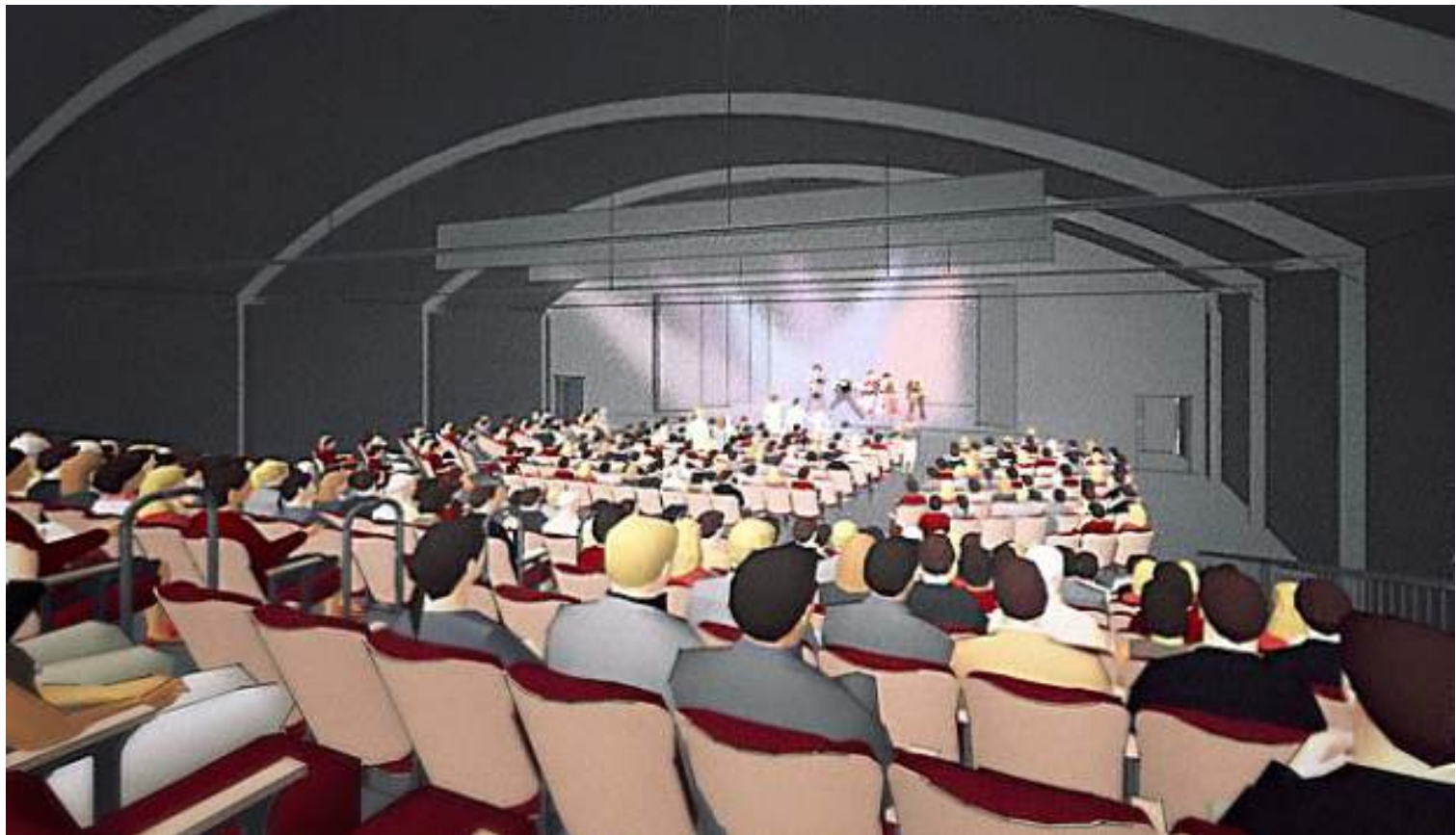




## Welcome to Culture Connection

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



The Grand Reopening of the

# Center for the Arts

After an extensive multi-million dollar renovation project, Grass Valley's [Center for the Arts](#) is preparing to reopen with a series of concerts and events designed to familiarize the community with the remodeled venue. After the recent restoration project, the main theater will now hold 492 seats and allow for the seating and dance floor arrangements to be customized for each event. The theater also includes a state-of-the-art Meyer Sound system, larger stage, and an expanded lobby and bar.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on April 1st at 10:30am in the Center's newly renovated theater. Invited attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new facilities and entertainment will be provided. The celebrations continue throughout April, and include a volunteer reception on April 3rd, the Donor Wall reveal party on April 11th, and the Find Your Seat party on April 15th for those donors that bought a seat.

Center for the Arts members are invited to a members-only tour on April 18th, while **the public is welcome to tour the renovated facilities on April 26th from 11:00am to 2:00pm**

The Center has an exciting schedule of upcoming performances by renowned artists such as blues musician [Tinsley Ellis](#), who will mark the first concert in the “new” Center on March 13th. Comedian [Tom Papa](#) will take the stage March 14th, and rockers [The Allman Betts Band](#) will perform March 15th. A complete schedule of events as well as ticket information is available [here](#).

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## Foothills Celebration in Downtown Grass Valley

The 19th annual [Foothills Celebration](#) will take place on **Saturday, March 7th, from 1:00pm - 4:00pm** in downtown Grass Valley. This unique tasting event offers participants the opportunity to Shop, Sip, Taste & Stroll!

Advance tickets for the event are \$50; on March 3rd or later, the price is \$55. Tickets include unlimited beer and wine tasting from over 20 local and regional wineries and breweries, five food tastings, a commemorative glass, and a program.

