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& Welcome to a season of celebration!

A portrait of Dr. David A. Clark, a middle-aged man with glasses, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is standing in front of a stone wall with arches.

A young boy wearing a blue cap, a red bandana, and a blue shirt is sitting on large wooden blocks that spell out 'STEAM'. The blocks are arranged in a row, with the letters S, T, E, A, and M. The boy is smiling and looking towards the camera.

Thank you for your support in keeping the Arts alive in the South Bay. Looking forward to seeing you at the theatre.

Christian Wolf, Executive Director  
Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation

SPECIAL EVENTS		DATE	TIME	VENUE	SEC1	QTY	SEC2	QTY	SEC3	QTY	TOTAL
South Bay's Got Talent		Saturday, September 28, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$25.00		\$20.00		
Dancing with the South Bay Stars		Saturday, February 22, 2020	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$65.00		\$50.00		\$35.00		
GUEST ARTISTS SERIES	DATE	TIME	VENUE	SEC1	QTY	SEC2	QTY	SEC3	QTY	TOTAL	
David Benoit	Saturday, September 21, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$45.00		\$40.00		\$30.00			
Jay White's Neil Diamond Tribute	Saturday, October 12, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00		\$35.00		\$30.00			
KPCC's Unheard LA	Sunday, October 13, 2019	5:30 PM	Armstrong	Free							
One Small Step	Saturday, November 2, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$20.00		\$15.00			
One Small Step	Saturday, November 2, 2019	5:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$20.00		\$15.00			
Mostly Kosher	Sunday, November 3, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$35.00		\$30.00		\$25.00			
John Tesh – Acoustic Christmas	Friday, December 6, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	VIP* \$150 Reserved \$50		\$40.00		\$35.00			
Art & Study of Taiko	Saturday, December 7, 2019	6:00 PM	Armstrong	\$20.00		\$15.00		\$10.00			
Art & Study of Taiko	Sunday, December 8, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$20.00		\$15.00		\$10.00			
The Spouse Whisperer	Saturday, January 11, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$35.00		\$30.00		\$25.00			
Jargie The Science Girl	Sunday, January 26, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$20.00		\$15.00		\$10.00			
Jargie The Science Girl	Sunday, January 26, 2020	5:00 PM	Armstrong	\$20.00		\$15.00		\$10.00			
Croce Plays Croce	Friday, February 7, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00		\$35.00		\$30.00			
Regina Klenjowski Dance - Far From Home	Saturday, March 14, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$25.00		\$20.00			
The Chipper Experience	Sunday, March 15, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$25.00		\$20.00			
The Chipper Experience	Sunday, March 15, 2020	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$25.00		\$20.00			
Late Night Catechism Easter Show	Saturday, March 28, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$35.00		\$30.00		\$25.00			
Late Night Catechism Easter Show	Saturday, March 28, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$35.00		\$30.00		\$25.00			
Magic Up Close	Friday, April 17, 2020	8:00 PM	Nakano	\$35.00							
Magic Up Close	Saturday, April 18, 2020	8:00 PM	Nakano	\$35.00							
Yesterday & Today	Saturday, April 25, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00		\$35.00		\$30.00			
UnitOne X San Jose Taiko	Saturday, May 9, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$25.00		\$20.00			
* John Tesh VIP Tickets include: One premium reserved ticket located in the first 5 rows, VIP early entry into the venue, Exclusive meet & greet with John Tesh, Personal photograph with John Tesh, VIP access to John Tesh's preshow soundcheck, Q&A session, Exclusive John Tesh VIP merchandise item, Official meet & greet laminate											
STUDIO CABARET SERIES	DATE	TIME	VENUE	Show No Dinner	QTY	Show with Dinner	QTY	TOTAL			
Abbie Gardner	Friday, October 18, 2019	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Abbie Gardner	Saturday, October 19, 2019	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Sons of Mystro	Friday, November 15, 2019	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Sons of Mystro	Saturday, November 16, 2019	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Darden Sisters	Friday, January 17, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Darden Sisters	Saturday, January 18, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Angel Town Combo	Friday, February 14, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Angel Town Combo	Saturday, February 15, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Brother Yusef	Friday, March 6, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Brother Yusef	Saturday, March 7, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Malynda Hale & Friends	Friday, April 3, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
Malynda Hale & Friends	Saturday, April 4, 2020	7:30 PM	Nakano	\$33.00		\$50.00					
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	General	QTY	TOTAL					
NTL — King Lear	Sunday, September 22, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							
NTL — Frankenstein	Saturday, October 26, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							
NTL — Antony & Cleopatra	Sunday, November 10, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							
NTL — I'm Not Running	Sunday, January 12, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							
NTL — 42nd Street	Sunday, February 9, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							
NTL — Title to be announced	Sunday, April 26, 2020	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$17.50							

**Tax Deductible Gift:** I would like to support the Foundation so it can continue to bring quality art experiences to the South Bay.

TOCA Show Total \$

TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY		DATE	TIME	VENUE	Adults/Sr	Children	QTY	4 pack	QTY	TOTAL
Beauty & The Beast		Friday, August 16, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Saturday, August 17, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Saturday, August 17, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Sunday, August 18, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Thursday, August 22, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Friday, August 23, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Saturday, August 24, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		
Beauty & The Beast		Saturday, August 24, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$40.00	\$25.00		\$99.00		

TORRANCE CIVIC CHORALE			DATE	TIME	VENUE	SEC1	QTY	SEC2	QTY	SEC3	QTY	TOTAL
A Joyful Sound			Saturday, December 14, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$25.00		
Voices in Bloom			Saturday, April 18, 2020	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$25.00		

LOS CANCIONEROS MASTER CHORALE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	General	QTY	Students	QTY	SEC3	QTY	TOTAL
Music for the Imagination	Sunday, October 27, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00				
Celebrating the Season	Sunday, December 15, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00				
Masterpieces for the Living	Sunday, March 8, 2020	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00				
Music from Across the Pond	Sunday, June 14, 2020	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00				

TORRANCE POPS SERIES	DATE	TIME	VENUE	General	QTY	Student/Child	QTY	TOTAL
Joanna goes "Motown"	Friday, September 13, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00		
	Sunday, January 19, 2020	7:30 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00		
	Sunday, April 19, 2020	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$25.00		\$15.00		
Torrance Pops Orchestra								

