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## MIM announces lineup of seven concerts for WinterFest

**Special to The Union**  
 Music in the Mountains, a classical music organization of the Sierra Foothills, announces the concert lineup for its WinterFest 2010 Series. Under the direction of Artistic Director Gregory Vajda, the collection of solo, chamber and choral concerts takes on a traditional flavor this year, designed to evoke the mood of a "Serenade by the Fire."  
 WinterFest 2010 kicks off with a "White Christmas" fundraiser dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Miners Foundry. The evening recreates the ambiance of an old Vermont lodge complete with a "comfort food" dinner

by Antonio and a silent auction. Paul Perry, piano, Lorraine Gervais, vocals, and George Souza, guitar, will perform.  
 The Music in the Mountains Festival Chorale, under the direction of Ryan Murray, will present its renowned holiday choral concerts on Dec. 3, 11 and 12, featuring masterworks such as the Rutter "Gloria," complete with organ, brass and percussion; Bass' "Christmas Ornaments," along with other holiday favorites.  
 A Holiday Pops concert with a lighter theme is set for Dec. 4. The program, perfect for the whole family, will feature the new Chamber Choir, Festival Orchestra Players, and special performances by Gregory Vajda and Ryan Murray. Artists from Music in the Mountains' youth education program will also perform.  
 Virtuoso pianist Andrew Armstrong returns to Grass Valley on Dec. 5 for a

"Sunday Serenade," featuring pieces by Dvorak, Janacek and Brahms.  
 "Folk Songs and Fire Dance" is the theme for the Dec. 10 concert, featuring Soprano Christine Abraham and the Festival Players performing works of Ravel, Debussy and deFalla. The harp is the centerpiece of the Ravel piece and is an important part of the entire concert.  
 "Every folk song on this program is from a different part of the world," said Vajda.  
 "Our aim for WinterFest is to present outstanding traditional music that you would listen to by the fire, while at the same time taking the spirit to faraway places," he said. "Many of these pieces have not been previously performed in Grass Valley."  
 All concerts, with the exception of the White Christmas event, take place at the Amaral Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds,

Grass Valley. For tickets and more information, visit [www.MusicInTheMountains.org](http://www.MusicInTheMountains.org) or call (530) 265-6124.

### WinterFest 2010 Concerts

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**  
 White Christmas Fundraising Event  
 5:30 p.m., Miners Foundry, Nevada City

**Friday, Dec. 3**  
 Holiday Choral Concert  
 Music in the Mountains Festival Chorale and Chamber Choir, with organ, brass and percussion.  
 7:30 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds

**Saturday, Dec. 4**  
 Holiday Pops Concert  
 Music in the Mountains Chamber Choir, Festival Players and young artists.  
 7:30 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds

**Sunday, Dec. 5**  
 Sunday Serenade  
 Virtuoso Pianist Andrew


Armstrong and Music in the Mountains Festival Players  
 2 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
 Folk Songs and Fire Dance  
 Soprano Christine Abraham and Music in the Mountains Festival Players  
 7:30 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 Holiday Choral Concert (repeated)  
 Music in the Mountains Festival Chorale and Chamber Choir, with organ, brass and percussion.  
 7:30 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds

**Sunday, Dec. 12**  
 Holiday Choral Concert (repeated)  
 Music in the Mountains Festival Chorale and Chamber Choir, with organ, brass and percussion.  
 7:30 p.m. Amaral Family Festival Center, Nevada County Fairgrounds


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