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PATSY CLINE TRIBUTE SHOW IN SUNNYVALE NOVEMBER 26

Joni Morris and After Midnight joined by steel guitar legend Bobby Black

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale Theatre celebrates Thanksgiving weekend with Joni Morris' critically acclaimed *Portrait of Patsy*, featuring true-to-the-original renditions of Patsy Cline's biggest hits, and special guest, steel guitar legend Bobby Black, on Saturday, November 26, at 8 p.m.

The immortal Cline remains arguably the most influential female singer in the history of country music. From her 1956 winning performance on *Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts* television show until her untimely death in a plane crash in 1963, Cline's popularity soared. Morris faithfully renders Cline's biggest hits, including *Walkin' After Midnight*, *I Fall to Pieces*, and *Sweet Dreams*, and captures the spirit of the Grand Ole' Opry star's live performances with glamorous costumes and warm rapport with the audience.

Country singer and songwriter Joni Morris, a Modesto native, grew up in Stockton in a musical family with parents who were aspiring country singers. Though her parents never realized their dream of performing professionally, Morris has performed for more than 20 years. Specializing in classic country of the 1950s and 1960s, she has performed her Cline tribute nationally to rave views and standing ovations for more than 15 years.

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“Patsy Cline recorded some of the most beautiful songs I’ve ever heard in my life. I never get tired of singing them,” Morris said.

The After Midnight Band, which has been touring together with Morris for 15 years, recalls Nashville’s gospel-style Jordanaires, who famously backed Cline, Elvis and others. The band will include special guest Bobby Black, who was inducted into the Steel Guitar Hall of Fame in 2004. Black has performed and recorded for more than 50 years, touring with artists including Commander Cody, Asleep at the Wheel, New Riders of the Purple Sage, Barbara Mandrell, and The Moonlighters, and now performs with After Midnight whenever his schedule allows. Other band members are Fred Treece (lead guitar and vocals), Kevin Jachetta (keyboards, bass and vocals), and Keith McKee (drums and vocals).

The intimate Sunnyvale Theatre is located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, between El Camino Real and Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. General admission tickets are \$28. Discount tickets for students and seniors are \$22. Single Subscriptions start at \$80. All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. Group discounts are available. For tickets, please phone the Sunnyvale Theatre Box Office at (408) 733-6611. The Box Office is open Monday – Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and two hours prior to shows. For additional information, call the Sunnyvale Theatre Administrative Office at (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit *Arts.inSunnyvale.com* on the Web.

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