Start at [Gold Miners Inn](#) to get your glass and program; additional food tasting tickets may be purchased throughout the event. Tickets are \$10 for 5 food tastings, or 2 for \$5 at [Gold Miners Inn](#), [Tofanelli's](#), [LaTeDa](#), and [M3 Mall](#). Designated Driver tickets include 5 food tastings for \$10. This is a rain or shine event with no refunds.

Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more. Call the [Grass Valley Downtown Association](#) at 530-272-8315 for details.

[BUY TICKETS](#)

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## Music in the Mountains Presents Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms"

[Music in the Mountains](#) will present the "Chichester Psalms" on **Sunday, March 8th, at 2:00pm** at the Amaral Center at the [Nevada County Fairgrounds](#). The MIM Chorus (over 80 members) and the [California Youth Symphony](#) (CYS) join forces to perform Leonard Bernstein's deeply moving and profoundly beautiful choral masterpiece.

The program also features Christine Lee, the CYS Young Artist Competition winner (who is also our Co-Concertmaster), performing Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto – composed in 1945 and first performed by the legendary Jascha Heifitz. It is a tour de force for both soloist and orchestra. Also featured on this program is Bartók's Dance Suite, one of the finest examples of how Bartók assimilated folk music into 20th Century classical music.

All seats are reserved. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$59; free for under 18 years of age.

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## "Strata" - Nancy Mintz at The Center for the Arts

In her first local exhibition, "Strata", Nevada County artist [Nancy Mintz](#) brings together works created over the past ten years, in a wide variety of media. The show, at the new [Center for the Arts](#) main gallery, will run from March 10th - March 28th, with an **opening reception on Thursday, March 12th, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.**

Mintz considers herself a “materials artist,” taking her inspiration from the innate potential of the diverse media that she has mastered through her career— including ceramics, wood, and metals to textiles and paper.

Her work has been exhibited at noted venues such the [Kala Art Institute](#), [Bollinas Museum](#), and the [Riverside Art Museum](#). She is currently represented by [Traywick Contemporary](#), in Berkeley, CA.

