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Music in the Mountains celebrates 30th birthday at 'Happy Birthday USA' concert

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Music in the Mountains' (MIM) two-week SummerFest concert series winds up this weekend with the traditional and ever-popular "Happy Birthday USA!" concert. This year's event will have extra special meaning because

it's also MIM's birthday — the 30th to be exact. Back by popular demand is the Marine Corps Color Guard to usher in the concert, and the audience will be happy to see and hear the flyover, which debuted last year. NPR's Donna Apidone will also be on hand to narrate Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait."

The patriotic music program, presented by the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra and Chorale under the direction of Gregory Vajda, artistic director, includes four Sousa marches; the "Armed Forces Salute;" Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man;" a number of brass classics including "Bugler's Holiday" and "Trumpeter's Lullaby," the famous "1812 Overture" and "God Bless America."

The "picnic and pops" event, to be held outdoors at the fair-



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Happy Birthday USA concert held at the Nevada County Fairgrounds

grounds, draws a diverse audience with a variety of picnic styles. From elegant meals with artificial candles and linen napkins to pizza and soda and everything in between, there is no shortage of enjoyment.

For those who don't want to bring their own food, select

vendors will be selling their signature goodies, including PJs with sausages and hamburgers, Way Yum Sushi, Calla Lilly Crepes, Honu Island Smoothies and Juices and, of course, Lazy Dog ice cream bars.

There will also be face painting for the kids, courtesy of The

Friendship Club.

Music in the Mountains has rolled back ticket prices to just \$15 for this concert, and kids under 18 or with valid student ID get in free. The gates open at 6 p.m. for picnicking and greeting old friends. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Parking is \$5 per vehicle (collected by the Fairgrounds). This concert is sponsored by Hansen Brothers Enterprises and Full Circle Financial.

Tickets for Music in the Mountains' concerts and events may be purchased online at www.musicinthemountains.org or by calling the box office at (530) 265-6124. Tickets will also be available at the gate the night of the event.

Music in the Mountains is the largest and longest continuously running classical music organization in the Sierra Foothills.

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Who: Music in the Mountain presents "Happy Birthday USA!" concert
What: "Happy Birthday USA!" concert
When: Gates open 6 p.m. for picnickers, concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 3
Where: Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley
Tickets: \$15; kids 18 and under or with valid student ID get in free, available at the gate (530) 265-6124; musicinthemountains.org