



A community united and  
inspired by the arts

## December ARTS News!

December means holidays, gift giving and snow! Our next concert is Feb. 9 with Heather "Lil Mama" Hardy with amazing blues and jazz fiddle! Individual concert series tickets are now on sale for all concerts! Check out the mini-grants given to local schools by Carson Valley Arts Council. You can help support **this ARTS outreach with your donation.**

Tax planning!? See article in this issue to learn how to save on taxes and support the Arts at the same time.

Are you a member of the Carson Valley Arts Council? Are you interested in making sure our community has access to a wide variety of arts, plus get discount concert tickets? YOU can join your neighbors and friends to support the arts in Carson Valley with your membership in the Carson Valley Arts Council. Visit our website or call our office or stop by for membership information and form.

## 2023 Calendar

Nov. 1 - Dec. 28 - Adventures in Abstraction with Pam Brekas and Ronnie Eden at CVAC Copeland Gallery

Dec. 3 - Tintabulations Handbell Essembly presents Happy Holly Days - 6:30 pm - Carson Valley United Methodist Church, Gardnerville

Dec. 8 & 9 - Winter Concert, Carson Valley Pops Orchestra - CVIC Hall, Minden

Dec. 9 - TOCCATA presents Messiah - 3:00 pm – Carson Valley Methodist Church, Gardnerville

Thu, Fri, Sat 12/21-23 & 12/28-30 - Wacky & Wonderful Christmassy Stuff by Carson Valley Community Theatre - Evening and Matinee Performances @ The Annex 1572 Hwy 395, Minden

## 2024

Feb. 9 - 2023-24 CVAC Concert Series - Heather "Lil Mama" Hardy - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

March 1 -Tahoe Adventure Film Festival Road Show - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

March 8 - 2023-24 CVAC Concert Series - Dirty Cello - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

April 5 - 2023-24 CVAC Concert Series - Quarteto Nuevo - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

May 10 - 2023-24 CVAC Concert Series - David Jacob-Strain & Bob Beach - 7 PM



The  
Carson Valley Pops Orchestra

# HOLIDAY CONCERT

Friday, December 8th  
Saturday, December 9th

CVIC Hall in Minden

**7:00pm**

Doors Open at 6:00

Pick up your **FREE** tickets  
at

**gadZooks!**

1492 Hwy 395 #104

Gardnerville, NV

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## TOCCATA Brings Messiah to Carson Valley

The TOCCATA–Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus announce its 17th annual production of Handel’s Messiah. The TOCCATA production is a celebration of the holidays and includes not only favorite selections from Messiah Parts One and Three but also seasonal carols that the audience will be most welcome to join in singing.

Messiah was first performed in Dublin, Ireland on March 23, 1742 and was conducted by its composer. It continues to be a masterpiece that has left audiences in awe for 277 years.

The Douglas County performance is Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 pm at Carson Valley United Methodist Church in Gardnerville, 1375 Centerville Lane.

The Messiah series marks the completion of TOCCATA’s 18th Season. Joining the TOCCATA for this production are Anne Davidson and Anna Helwing sopranos; Amanda Price, mezzo; Robert Bousquet, Michael Lloyd, tenors; and Stuart Duke, baritone. The TOCCATA Chamber Orchestra features Katie Peterson as concertmaster; David Brock and Nick Haines as continuo; and William Cates and Dennis Doiron on Baroque trumpets. All performances will be conducted by Maestro James Rawie, Toccata’s Founder and Executive Artistic Director.

To purchase tickets contact the Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) at 775-782-8207 or stop by the CVAC office at 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert.

General admission is \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors (65+). Young persons, under age 23 (with ID), enjoy FREE admission. Premium seating is \$50 adults, \$45 for seniors (65+) and Youth (Under 23 with ID) is \$25. Preferred seating is \$40 for adults, \$35 for seniors (65+), and Youth (Under 23 with ID) is \$15. Tickets are also available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert.