AEROSPACE PLAYERS			DATE	TIME	VENUE	Adult	QTY	Sr, Child, Student	QTY	TOTAL
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Friday, July 19, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Saturday, July 20, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Sunday, July 21, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Thursday, July 25, 2019	7:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Friday, July 26, 2019	8:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat			Saturday, July 27, 2019	2:00 PM	Armstrong	\$24.00		\$22.00		

JOANNA MEDAWAR NACHEF SINGERS	DATE	TIME	VENUE	General	QTY	St/Student	QTY	Children	QTY	TOTAL	
Vesperae solennes de confessore	Sunday, December 1, 2019	7:30 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$20.00		\$10.00			
MESSIAH, Part II & III	Sunday, March 22, 2020	7:30 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$20.00		\$10.00			
Gospel III	Saturday, June 13, 2020	7:30 PM	Armstrong	\$30.00		\$20.00		\$10.00			
Note: TOCA season subscriber discount cannot be applied to any of these performances.											
Total										\$	



# SEASON CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 21 David Benoit, 8PM
- 22 NTL - King Lear, 2PM
- 28 South Bay's Got Talent, 7PM
- 29 Mirai, 2PM

## OCTOBER

- 12 Jay White's Neil Diamond Tribute, 8PM
- 13 KPCC'S Unheard LA, 5:30PM
- 18 Abbie Gardner, 7:30PM
- 19 Abbie Gardner, 7:30PM
- 26 NTL- Frankenstein, 2PM

## NOVEMBER

- 2 One Small Step, 2&5PM
- 3 Mostly Kosher, 7PM
- 10 NTL- Antony & Cleopatra, 2PM
- 15 Sons of Mystro, 7:30 PM
- 16 Sons of Mystro, 7:30 PM

## DECEMBER

- 6 John Tesh – An Acoustic Christmas, 8PM
- 7 Art & Study of Taiko, 6PM
- 8 Art & Study of Taiko, 2PM

## JANUARY

- 11 The Spouse Whisperer, 8PM
- 12 NTL - I'm Not Running, 2PM
- 17 Darden Sisters, 7:30PM
- 18 Darden Sisters, 7:30PM
- 26 Jargie The Science Girl, 2&5PM

## FEBRUARY

- 7 Croce Plays Croce, 8PM
- 9 NTL - 42nd Street, 2PM
- 14 Angel Town Combo, 7:30PM
- 15 Angel Town Combo, 7:30PM
- 22 Dancing with the South Bay Stars, 7PM

## MARCH

- 6 Brother Yusef, 7:30PM
- 7 Brother Yusef, 7:30PM
- 14 Regina Klenjoski Dance - Far From Home, 8PM
- 15 The Chipper Experience 2&7PM
- 28 Late Night Catechism - Sister's Easter show, 2&8PM

## APRIL

- 3 Malynda Hale, 7:30PM
- 4 Malynda Hale, 7:30PM
- 17 Magic Up Close, 8PM
- 18 Magic Up Close, 8PM
- 25 Yesterday & Today: Interactive Beatles Tribute, 8PM
- 26 NTL - TBA, 2PM

## MAY

- 9 UnitOne X San Jose Taiko, 8PM

### LEGEND



Family Friendly



STEAM



Art to Grow On

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Being in the audience sometimes isn't enough, so our two participatory special events give you a chance to be in the spotlight. Sign up to perform, judge or just enjoy the evening.



# SOUTH BAY'S GOT ★ TALENT

See the best talent that the South Bay has to offer in our 6th annual regional talent competition. Open to all ages and genres of performing ... and the best part: The audience could help decide the winner. This is an event not to be missed.

**Saturday September 28, 2019 | 7PM**



# MIRAI



From acclaimed director Mamoru Hosoda (Summer Wars, Wolf Children) and Japan's Studio Chizu comes Mirai, a daringly original story of love passed down through generations.

An official selection at Cannes Directors' Fortnight, Golden Globe® Award Nominee for Best Animated Feature Film and 2019 Academy Award Nominee for Best Animated Film. The epic capstone of director Mamoru Hosoda's career, Mirai is a sumptuous, magical, and emotionally soaring adventure about the ties that bring families together and makes us who we are.

In Japanese with English subtitles.

This is a FREE event. Seating will be first come first served.  
Doors open 1 hour prior to showtime.

