

A California State Capitol Tradition

Festive music and celebration began at our Capitol as early as December 1869, during its triumphant opening. The halls of the Capitol were festooned with flowers and two musical bands performed. Fourteen years later, amid much fanfare, D.O. Mill's gift of the statue *Columbus at the Court of Spain* was officially presented to the State of California as generous holiday gesture.

Past Governors of California established a tradition of celebrating the winter holiday season by adorning the Capitol with garlands and decorating the tress of their offices. The earliest photographs of this celebration show Governor James Rolph and his staff in 1931 standing beneath a large decorated tree.

Since 1996 the California State Capitol Museum, in association with the Legislature, the Governor's Office, and the Department of General Services has worked to restore holiday traditions inside the Capitol with daily musical concerts and early twentieth century decorations. This year, thanks to the State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association, with assistance from William Glen Stores, Christmas trees once again adorn the historic 1903 office of the Governor and Treasurer. In addition, the tree and menorah lighting ceremonies on the West Steps brings the festivities outdoors for all to enjoy.







Holiday Music Program

California State Capitol



2017



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Schedule of Performers

11:00 Franklin High School 12:00 Lincoln High School

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

11: 00 Los Banos Junior High School Choir 12:00 Pacheco High School Choir

Wednesday, December 6

11:00 Golden State Accordion Club 12:00 Davis High School Madrigals 12:30 Saint Mary School Choir

Thursday, December 7

11:00 Sacramento Community Home Schools 12:00 Davis High School Advanced Treble Choir

Friday, December 8

12:00 Cantare Chorale of the Sierra Foothills

Saturday, December 9

11:00 Sacramento Capitolaires

11:00 West Campus Wind Ensemble and Choir 12:00 West Valley Chorus 1:00 Camellia Flute Choir

2:00 Sacramento Valley Concert Choir

3:00 Parker Whitney Elem School Choir

3:30 Crocker Riverside Singing Cubs Choir

Sunday, December 10

11:00 Girl Scouts of the Sierra

12:00 Camellia Symphony Juniors and Cadets

1:00 Ron Ortiz Presents

2:00 Sacramento Recorder Society

3:00 Phoebe Hearst Elem School Choir

Monday, December 11

11:00 Pine Hills Adventist Academy Choir

12:00 Brassy!

Tuesday, December 12

11:00 CalPERS Holiday Chorus

12:00 Sheldon High School Vocal Ensemble

Wednesday, December 13

11:00 Sacramento Valley Chorus

12:00 Ukulele Heaven Orchestra

Thursday, December 14

11:00 Natomas Charter School String Orchestra 1:00 Mellodika Harp Duo

12:00 Salvation Army Brass Band

1:00 Folsom Lake Youth Choir

Friday, December 15

12:00 Capitol Valley Harp Circle

Saturday, December 16

11:00 Sing-along w/ the Capitol Singers

12:00 Sacramento Opera Carolers

1:00 Sacramento Women's Chorus

2:00 River Bells

Sunday, December 17

1:00 Sacramento Flute Club

2:30 West Sacramento Community Singers

Monday, December 18

11:00 Renaissance Choir of Sacramento

12:00 Davis Chorale

Tuesday, December 19

11:00 ACC Showstoppers

12:00 Avalon String Quartet

Wednesday, December 20

11:00 CalSTRS Christmas Choir

12:00 Caltrans Choir

Thursday December 21

11:00 Welty Strings

12:00 Vocal Art Ensemble

Friday December 22

12:00 Anna Maria Mendieta, Harpist

Saturday December 23

12:00 Festival Brass

1:00 California Veteran's Home Bell Choir

2:00 Yuba Voice and Friends

3:00 Capitol Horn Choir

Sunday November 26

1:00 Granite Bay Brass

3:00 Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

Tuesday November 28

12:00 Welty Strings

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 Davis High School Baroque Ensemble

Monday November 27 (No Performances)

Thursday, November 30

12:00 John Adams Academy Choirs

Friday, December 1

11:00 High Voltage - El Dorado Theater Co.

12:00 Cosumnes River College Chamber Singers

Saturday, December 2

11:00 Ibaraki Christian School Choir From Japan

12:00 Lincoln Theater Choristers

1:00 Davis Splash Music Ensemble

2:00 Vivace Strings (Sacramento Youth Symphony)

3:00 Harp Ensemble (Sacramento Youth Symphony)

Sunday, December 3

California International Marathon (No Music)