# Happy Holly Days!

Carson Valley United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 3rd, 6:30 pm

1375 Centerville Ln. Gardnerville, NV

Free  
Handbell Concert



    
[www.tintabulations.com](http://www.tintabulations.com)

Free Concert



## Adventures in Abstraction with Brekas & Eden at the Copeland Gallery - Nov. 1 through Dec. 28

The next art exhibit at the Carson Valley Arts Council's Copeland Gallery features artists Ronnie Eden and Pam Brekas. Their combined show runs November 1 through December 28, 2023.

Artists Ronnie Eden and Pam Brekas have been friends and cohorts in painting since they first met in 2014. Both have art and public school teaching backgrounds, approaching painting in unorthodox ways.

Their love for abstraction, textures, collage, and color make a wonderful blend in their paintings. Award winning artists, they each tackle work differently yet have a commonality in concept.

Originally from Australia, Ronnie's work has more representational images: horses, dogs, and more. Pam's images are more textural. East Fork Gallery in Gardnerville and Artsy Fartsy in Carson City represent these artists. Both are involved in local shows and participate in a national project called Artists in Cellophane through Art-o-Mat.

Feel free to contact us for additional information or questions by calling the Carson Valley Arts Council office at 782-8207. Visit our website at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com) to learn more about CVAC and upcoming events. The Copeland Gallery is located at 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden (corner of Hwy 395 and County Rd). The Gallery is open Monday thru Saturday 10am to 5pm.

CARSON VALLEY COMMUNITY THEATRE  
PRESENTS

*Wacky & Wonderful*  
*Christmassy Stuff*

**A YULETIDE CABARET**



Thurs • Fri • Sat  
7:30 pm  
Dec. 21 • 22 • 23  
Dec. 28 • 29 • 30

Saturday Matinee  
1:00 pm  
Dec. 23 • 30

*Performances at*

**The Annex • 1572 Hwy. 395 • Minden**

**\$20 includes holiday-themed beverage**

Box office open December 15, 19, 22 from 12 - 4pm ~ 1572 Hwy. 395 ~ 775.782.6622

[carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org](http://carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org)



For ticket information,  
scan the QR code



## CVAC Supports the ARTS in Local Schools



The Carson Valley Arts Council continued its mini-grant program supporting the ARTS in local schools. Pictured here is Krystal Koontz and some of her art students at Pau Wa Lu Middle School receiving a check for art supplies from Sharon Schlegel, CVAC Executive Director.



Dr. Janet Levine at Carson Valley Middle School received \$1000 to help repair saxophones and Pam Gilmartin at Jacks Valley Elementary School received funds for a sidewalk art project. **You can help support this ARTS outreach with your donation. For more information, visit our website.**



## **Year-End Giving**

The past year has been a busy one. The Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) once again partnered with Main Street Gardnerville on the family event, "Jazz & Craft Festival" and with Main Street Gardnerville and Douglas County on the second "Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival." Carson Valley Arts Council also concluded their third annual Art Studio Tour.

As we look toward 2024, it also promises to be a busy one. Future goals include getting the architectural drawings for the renovation of the Copeland Building into a Community Performing Arts and Cultural Center; continuing to grow our educational arts program for Douglas County youth; bringing the public exciting concerts; and other projects still in development.

**For all of these projects we rely on grants, sponsorships, and donations.**

Our mission is to create a climate for the arts through the presentation and promotion of cultural and educational events for the Carson Valley youth and community. Art and artists strengthen our communities and enrich our lives.

As the end of 2023 approaches, we hope you will consider supporting the Carson Valley Arts Council when you think about who to donate to.

**Your support of the Carson Valley Arts Council is a gift of the arts to yourself, your community and our youth.**

If you would like to donate to CVAC, you can go to our website and make a donation. Our website is [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com). Or you can call our office at 775-782-8207. Another way to donate to the Carson Valley Arts Council is through an IRA Charitable Rollover.





