



GREEN MUSIC CENTER

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DECEMBER 2018 AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

***Navidad Mexicana* with Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles**
American Bach Soloists – Handel’s *Messiah*
San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus
Dave Koz & Friends – Christmas Tour 2018 with
special guests Mindi Abair, Jonathan Butler, and Keiko Matsui

(Sonoma County, CA) – Sonoma State University’s Green Music Center celebrates this Holiday Season with a string of performances within Weill Hall highlighting a diverse array of programming. December kicks off with a performance by the first all-female Mariachi group, **Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles** bringing sensitivity, beauty, and a vivacious spirit to their acclaimed holiday program *Navidad Mexicana*. On December 15 the perennial holiday tradition of Handel’s *Messiah* returns to Weill Hall performed by the leading performers in the field of Baroque Music – **American Bach Soloists**. The following evening we welcome the dazzling and delightful sound of the **San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus** performing favorites from "Silver Bells" to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," as well as a cutting-edge version of "Silent Night."

Then on December 20th, **Dave Koz** returns with his 21st Annual Christmas Tour. This year he features another all star ensemble including saxophonist/singer **Mindi Abair**, guitarist/singer **Jonathan Butler**, pianist **Keiko Matsui**, and up and coming vocalist **Sheléa**.

Tickets are available now. Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit gmc.sonoma.edu.

DECEMBER 2018 AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

NAVIDAD MEXICANA WITH MARIACHI REYNA DE LOS ANGELES

Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

Weill Hall

!Que Vivan Las Mujeres! Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles® brings the spirit of the Holidays through the historic art of mariachi to the Green Music Center. In a musical landscape where songs are often written by men, from male perspectives, Reyna has created its own history as America’s first all-female mariachi ensemble, blazing the trail for female mariachi musicians.

Tickets: \$25-\$55

AMERICAN BACH SOLOISTS – HANDEL’S MESSIAH

Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 7 p.m.

Weill Hall

San Francisco-based AMERICAN BACH SOLOISTS are leading performers in the field of Baroque music, dedicated to historically informed performances of Bach and his contemporaries. Under the leadership of Music Director Jeffrey Thomas, the ensemble has achieved its vision of assembling the world’s finest vocalists and period- instrument performers to bring this brilliant music to life. They return to Weill Hall to perform Handel’s *Messiah* – a cherished holiday tradition.

Tickets: \$50-\$95

SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN’S CHORUS – HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Weill Hall

No one does holidays better than the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus. This will be the 28th year the chorus has traveled north at the holidays to benefit Face 2 Face, AIDS services of Sonoma County. The chorus is not only bringing 150 handsome men, but will be accompanied on the journey by a fabulous brass quintet and the amazing coloratura soprano, Marnie Breckenridge. With that combination, there will definitely be a lot of brass and sass, from classical to swing. The chorus will sing and dance its way into your hearts with some zany holiday antics – and welcome you home by wrapping you in your favorite holiday carols and traditions.

Tickets: \$25-\$75

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS – CHRISTMAS TOUR 2018 with special guests MINDI ABIAR, JONATHAN BUTLER, KEIKO MATSUI, and introducing SHELÉA

Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

Weill Hall

In a career that spans more than a quarter-century, nine Grammy® nominations, nine No. 1 albums on Billboard’s Current Contemporary Jazz Albums chart, numerous world tours, playing for multiple presidents, and a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, saxophonist DAVE KOZ has maintained a commitment to celebrating the magic of the holiday season like few other artists of his genre or generation.

Tickets: \$50-\$95

ABOUT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

With a student population of 9,400, Sonoma State University is unique in its liberal arts and sciences mission with a longstanding tradition of promoting intellectual and personal growth, leadership opportunities and technological proficiency. We cultivate a community in which a diverse population can learn and work in an atmosphere of civility and respect. We encourage innovation, experimentation and creativity, as well as contributions to equity and inclusion, in the pursuit of excellence for all members of our university community. See more news from SSU at news.sonoma.edu/.

ABOUT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

The Green Music Center is the performing arts presenter at Sonoma State University, a regionally serving public university committed to educational access and excellence. The mission of the Green Music Center is to present the most compelling artists of our time, to investigate ideas, and to provide access to diverse artistic experiences that educate, connect, and inspire Sonoma State University and neighboring North Bay communities.

Surrounded by the foothills of Sonoma County, the Green Music Center includes the 1,400-seat Weill Hall, with a rear wall that opens to lawn seating for a unique summertime experience, and the intimate 240-seat Schroeder Hall. As a focal point for the arts and education in the region, the Green Music Center presents artists year-round, serving as home to the Santa Rosa Symphony, Sonoma Bach, and the Sonoma State University Department of Music.

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