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CULTURAL ARTS SEASON COMMENCES WITH JONI MORRIS *Sunnyvale series includes a cappella, country, jazz and world music*

SUNNYVALE, Calif. - Sunnyvale Theatre's Evenings of Cultural Arts season begins Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 8 p.m. with a concert by country singer Joni Morris in her tribute to Patsy Cline. The eclectic concert series, which features monthly concerts through May 2016, will also include performances by The Kathy Kallick Band, LoveNotes, The Carolyn Sills Combo, Candelaria Band, Dustbowl Revival, Patrick Ball and Leftover Cuties.

Joni Morris and The After Midnight Band – September 12, 2015

Country singer Joni Morris returns to the Sunnyvale stage to perform her critically acclaimed tribute to Patsy Cline, arguably the most influential female singer in the history of country music. The unforgettable show features faithful renditions to Cline's greatest hits, including "Crazy," "Sweet Dreams" and "I Fall to Pieces." A vocalist and entertainer with 20 years of national touring exposure, Morris' beautiful costumes, comic banter and timeless singing make this performance a must-see for country music fans.

The Kathy Kallick Band – October 24, 2015

Kathy Kallick is a gifted composer and vocalist who is a pioneer of West Coast bluegrass, evoking the genre's origin with uniqueness and inclusiveness. Skilled in singing and guitar, her show is highlighted by renowned renditions of classic songs by

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Bill Monroe and Vern Williams alongside her extraordinary original compositions. The Grammy Award winner, leading a band whose instrumentation includes a fiddle, mandolin and banjo, celebrates the release of their forthcoming album *Foxhounds* with a show that promises humor, soul and tradition.

LoveNotes – November 25, 2015

A homegrown group of a *capella* singers, LoveNotes is one of the nation's top-ranked barbershop quartets. Winner of the 2014 Sweet Adeline's International World Champions, the group brings their close harmonies and lovely, bell-like voices to the Sunnyvale stage this holiday season following several national and international tours. With a repertoire that includes Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," Billie Holiday's "More Than You Know" and a medley from Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Phantom of the Opera*, these Queens of Harmony span generations with their youthful energy and commitment to their craft.

The Carolyn Sills Combo – December 19, 2015

The Carolyn Sills Combo brings their classic country, rockabilly, blues and Western swing sensibilities to beloved Christmas classics this winter. Based in Santa Cruz, Sills and her band of inventive players revive the wholehearted twang of the 1950s with Christmas spirit. Featuring songs popularized by Brenda Lee, Peggy Lee, Elvis Presley, Eartha Kitt, Burt Ives and The Andrew Sisters, this vintage celebration of Christmastime is one to enjoy with family and friends.

Candelaria Band - January 9, 2016

Combining infectious, soulful Colombian cumbia rhythm with accordion, country guitar and female-led vocals, Candelaria Band creates dance music with an electric sound that is produced live and onstage. This Oakland based group energize the old-school, dancehall tradition in a refusal to conform to today's programmed beats and computer effects. The band's unique, lighthearted and fun music promises audiences a moving experience, both physically and emotionally.

Dustbowl Revival – February 13, 2016

Back by popular demand, Dustbowl Revival returns to the Sunnyvale stage with their fusion of old school bluegrass, gospel, jug band, swamp blues and hot 1930s swing following a rousing performance last year. Every show is unique as this 8 piece, American roots orchestra often includes fiddle, mandolin, trombone, clarinet, trumpet, ukulele, drums, tuba, a bass made from a canoe oar, harmonica, washboard and a kazoo for good luck. Their celebration of sounds that have kept America moving for more than a century garners bicoastal acclaim. Voted Best Live Band in Los Angeles, Dustbowl Revival's music is both a reverence for tradition and a transcendence of musical genre and time that is the evolution of American roots music.

Patrick Ball – Celtic Harp and Story – March 12, 2016

A Sunnyvale favorite, Patrick Ball is one of the premier Celtic harp players in the world and a captivating spoken word artist. In playing the ancient, legendary brass-strung harp of Ireland with its crystalline, bell-like sound, and in performing marvelous tales of wit and enchantment, he not only brings new life to two cherished traditions, but blends them in concert to create “a richly theatrical and hauntingly beautiful performance.” In his new show, *Celtic Harp and Story*, Ball not only carries on two of the richest traditions of Celtic culture, but blends them in concert to create “a warm and magical performance.”

Leftover Cuties – May 7, 2016

As with any true troubadour, love makes Leftover Cuties' world go-round. So much so, that this group has sparked a fire with music lovers who enjoy their timeless jazz-tinged sound that is combined with sultry vocals, pop-perfect songwriting and seasoned musicianship. Their spellbinding first album, *Places to Go* won rave reviews from critics followed by their shining second album *The Spark & the Fire* that makes the heart sing, soar and ache, all usually in the same song. Their impeccable and atmospheric live performance draws ever-growing and increasingly passionate crowds in the clubs and cabarets of their hometown of Los Angeles.

All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, between El Camino Real and Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. General admission tickets are \$29. Discount tickets for students and seniors are \$23. Single Subscriptions start at \$80. For tickets: phone (408) 733-6611, online at *Arts.inSunnyvale.com* or in person at the Sunnyvale Theatre. The Box Office is open Wednesday – 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) 730-7338, TDD (408) 730-7501.

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