



## December 2025 ARTS News!

2025 has been an eventful year for the Carson Valley Arts Council and we're looking forward to an even better 2026. The next concert with Kristyn Harris on Feb. 13. Become a member for as low as \$25, get discounted tickets or season tickets and support the ARTS in our community. More details online!

December is year-end tax planning season! If you have to make a Required Minimum Deduction (RMD) from your traditional IRA, the following article can help you reduce your tax burden and support local ARTS.

Thank you to all our 2025-26 donors and supporters. You make the arts thrive! Your donations make it possible for CVAC to bring quality concerts to our valley, the Missoula Children's Theatre and ARTS teachers mini-grants to local schools. It is not too late to donate to our youth ARTS education projects.

Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers! Volunteers Rock!! Call the CVAC office or check out our website if you want to volunteer or become a member of CVAC.

Check out our website for the "**Explore the ARTS**" menu at the top which includes pages for local artists and musicians, plus local ARTS organizations and businesses. Contact our office if you are interested in being included on one of the pages. The same page has the new Visual Artist Registry.

## 2025 Calendar

December 6, 7, 13 & 14 - 12–5pm - Home Ranch for the Holidays! Dangberg Ranch

Dec. 6 - Douglas County Historical Society's Holiday Gala Carson Valley Museum - The event runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and is free to attend.

Dec. 6 – 5 pm - Parade of Lights, Theme "Holiday Hoedown"

Dec.6 - Tintabulations Concert at Carson Valley United Methodist Church - 7 PM

December 12, 19, and 26, - Carson Valley Community Theatre - A night of Improv and Music, 7 pm at the Annex 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, NV 89423 - Tickets \$10

It's A wonderful Life, December 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2 pm, Saturday Evenings, 7 pm at The Annex 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, NV 89423 Tickets \$25

Dec. 12 & 13 - CV Pops Orchestra - A Carson Valley Christmas - CVIC Hall - 7 PM - TICKETS TO THE CONCERTS ARE GONE!! BUT, there's a waiting list. Call gadZooks! at 775-782-9665. Due to limited seating, you MUST have a ticket.

Dec. 13 - Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus - Messiah - Carson Valley United Methodist Church - 6:30 pm. Tickets on sale at CVAC, <http://www.cvartscouncil.com>

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Feb. 13, 2026 - Kristyn Harris - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

March 6, 2026 - Mustangs of the West - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

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## Year End Giving Supports the Arts!

The past year has been a busy one. The Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) once again partnered with Main Street Gardnerville and Douglas County on the annual “Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival.”

CVAC also concluded their fifth annual Art Studio Tour.

As we look toward 2026, it also promises to be a busy one. Future goals include starting to renovate the Copeland Building into a Community Maker’s Space now that the architectural drawings are complete; continuing to grow our educational arts program for Douglas County youth; bringing the public exciting concerts; and obtaining architectural drawings for the renovation of the Carson Valley Cinemas to make it a community performing arts center.

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 2025 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.

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CARSON VALLEY UNITED METHODIST  
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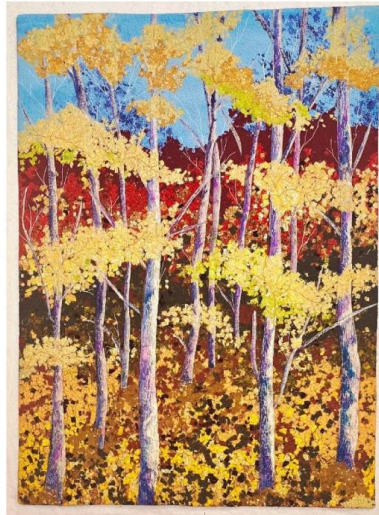




**PRESENTS**

## **Carson Valley Quilt Guild**

**Nov. 4 - Dec.  
22, 2025**



**Artist Reception  
Nov. 8 - 1- 3 pm**

**Carson Valley Arts Council  
Copeland Gallery**



Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) presents the Carson Valley Quilt Guild at the Copeland Gallery in Minden from November 4, 2025 through December 22, 2025. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday 10am to 5pm. The Guild's art work will be available for purchase.

Founded more than 25 years ago, the Carson Valley Quilt Guild is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing quilting as an art form through education, national quilt shows, guild challenges, classes and workshops. Their charitable quilt donations serve many in its growing communities.

The Carson Valley Quilt Guild is a large group of quilters who live and quilt in and around Nevada's Carson Valley. The quilters whose work will be shown at the Copeland Gallery include: Anne Bothwell, Cecile Brown, Penny S. Hanscom, Shirley Holmes, Doris Hoskin, Nancy Lampson, Judith Laurini, Laurie Lile, Terrie Peets, Nancy Ryan, Amy Sams, Lorna Shugren, and Susan Van Alyne.



### **Tahoe Symphony Presents Messiah & Holiday Favorites December 13**

The Tahoe Symphony will present their annual production of Handel's Messiah and holiday favorites on December 13 here in Gardnerville.