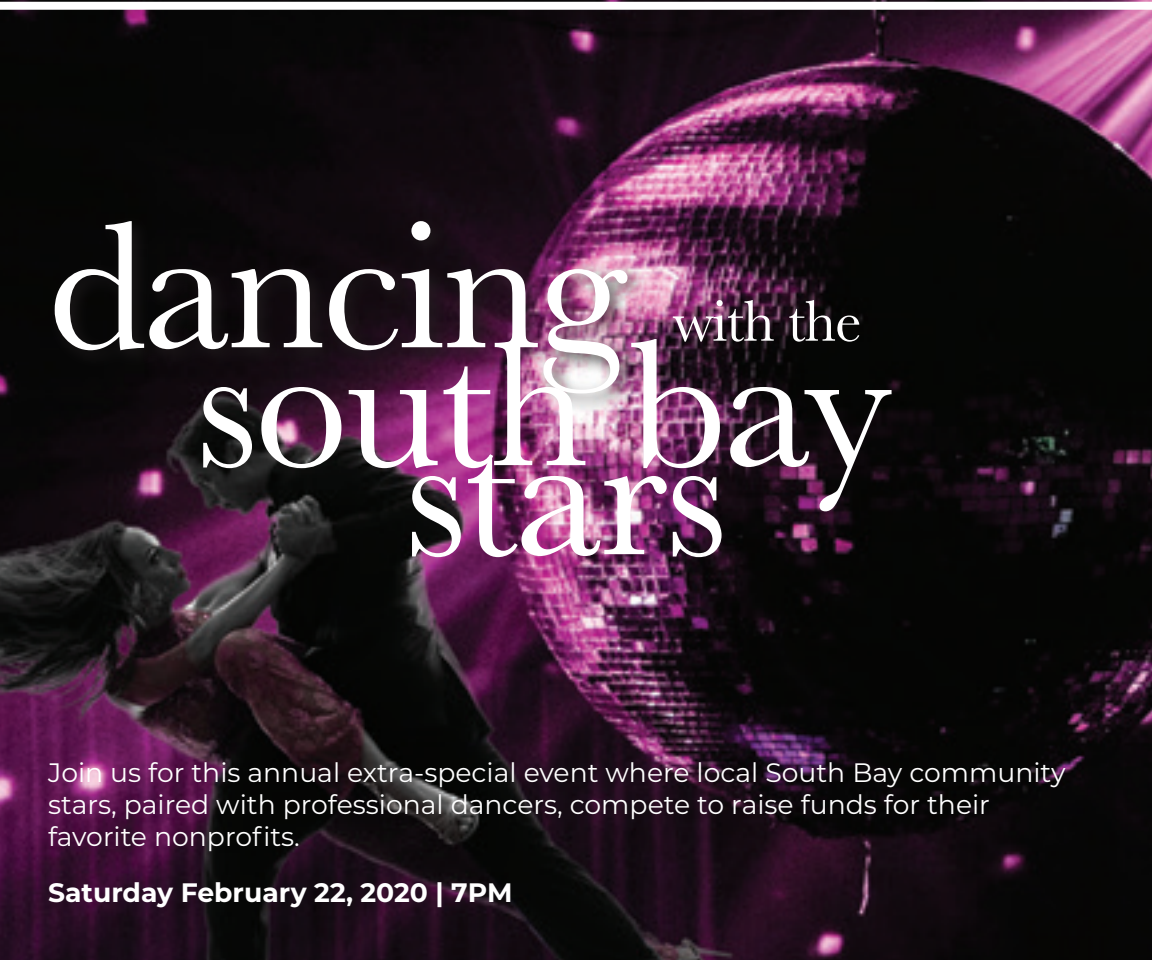
**Sunday September 29, 2019 | 2PM**



# dancing with the south bay stars

Join us for this annual extra-special event where local South Bay community stars, paired with professional dancers, compete to raise funds for their favorite nonprofits.

**Saturday February 22, 2020 | 7PM**



A woman with dark hair, wearing a white, flowing, sleeveless dress with a wide hem and a decorative band near the waist, is captured in a dynamic dance pose. She is barefoot and balancing on a flat, light-colored rock. Her right leg is bent and tucked under her body, while her left leg is extended upwards. Her arms are outstretched, and her head is tilted back, looking towards the sky. The background is a vast, green, hilly landscape under a bright, overcast sky. The overall mood is one of grace and movement.

# GUEST ARTISTS

Celebrating our 25th season of enriching the South Bay communities through the performing arts by providing diverse cultural, educational and entertainment experiences of the highest quality in partnership with the City of Torrance.



# DAVID BENOIT

With special guest:  
Asia America Youth Symphony

A personal journey that will explore all facets of David's 40 year career in music including a sneak preview from his brand new album, plus perennial favorites and a special tribute to his jazz piano heroes. An evening of music from a jazz icon that you won't want to miss. [benoit.com](http://benoit.com)

**Saturday September 21, 2019 | 8PM**



## Jay White

### THE TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND

This is a Neil Diamond Concert Celebration starring the #1 Diamond performer in the world - Jay White. It is without question the most authentic Neil Diamond Concert Experience on the planet. Conceived in response to Mr. Diamond's retirement from the concert stage due to his Parkinson's diagnosis and the huge demand from audiences worldwide to enjoy the music of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame icon in a live music setting, Jay's Mission is to pick up the torch, pay homage to his music idol and entertain Diamondheads of all ages. [jaywhitelive.com](http://jaywhitelive.com)

"Jay, keep singing, so I can stay home and relax. Your friend in music - Neil."  
- Neil Diamond

**Saturday October 12, 2019 | 8PM**



# UNHEARD LA®

Presented by KPCC In Person



Discover more about Los Angeles and the folks who call it home with Unheard LA as your guide. Presented by KPCC In Person – the live programming platform for NPR affiliate KPCC – this live, community-driven storytelling series takes place at theaters around the greater Los Angeles area. Each show is free, unique, and features a curated lineup of real people sharing true stories of life here in Southern California.

You won't be going on this journey alone. Theater artist and Watts native Bruce A. Lemon, Jr. will be your Unheard LA host, helping to connect each story, storyteller, and show venue along the way. And stick around afterward for a post-show mixer to meet the storytellers, mingle with others, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and be inspired by your fellow Angelenos. [kpcc.org/UnheardLA](http://kpcc.org/UnheardLA)

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 5:30PM**  
**FREE**

## ONE SMALL STEP

Following five-star rave reviews across the United Kingdom and international tours where it was seen by more than 19,000 people. Recounting history's greatest adventure, the race between the United States and the Soviet Union to send the first man to the moon, One Small Step is an inventive, funny and surprisingly moving action-packed show that crams 50 years of history into 60 minutes!

Two actors magically conjure more than 40 characters with the aid of simple household objects, as well as creating the famous Apollo, Gemini and Sputnik capsules from buckets, lamps and cardboard boxes, capturing the imagination of all ages. Not to be missed. [oxfordplayhouse.com](http://oxfordplayhouse.com)

**Saturday November 2, 2019**  
**2PM & 5PM**



Mostly Kosher, the acclaimed Jewish cultural revival band, is a musical feast that explodes into a global food-fight of Jazz, Latin, Rock, Hip Hop, and Folk. Led by Leeav Sofer, Mostly Kosher is comprised of some of the highest regarded Los Angeles musicians: violinist Janice Mautner Markham, drummer Eric Hagstrom, bassist Adam Levy, accordion/trumpet Mike Bolger, trombonist Mike King, and guitarist Will Brahm. [mostlykosher.com](http://mostlykosher.com)