Photo: "Felt Mountain" by Nancy Mintz

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## 14th Annual Empty Bowl Fundraiser

[Hospitality House](#) will host their 14th annual [Empty Bowl](#) fundraiser on **Saturday, March 14th, with seatings at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm.**

Choose your own hand-crafted wooden or ceramic bowl, fill it with your choice of soup and enjoy your meal with friends. With this simple meal of soup and bread, you stand in solidarity with people who are hungry and homeless. You will also hear directly from Hospitality House guests, and you will have the opportunity to win beautiful pieces of handcrafted artwork made by local artists when you participate in the raffle and silent auction. All proceeds benefit Hospitality House Community Shelter.

Please purchase your ticket for one of the three seatings: 11am-12:30pm; 1pm-2:30pm or 3pm-4:30pm. Tickets are available at [Bread & Roses Thrift and More](#), [Hospitality House](#) and [BriarPatch Food Co-op](#). Tickets are \$30 per person; children 12 & under have free admission and soup (no artisan bowl).

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## St. Piran's Day

Every year [Grass Valley](#) celebrates St. Piran's Day with its pasty tossing contest. The rain or shine event, which celebrates the Cornish immigrants who settled here during the gold rush, is fun for adults, children and especially dogs.

The festivities take place in the City Hall parking lot at Main and Auburn streets on **Saturday, March 10 at 9:00am - 10:30am.**

This free event will include:

- Grass Valley Cornish Choir
- Pasty Olympics
- Pasty Making Contest - If you bake, bring a home-baked pasty to the judging table by 9:15 to enter the pasty bake-off. [Tess' Kitchen Store](#) will recognize the "Best Overall" and "Best Traditional" pasty.

Winners of the pasty tossing contest will receive prizes and every contestant will receive a St. Piran's Day pin. Bring a leashed dog to help clean up the special tossing pasties, made with organic dog food and healthy ingredients

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## Tibetan Monks Return to Grass Valley

The Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery return to Grass Valley March 13th through March 28th. **The Opening Ceremony is on Friday, March 13th at 7:00pm** at the [Banner Community Guild](#) at 12629 McCourtney Road in Grass Valley. The Monks will make a sand mandala, offer group healings, cultural events, kids and family mornings, a talk of aging for seniors and Dinner and a Movie with the Monks.

The entire schedule for the Monks visit to Grass Valley is at [Sierra Friends of Tibet](#).

To see the sand mandala, a \$1 to \$10 donation is suggested. To attend the events a \$10 to \$20 donation is suggested. To attend dinner and a movie with the Monks the donation is \$30. The doors open Monday through Saturday at 10:00am and on Sundays at 1:00pm.

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## See Local Dancer Alison Clancy in a Solo Performance with the Metropolitan Opera

[Sierra Theaters](#), in partnership with [InConcert Sierra](#) and [Music in the Mountains](#), presents Wagner's "Der Fliegende Hollander" on **Saturday, March 14th, at 9:55am at Sierra Cinemas**, at 840-C East Main Street in Grass Valley. This production is being broadcast live from Lincoln Center in New York City. Admission is \$23 for Adults, \$21 for Seniors, and \$18 for Students and Children 12 and under.

Director François Girard, whose mesmerizing production of Parsifal recently wowed audiences, returns to stage Wagner's eerie early masterwork. Sir Bryn Terfel returns to the Met, for the first time since 2012, as the mysterious seafarer searching for salvation.

**Local dancer Alison Clancy** will be making her debut as a dance soloist at The Met during the overture of "Der Fliegende Holländer," in this New York premiere, choreographed by Carolyn Choa. Clancy takes center stage in a dance prologue, created especially for this staging, in which she is a psycho-spiritual embodiment of Senta, the opera's leading lady. Clancy's barefoot solo introduces the epic [Gesamtkunstwerk](#) in this new production, set against sweeping video projections by [Peter Flaherty](#).

Alison Clancy grew up in Nevada County and studied in the [Nevada Union Theatrical Dance Program](#) under [Yelena Holt](#). Her family still lives here and she returns regularly to visit, often offering classes to local dancers.

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