

# eNTERTAINMENT

## SpringFest kicks off busy season for MIM

### Music in the Mountains celebrating 30th anniversary in 2011

The 30th anniversary season of Music in the Mountains (MIM) will begin with SpringFest, a three-day series of events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15 to 17, at St. Joseph's Cultural Center, 410 S. Church St., Grass Valley.

The location is an homage to MIM's early concerts in this historic former chapel. The first concert of the series, "Classics for Kids," is presented at 10 a.m. Friday by the principal players of the MIM Festival Orchestra. This free concert is designed for the area's fourth-grade students.

Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. finds jazz harpist Motoshi Kosako performing original works with his trio. The MIM Festival Orchestra principals return for an evening of chamber music at 7:30 p.m. Sunday led by artistic director Gregory Vajda, who will also play the clarinet. Also on Sunday, local thespian Bob Rossman will narrate Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" – a Russian take on the Faustian dilemma.

To celebrate the opening of the 30th season, a complimentary champagne, coffee and dessert reception follows the Saturday and Sunday concerts.

SummerFest, June 18 through July 3, includes favorites from the last 30 years of performanc-



Gregory Vajda, Music in the Mountains' Artistic Director

es, as well as some famous pieces that MIM has never played, such as Wagner's "Flying Dutchman Overture" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5." Concerts will feature the orchestra, the 90-voice festival chorale and guest artists.

A new Family Concert, "Introducing the Symphony Orchestra," will provide insights on the symphonic art form for children of all ages. Another highlight of the summer will be "Cirque de la Symphonie," a performance art

group that incorporates magic, juggling, contortion and silk aerials into a classical concert. The group will appear at the first outdoor Picnic and Pops on Saturday, June 25.

The WinterFest holiday concerts featuring the Festival Chorale with chamber orchestra will be presented Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

Tickets for Music in the Mountains' concerts and events may be purchased online at [www.musicinthemountains.org](http://www.musicinthemountains.org) or by calling the box office at 530-265-6124.



Robin Mayforth, Music in the Mountains' Concertmaster

#### 2011 Festivals

April 15 - 17: Springfest

June 18-July 3: SummerFest

Dec. 9, 10 and 11: WinterFest holiday concerts

#### Music in the Mountains Alliance benefit events

May 19: Music in the Vineyards

June 27: Bridge, Lunch and Tunes

Aug. 27: Sierra Brewfest

Sept. 11: the SwingAlong Golf Tournament

Oct. 1-2: Designs for Living Home Tour