**Sunday November 3, 2019 | 7PM**



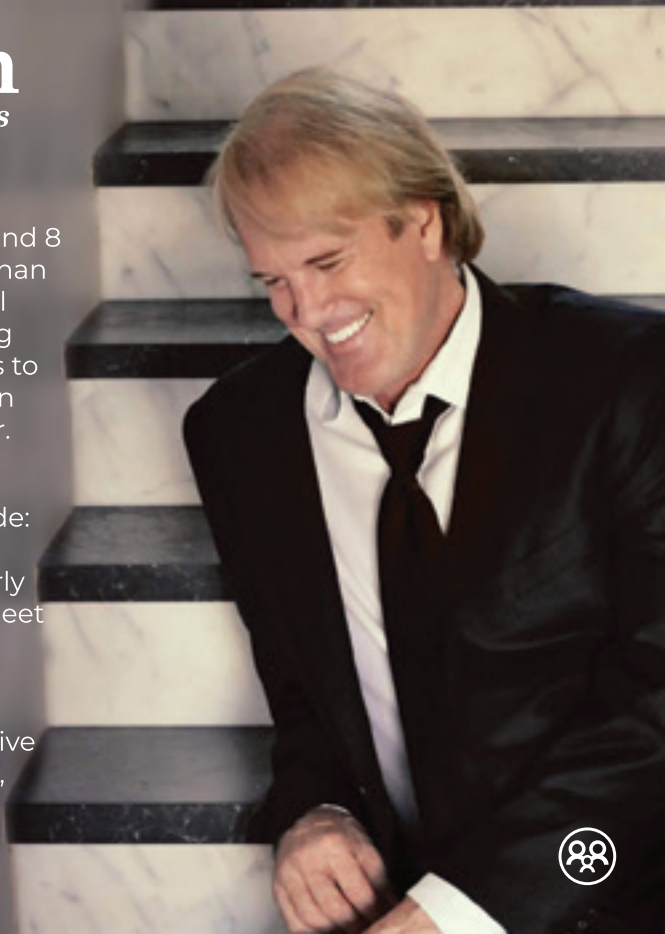
# John Tesh

*Acoustic Christmas*

Six music Emmys, two Grammy nominations, three gold records, seven Public Television specials and 8 million records sold. After more than three decades as an international entertainer, John Tesh's recording and live concert career continues to thrive today. Celebrate the Season with this extraordinary performer. [teshmusic.com](http://teshmusic.com)

VIP Tickets available which include: one premium reserved ticket located in the first 5 rows, VIP early entry into the venue, Exclusive meet & greet with John Tesh, Personal photograph with John Tesh, VIP access to John Tesh's preshow soundcheck, Q&A session, Exclusive John Tesh VIP merchandise item, Official meet & greet laminate.

**Friday December 6, 2019 | 8PM**



Staff and students of Los Angeles Taiko Institute (LATI) housed under Asano Taiko US, present contemporary and traditionally inspired taiko repertoire in their end-of-year recital. Performances are interspersed with explanations of the roots and context of taiko and commentary on the challenges and joys of learning Japanese drums. [asano.us](http://asano.us)

## THE ART & STUDY OF TAIKO

**Saturday December 7, 2019 | 6PM**

**Sunday December 8, 2019 | 2PM**



## MARK CORDES IS THE SPOUSE WHISPERER<sup>x</sup>

Take a comic journey from “love at first sight” through “till death do us part”, and all the funny stuff in between.

Mark Cordes is an inventive comedian and humorist who has been hailed by critics as a “One Man Laugh Factory.” From his humble start at an open mic, he steadily worked his way up the comedy ladder. Enjoy a hilarious peek into the real world of relationships, a decidedly positive view of “sweet togetherness.” Whether you’re searching or already with that hunk-of-burning-love, you can’t miss with The Spouse Whisperer. [spousewhisperer.com](http://spousewhisperer.com)

**Saturday January 11, 2020 | 8PM**





# JARGIE! THE SCIENCE GIRL

Explore the world through the eyes of Jargie the Science Girl! And her lab assistant, Benjamin the Penguin. Come visit her laboratory for an energetic, interactive scientific adventure that is sure to rattle the molecules of your mind. Bubbles, chemical reactions, rockets and dooblyblopers galore, this performance is filled with exciting experiments and demonstrations based on the next generation science standards. [phantomprojects.com/science](http://phantomprojects.com/science)

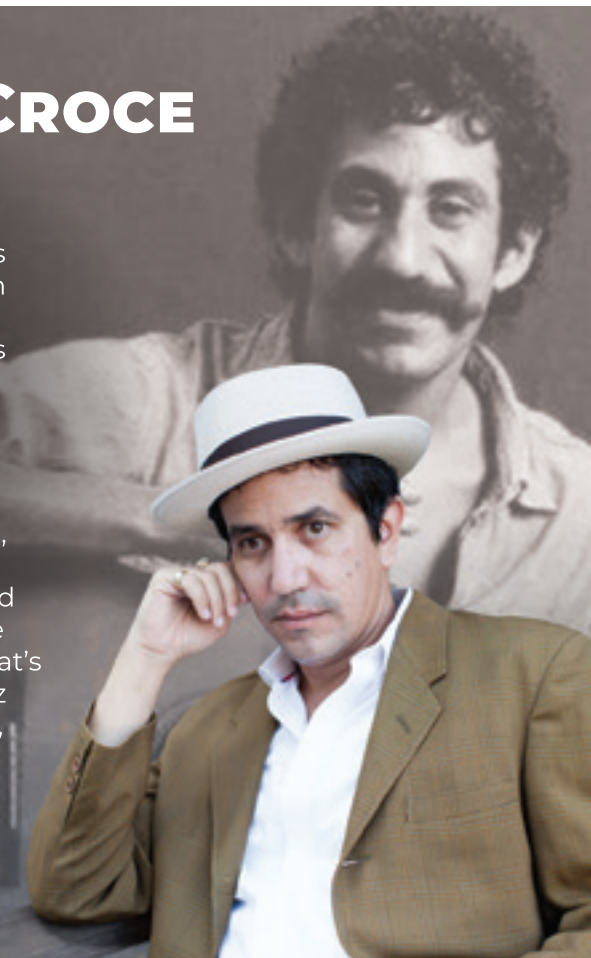
**Sunday, January 26, 2020  
2PM & 5PM**

## CROCE PLAYS CROCE

A.J. Croce is a multi-instrumentalist roots-rock singer-songwriter and son of the beloved artist Jim Croce. A.J. has been releasing his own material, which incorporates pop, blues, folk, and jazz, since 1993. "Croce Plays Croce" features a complete set of classics by his father, some of his own tunes, and songs that influenced both him and his father.

A.J. has shared the stage with many notable artists including James Brown, Willie Nelson, Bela Fleck, co-written songs with greats like Leon Russell, and been produced by legends such as the late Allen Toussaint. His 1995 album *That's Me in the Bar*, featuring his unique jazz piano stylings and blues-tinged vocals, established him as a singular artistic force. [ajcrocemusic.com](http://ajcrocemusic.com)

**Friday February 7, 2020 | 8PM**



Choreographer and Artistic Director Regina Klenjoski explores the urgent, nationally relevant topic of immigration through a personal lens.

