alliance Organization.

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Nevada County Library Card Design Contest

In honor of National Library Week in April, the Nevada County Community Library is launching a new “Imagination’ themed Library Card Contest. The library is looking for artists of all ages to submit an original, unpublished and free of copyright design. Visit your local library branch on or after January 13th to pick up the library card design entry form and template. The deadline to enter is February 8th, 2020.

Winning designs will be featured on official [Nevada County Community Library](#) cards and will be recognized by the [Nevada County Board of Supervisors](#).

Submissions may be made at any Nevada County Community Library or by mail to: Library Card Contest Nevada County Community Library 980 Helling Way Nevada City, CA 95959

For more information, contact Cindy Pawlowski, Madelyn Helling Library Branch Manager at 530-265-7078.



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