### **REDUCE TAXES, INCREASE IMPACT!**

The IRA charitable rollover or Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) provides several benefits. If YOU are 70½ and older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional IRA directly to a nonprofit each year. You pay NO taxes on the transfer and your gift counts dollar-for-dollar to support our important work in Carson Valley.

To benefit this year, your IRA Qualified Charitable Deduction needs to be made before December 31. Call your financial advisor or IRA administrator for more details on how to make the IRA charitable rollover work for you.

How It Works.... You have your IRA administrator simply write the QCD check to “Carson Valley Arts Council”. The check can be given to you to deliver to the Carson Valley Arts Council or mailed directly to CVAC.

### **MAJOR GIFT WITH MINOR EFFORT**

Many people are discovering that they can make a big difference to help further our mission with QCD or IRA charitable rollover gift. For an added benefit consider designating our organization as a beneficiary of your IRA or in your estate plan.

Thanks to you, our mission will continue . . .

“A Community United & Inspired by the Arts”



## Heather “Lil’ Mama” Hardy Comes to Minden

The Carson Valley Arts Council's 2023-2024 Concert Series is resuming with an evening with Heather “Lil’ Mama” Hardy. Heather will perform at the CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda in Minden, at 7 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2024.

Heather “Lil’ Mama” Hardy will light up the stage with incendiary music from blues and jazz to rock and bluegrass. Heather’s musical journey goes from New York City to Tucson, Arizona where she and her duo are regular features with the Tucson Jazz Festival and regional events.

Heather Hardy is a Tucson Based Electric Violinist - Singer and Songwriter. She was inducted in the Arizona Blues Hall of Fame in 2002. Heather has performed nationally and internationally for over 33 years; and has released 5 albums of original songs.

Tickets are \$22 members, \$24 general audience, and kids under 18 are free with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are available at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, online at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com), and by phone at 775-782-8207. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$27 if not sold out. For more information, visit [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com).

Carson Valley Arts Council

# CONCERT SERIES

2023-2024

UNDER 18 FREE WITH PAID ADULT

**ALL SHOWS 7PM**

**CVIC HALL  
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN**

**#ARTSINCARSONVALLEY**

**OCT. 6, 2023 | MUMBLEFINGER  
NOV. 10, 2023 | THE BOW TIES  
FEB. 9, 2024 | HEATHER LIL'  
MAMA HARDY**

**MAR. 8, 2024 | DIRTY CELLO  
APR. 5, 2024 | QUARTETO NUEVO  
MAY 10, 2024 | DAVID JACOBS  
STRAIN-BOB BEACH**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR TICKETS & PRICES CVARTSCOUNCIL.COM**  
PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: CALL 775-782-8207, WWW.CVARTSCOUNCIL.COM  
OR CVAC OFFICE LOCATED AT 1572 US HWY 395, MINDEN



Tickets for all CVAC concerts are available at Carson Valley Arts Council office or website, plus Douglas Co. Community Center on Waterloo.

## Thank you 2023-24 Sponsors and Supporters

Special thanks goes to our sponsors for the Concert Series and the Art Studio Tour. Please thank all of our sponsors and supporters for making the ARTS important in our community. Nevada Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, WESTAF, Carson Valley Inn, Douglas County, BDR Construction, Coffee on Main, Record Courier, Sierra View Dental Center, Carson Valley United Methodist Church, Douglas Democrats/DCDemocratic Women, Breaux Accounting Group, Double J Auto, Mort's Auto Body, Custom Framing & Design, Art Gallery @ Prism, East Fork Gallery, Gadzooks, Genoa Gallery, Bike Habitat, Towns of Minden and Gardnerville, Carson Valley Visitor's Authority and Chamber of Commerce, the Smallwood Foundation, Heritage Bank, and Karen and Brian Fitzgerald.

Visit our website at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com)



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