"Far From Home" weaves poetry, movement, film design and an original score by Macedonian composer Toni Kitanovski into an evening of powerfully emotive dance theatre. The West Coast premiere of a family's journey of assimilation, cultural identity, and hope marks RKDC's return to the Armstrong stage for the first time since 2010.

Get lost in the beauty that is DANCE as RKDC celebrates 20 years of inventive choreography, fierce athleticism and compelling storytelling. [rkdc.org](http://rkdc.org)

**Saturday March 14, 2020 | 8PM**



Two-time Comedy Magician of the Year, Chipper Lowell, has been garnering rave reviews by critics and audiences alike! The manic, red-headed comedian blends funny stand-up, original and visual magic, bizarre juggling stunts, jaw-dropping mentalism, music, and more into his award-winning, one-man show, perfect for all ages – from 9 to 99! Treat yourself, your friends and your family to a fun-filled, laughs-aplenty, roller coaster of a ride! [chipper.tv](http://chipper.tv)

**Sunday March 15, 2020 | 2PM & 7PM**



**SISTER'S EASTER CATECHISM:  
WILL MY BUNNY GO TO HEAVEN?**

Celebrate the Easter Season with Sister as she answers the time worn questions of the season like "Why isn't Easter the same day every year like Christmas?" and "Will My Bunny Go To Heaven?" Part pageant, and wHOLY hysterical, this latest of the sinfully funny Late Nite Catechism series unearths the origins of Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter bonnets, Easter baskets, and of course those yummy Easter Peeps. Sister answers questions about pet heaven and the significance of those adorable baby chicks! Classroom participation is a must, so don't forget to wear your Easter bonnet and join Sister for this seasonal treat!

**Saturday March 28, 2020 | 2PM & 8PM**



# Late Nite Catechism



*More*

# MAGIC

UP CLOSE



This ALL NEW, one-of-a-kind magic experience puts you up close with some of the most amazing magicians performing close-up and parlor magic that will leave you amazed.

Tickets are limited due to the intimate seating in the Nakano Theatre so be sure to get your tickets early.

**Friday and Saturday April 17 & 18, 2020 | 8PM | Nakano Theatre**



# YESTERDAY the interactive beatles experience AND TODAY

Yesterday and Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience is the nation's most innovative and unique show utilizing the works of the Beatles. This amazing group, anchored by brothers Billy, Ryan and Matthew McGuigan, does away the worn out "tribute" format of bad wigs and fake accents. Instead, they perform as themselves and leave the song choices completely in the hands of the audience. This is done through request

cards that audience members fill out prior to the show. On those cards, the audience member only needs to fill out three things: their name, their favorite Beatles song and the reason why they chose that song. The cards are collected and two minutes before the show begins, a set list is created based upon the songs chosen by that particular audience.

As an added treat, the reasons that the audience members chose those songs make up the narrative of the evening.  
[billymcguigan.com](http://billymcguigan.com)

**Saturday April 25, 2020  
8PM**



UnitOne, a professional taiko group based under the umbrella of Japanese taiko drum maker, Asano Taiko U.S., share the stage for the very first time with San Jose Taiko (SJT). A contemporary ensemble since its founding in 1973, SJT takes equal parts inspiration from the Japanese roots of taiko and from other music and movement influences to create a distinct style that has been called "dancing with drums."

As only the third taiko group to form outside of Japan, SJT has been a key influencer of the evolution of the American version of the art with compositions drawing inspiration from many genres of popular American music and the incorporation of instruments from around the world. Approaching taiko as a path to social action, community development, cultural preservation, and Asian-American identity — SJT produces and presents social justice projects, like Swingposium, to elevate the profile of San Jose's Japantown and the critical contributions Asian-Americans have made to US culture, economy, and history.  
[taiko.org](http://taiko.org) [asano.us](http://asano.us)

**Saturday May 9, 2020 | 8PM**



## UNITONE X SAN JOSE TAIKO





# *Studio* **CABARET** *Series*

Relax in the intimate setting of the Nakano Theatre at a four-seat cocktail table and enjoy a delicious dinner provided by Red Car Brewery. Don't forget to save room for some of the amazing goodies from Torrance Bakery available at intermission.

Doors open at 6:30 PM | Curtain at 7:30 PM

Reserved tables are available to season subscribers by contacting the Foundation office.

All other seats are General Admission.



## Abbie Gardner



Abbie Gardner is a fiery dobro player with an infectious smile. Whether performing solo or with Americana darlings Red Molly, her acclaimed tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, are propelled by her impeccable slide guitar chops. Her live show is truly unique - as both an award winning songwriter and interpreter of folk styles, a captivating vocalist, and a world class lap style dobro player, she has an unmistakable sound all her own.  
[abbiegardner.com](http://abbiegardner.com)

"Not only a first-rate Dobro player, but a songwriter to be reckoned with."  
—John Platt, WFUV

Menu: Fall Harvest Salad, BBQ Chicken Thighs, Confetti Corn Salad, Roasted Autumn Vegetables

**Friday & Saturday  
October 18 & 19, 2019**

## SONS OF MYSTRO

Born in South Florida to a Jamaican father and Barbadian mother, Malcolm, 23, and his 20-year-old brother use their violins to interpret reggae classics, American pop songs and their own creations accompanied by beats, and sometimes a DJ & guitarist. They are winners of the Emerging Artist under 21 award at IRAWMA (International Reggae and World Music Awards). Debut EP coming in 2019. Mentored by Black Violin, these artists' stars are on the rise.  
[sonsofmystro.com](http://sonsofmystro.com)

"The band dazzled alongside each other, their chemistry drawing the crowd out of the shade and into the open lawn, dancing their way to the stage." —TropiCult

Menu: Caesar Salad, Baked Rigatoni, Italian Vegetables, House Made Focaccia Bread

**Friday & Saturday  
November 15 & 16, 2019**



# DARDEN SISTERS

DARDEN SISTERS is a family of four sisters with four powerhouse parts of vocal harmony that blend Country and Americana into a soulful pop performance. Talented singer/songwriter/musicians who play ten instruments collectively, songstresses Selah Darden (22), Clarah Darden (21), Havilah Darden (19) and Tabithah Darden (17) have created a distinctive original sound dubbed Alternative Americana. [dardensisters.com](http://dardensisters.com)