Joyous refrains and exultant arias, including the iconic "Hallelujah" Chorus, will fill the concert hall this holiday season. This Baroque masterwork, expressing the themes of hope, redemption and grace, showcases the magnificent artistry and skill of our celebrated orchestra and chorus, complemented by exceptional soloists. Join us for this wonderful holiday tradition!

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. 13, 2025 at 36:30pm at Carson Valley United Methodist Church in Gardnerville, 1375 Centerville Lane.

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 and on the Tahoe Symphony website.

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.



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OF HOLIDAY MUSIC

PERFORMANCES  
DEC. 12, 19, 26  
FRI. EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM  
TICKETS \$10

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Life*

A LIVE RADIO PLAY  
BY  
JOE LANDRY

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on the story 'The Greatest Gift'  
by Philip Van Doren Stern.  
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PERFORMANCES  
DEC. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28  
SAT. AND SUN. MATINEES 2:00 PM  
SAT. EVENINGS 7:00 PM  
TICKETS: \$25

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY (FULL LENGTH VERSION)  
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[carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org](http://carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org)  
or call our box office at 775-782-6622



# Carson Valley Arts Council CONCERT SERIES 2025/2026



## KRISTYN HARRIS

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**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 13, 2026**  
SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6PM

**CVIC HALL  
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN**

Kristyn has been named the International Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year 6 times, and is the youngest person to have received this honor. She is especially recognized for her powerful voice, swing rhythm guitar chops, songwriting, yodeling, and energetic stage presence. <http://www.kristynharris.com/home>

**\$22 MEMBER; \$25 IN ADVANCE; \$28 AT THE DOOR; UNDER 18 FREE WITH PAID ADULT  
PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: CALL 775-782-8207, [WWW.CVARTSCOUNCIL.COM](http://WWW.CVARTSCOUNCIL.COM)  
OR CVAC OFFICE LOCATED AT 1572 US HWY 395, MINDEN**





## Carson Valley Arts Council Announces 2025-26 Concert Series

The Carson Valley Arts Council will kick off its 2025-2026 Concert Series beginning October 10, bringing diverse music performers from across the country to our local community and schools.

Season tickets for our Members are on sale **NOW**. Season tickets for Members are \$110 per person. Become a Member of CVAC and save on season tickets. Discounted member advance ticket is \$22 per individual concert tickets.

General Public Advance Tickets for each concert are **NOW** on sale.

To purchase member season tickets or individual concert tickets: Call 775-782-8207, on line at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com) or at the CVAC office, 1572 Hwy 395, Minden. Advance ticket prices are available till the day before concerts.

### 2025-2026 Concert Lineup

Again this year we will be offering **free admission for youth under 18 years of age with purchase of an adult ticket** to our public concerts. If you plan to bring a youth to the concert please let us know at the time of purchase of adult ticket.



- Tom Rigney & Flambeau • Blazing Cajun and Zydeco two-steps, blues, funky New Orleans grooves Music - Friday, October 10, 2025
- Jessica Malone • Folk, jazz, Americana, and blues Music - Friday, November 14, 2025
- Kristyn Harris • Western Music - Friday, February 13, 2026
- Mustangs of the West - Friday, March 6, 2026
- Chris Webster & Nina Gerber • Country, folk, bluegrass, pop, rhythm & blues Music - Friday, April 10, 2026
- Harry & the Hitmen • Classic Mowtown and Soul Music - Friday, May 8, 2026



## Save on Taxes and Support the ARTS

Several of our members and friends have used a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) payable to Carson Valley Arts Council as a way to reduce their tax bill.

Open to retirees age 70½ or older, QCDs are a direct transfer from an individual retirement account to an eligible nonprofit organization. For 2025, the limit is \$108,000 per investor.

Once you're 73 or older, you can use QCDs to satisfy yearly RMDs and the transfer won't increase your adjusted gross income.

If you have to take a Required Minimum Deduction (RMD) from your traditional IRA, a QCD can help you reduce your tax burden. Since it goes directly to a charity, a QCD is not taxed like your RMD is. Talk with your tax professional to see if a Qualified Charitable Deduction can help you and Carson Valley Arts Council.

**Thank you!  
Carson Valley**



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### **Thank you 2025-26 Sponsors and Supporters**

Special thanks go 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, Creative West, BlackAcre Ranch, Carson Valley Inn, Douglas County, BDR Construction, Coffee on Main, Record Courier, Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate, Carson Valley United Methodist Church, Vander Laan Law Firm, Douglas Democrats/DCDemocratic Women, Breaux Accounting Group, Double J Auto, Mort's Auto Body, Custom Framing & Design, Art Gallery @ Prism, Gadzooks, East Fork Gallery, Towns of Minden and Gardnerville, COD Casino, Carson Valley Visitor's Authority and Chamber of Commerce, Warren Reed Insurance, Law Firm – Merrill A Hanson, Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, Heritage Bank, Nevada State Bank, American Century Championship, Holiday Inn Express, Minden Rotary, Sharon Hoelscher Day, and Karen and Brian Fitzgerald.

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