Menu: Baby Mixed Greens  
Salad, Chicken Pot Pie,  
Seasonal Vegetables

**Friday & Saturday**  
**January 17 & 18, 2020**



# ANGEL TOWN COMBO

Spend your Valentine's weekend with Angel Town Combo, LA's premiere soul, jazz, ska and improvisational groove collective. Each member of Angel Town Combo is an artist in his or her own right, including renowned band leader and drummer Mark San Filippo, heavy hitter bassist Gabe Davis, master keyboardist Aaron Provisor, iconic guitarist David Marcus, LA's top horn section Kyle O'Donnell on sax and Chris Lawrence on trumpet and featuring virtuoso vocalist Liela Avila. [www.angeltowncombo.com](http://www.angeltowncombo.com)

Menu: Red Car Salad, Chicken Piccata, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes,  
Seasonal Vegetables

**Friday & Saturday February 14 & 15, 2020**



# BROTHER Yusef

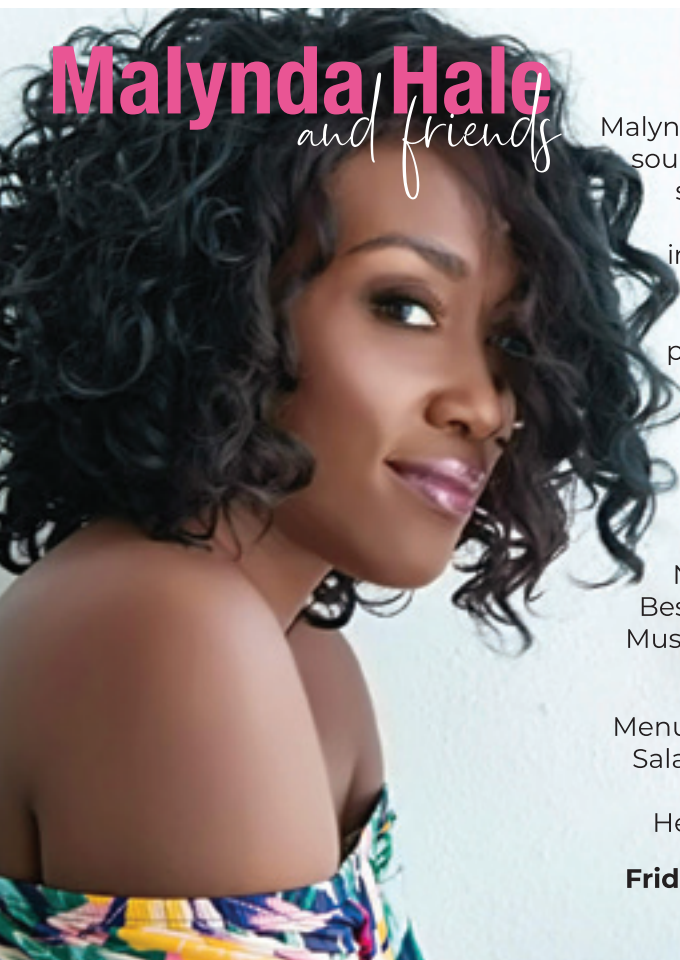


Brother Yusef has been described as a master solo guitarist, as well as a uniquely passionate vocalist. His performances are as raw, honest and real as the genre has ever aspired to be. Honed over thirty years, he calls his multifaceted style, fattback blues for it's a rich mix of Delta, Chicago and Texas blues alongside a hard driving Louisiana stomp. Fattback Blues combines "traditional" fingerpicking and slide guitar playing with the contemporary feel of urban blues, rock and funk. He uses his right hand thumb to beat out a percussive bass-line and shuffle, while the index finger plays rhythm and lead lines, creating a full band sound with a solo guitar. [brotheryusef.com](http://brotheryusef.com)

Menu: Southwest Salad,  
Chicken Enchiladas, Chava Rice

**Friday & Saturday March 6 & 7, 2020**

# Malynda Hale *and friends*




Singer songwriter and activist Malynda Hale whose music combines soul, pop and jazz. With this unique sound, she continues to cement her place in the entertainment industry as a creative powerhouse and multi-talented performer. Classically trained in both vocal performance and musical theatre, Hale has received the ASCAP PLUS Award for Independent Artists, City of Chicago's Independent Artist Grant, the Top Singer/Songwriter Award in the First Annual Independent Artist Network Music Arts Awards, and Best Female Pop Artist in the Indie Music Channel Radio Music Awards. [malyndahale.com](http://malyndahale.com)

Menu: Spinach Almond & Strawberry Salad, Grilled Flank Steak with Corn Avocado Salsa, Lemon & Thyme Herbed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables

**Friday & Saturday April 3 & 4, 2020**

# National Theatre Live

A man with a beard and a red beret is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark, tactical-style uniform with multiple pockets and straps. He is holding a handgun in his right hand, pointing it upwards. His expression is one of intense focus or passion, with his mouth slightly open as if he is speaking or shouting. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a stage or a cinematic setting.

The National Theatre Live takes performances from the London stage to cinemas and performing arts centers worldwide. Since its first season in 2009 with the acclaimed production of *Phédre* starring Helen Mirren, over a million people have now experienced the National's acclaimed work on movie screens around the world.

Now you can catch some of the most talked-about shows in London, for just a fraction of the cost. You can experience – up close and personal – the best of British theatre, shown in high definition on a giant screen. You'll always have the best view in the house!



# KING LEAR

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE | DIRECTED BY JONATHAN MUNBY

Broadcast live from London's West End, see Ian McKellen's extraordinarily moving portrayal of King Lear in cinemas.

Considered by many to be the greatest tragedy ever written, King Lear sees two ageing fathers – one a King, one his courtier – reject the children who truly love them. Their blindness unleashes a tornado of pitiless ambition and treachery, as family and state are plunged into a violent power struggle with bitter ends.

"Ian McKellen reigns supreme in this triumphant production." —Daily Telegraph

Runtime approx. 3 hours 45 minutes including one interval

**Sunday September 22, 2019 | 2PM**

# Frankenstein

Captured live in 2011 from the National Theatre stage in London, this thrilling, sold-out production of Frankenstein became an international sensation. In this presentation, Benedict Cumberbatch will play Dr. Frankenstein and Jonny Lee Miller will play his creature.

Childlike in his innocence but grotesque in form, Frankenstein's bewildered creature is cast out into a hostile universe by his horror-struck maker. Meeting with cruelty wherever he goes, the increasingly desperate and vengeful Creature determines to track down his creator and strike a terrifying deal.

Runtime approx. 2 hours 5 minutes with no interval

**Saturday October 26, 2019 | 2PM**



Broadcast live from the National Theatre, Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo play Shakespeare's famous fated couple in his great tragedy of politics, passion and power.

Caesar and his assassins are dead. General Mark Antony now rules alongside his fellow defenders of Rome. But at the fringes of a war-torn empire the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra and Mark Antony have fallen fiercely in love. In a tragic fight between devotion and duty, obsession becomes a catalyst for war.

Runtime approx. 3 hours 40 minutes including one interval.

Sunday November 10, 2019 | 2PM

## Antony & Cleopatra

by William Shakespeare



## I'm Not Running

a new play by David Hare

An explosive new political drama exploring personal choices and their public consequences includes Siân Brooke (BBC Sherlock, BBC Doctor Foster), Joshua McGuire (NT Live: Rozencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, About Time) and Alex Hassell (ITV Grantchester, BBC The Miniaturist).

Pauline Gibson is a junior doctor, who becomes the face of a campaign to save her local hospital. She's thrust from angel of the National Health Service to becoming an independent Member of Parliament. As media and public pressure mounts on Pauline to run for leadership of the Labour party, she faces an agonizing decision...

Runtime approx.  
2 hours 35 minutes  
with one interval

Sunday January 12, 2020 | 2PM



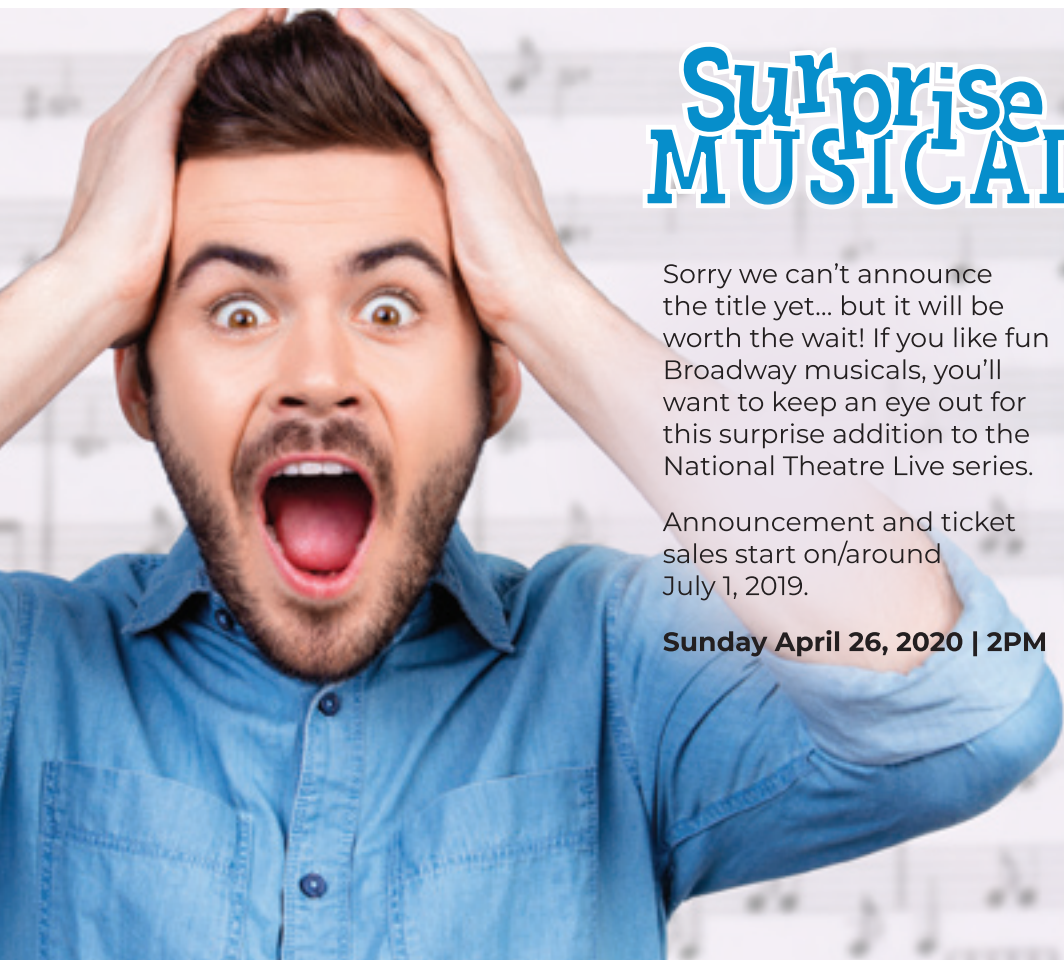
One of Broadway's most classic and beloved tales comes to screens in the largest-ever production of the breathtaking musical.

The musical, set in 1933, tells the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer gets a spot in the chorus of the musical-within-the-musical, *Pretty Lady*. Dorothy Brock, the classic Broadway diva and star of the show, takes a dislike to the new girl. When Dorothy is injured, *Pretty Lady* looks like it will have to close, unless a new girl talented enough to lead the show can be found — someone like Peggy Sawyer!

Filmed in 2018 at London's Theatre Royal the production is directed by the original author of the show, Mark Bramble.

Runtime approx. 2hours 30 minutes with one interval

**Sunday February 9, 2020 | 2PM**



## Surprise MUSICAL

Sorry we can't announce the title yet... but it will be worth the wait! If you like fun Broadway musicals, you'll want to keep an eye out for this surprise addition to the National Theatre Live series.

Announcement and ticket sales start on/around July 1, 2019.

**Sunday April 26, 2020 | 2PM**

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## SUPPORTS OTHER LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES

In an effort to let you know about other entertainment experiences Torrance has to offer, we are proud to highlight these organizations.



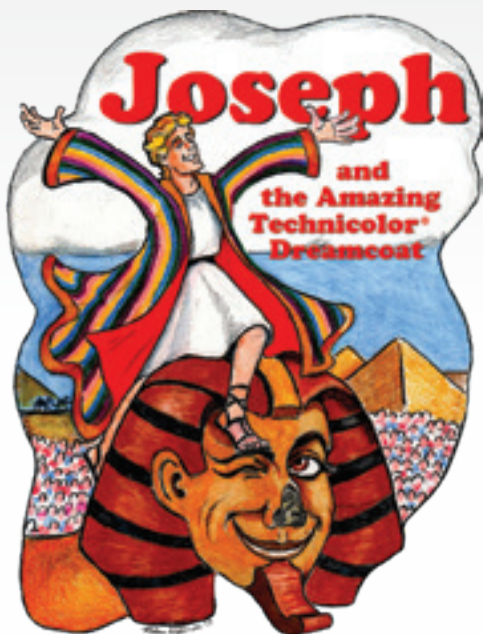
The Torrance Theatre Company celebrates its 20th Anniversary with a journey to the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, this stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman that you know and love, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

August 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8:00 PM

August 22 at 7:00 PM

August 17, 18, and 24 at 2:00 PM

[TorranceTheatreCompany.com](http://TorranceTheatreCompany.com)



## Aerospace Players

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, an irresistible family musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, follows Jacob's favorite son Joseph. After he is sold into slavery by his brothers and imprisoned in Egypt, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams and soon finds himself in front of the hilariously Elvis-like Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's second in command and reunites him with his family. This magical musical is full of catchy songs, spanning from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock and roll. A musical comedy to be enjoyed by all ages.

July 19 – July 27, 2019



## A Joyful Sound

A celebration of holiday music from throughout North America. Explore Mexico, Canada, and the United States, including Hawaiian holiday songs accompanied by the South Bay Strummers Ukulele Ensemble, and a special sing-along with seasonal favorites guaranteed to get you in the spirit!

December 14, 2019 | 8:00 PM

## Voices in Bloom

An evening featuring a variety of vocal traditions from around the world, from exotic imports to homegrown delights. Celebrate the wonder and joy of spring as the Civic Chorale and special guests present this lovely musical bouquet.

April 18, 2020 | 8:00 PM

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27  
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## **TORRANCE POPS SERIES**

### **Joanna goes “Motown”**

Joanna Medawar Nacheff Singers, a high caliber group of young vocalists, will salute the Motown Records’ 60th Anniversary with a memorable evening of music. Members of this group have performed on American Idol, America’s Got Talent, The X Factor, and The Voice, as well as at the House of Blues, in Carnegie Hall, and as support for Andrea Bocelli at the MGM in Las Vegas. Diversity and talent will govern this show with solos, duets, trios and ensemble singing. Friday, September 13, 2019, 8:00 PM, Armstrong Theatre



### **Torrance goes JAZZ — Steve Tyrell**

Grammy Award winning producer, singer, songwriter, radio host, and storyteller comes to Torrance. Defined as a renaissance man, his five decades as a jazz artist has earned him numerous awards including The 2008 Los Angeles Jazz Society’s “Jazz Vocalist of the Year”. Steve’s show will feature selections from his newly-expanded Back to Bacharach album, his 2018 #1 album, A Song For You, as well as various favorites from the Great American

Songbook including songs he has performed in major motion pictures. Sunday, January 19, 2020, 7:30 PM, Armstrong Theatre

### **Torrance Pops Orchestra Joanna Medawar Nacheff, artistic director/conductor**

Torrance Pops Orchestra in its second season will present another entertaining program of popular music from the light Classical to stage and screen. TPO will again feature highly reputable headliners whose performances will engage and enchant our audience. Join us for another evening of POPs under the sparkly baton of the dynamic maestro, Joanna Medawar Nacheff.

Sunday, April 19, 2020, 7:00 PM, Armstrong Theatre





# **LOS CANCIONEROS MASTER CHORALE**

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JUST DESSERTS, Music for the  
Imagination, 7PM

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Across the Pond, 7PM



**DECEMBER 1, 2019**

JOANNA MEDAWAR NACHEFF  
SINGERS

Vesperae solennes de confessore,  
in C Major, K339 -  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 7:30PM

**MARCH 22, 2020**

MESSIAH, Part II & III – George  
Frideric Handel, 7:30PM

**JUNE 13, 2020**

Gospel III, 7:30PM



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**GENERATION W(ar)** Curated by  
Ichiro Irie and Max Presneill  
June 15 – August 24, 2019

This exhibition explores our intersection between art and warfare, of artists who focus their art practice toward political expression and social critique of the institutionalization of war into the fabric of society.

Shusuke Ao, Josh Azzerella, Dan Van Clapp, Melanie Friend, Shaun Gladwell, Ben Jackel, Jennifer Karady, Hillary Mushkin, Simon Norfolk, Trevor Paglen, Raymond Pettibon, Isabel Rocamora, Kim Rugg, Joaquin Segura, Allison Stewart, Yoram Wolberger and others

**Gallery Two – Kate Mothes curates...** Thom Trojanowski, Tahnee Lonsdale, Michael Nauert and Kristy Luck

**SUR Biennial**  
September 21 – November 16, 2019

**Gallery Two – To Save The Day – Comic book and Superheroes in art**

Curated by Max Presneill  
Enrique Chagoya, Craig Knight, Aaron Noble, Fernando Rascon, Kim Rugg, and others

**FORUM 2019** The second edition of the Forum Mentorship Program  
November 23 – December 21, 2019

**Gallery Two – More Than Just Clay!**  
Ceramic sculpture group show

**DEATH CULT** Motorcycles, skulls and the moment of impact...  
January 18 – March 14, 2020

Curated by Max Presneill. This exhibition focuses on the ubiquitous skull and relates it to these sub-cultures, with a particular focus on the motorcycle world lifestyle. A death wish or the instinctive aligning of danger and excitement in a world that many see as too bland and safe?

**CO/LAB 5 – Los Angeles and Jo'burg/Capetown**  
April 4 – May 16, 2020

An international, emerging artists collaborative project which presents 8 artist-run gallery/spaces in LA partnering with 8 artist-run spaces in South Africa – 16 spaces create 8 curatorial projects

**Studio System 3** TAM becomes an artist's studio for 12 artists!  
June 2 – 27, 2020

**The Valerie Mindlin Project**  
July 18 - August 29, 2020

**ZOO** Animals in contemporary art  
September 19 – November 21, 2020

**FORUM 2020** The third edition of the Forum Mentorship Program.  
December 5 – 18, 2020

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Online at [TorranceArts.org](http://TorranceArts.org)

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