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MIM: Unique jazz harp trio performs



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Motoshi Kosako.

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Acclaimed jazz harpist Motoshi Kosako and his trio will perform Saturday night, April 16, at St. Joseph's Cultural Center in Grass Valley. The 7:30 p.m. concert, presented by Music in the Mountains (MIM), will feature original works by Kosako, who has just returned from his Japan tour. The trio includes Kosako, Bill Douglass on bass and Chinese bamboo flute and Daryl Van Druff on drums.

Kosako currently resides in Nevada County and has played harp with the MIM Festival Orchestra in past seasons.

"Harp as a jazz instrument is very unusual and we are excited to present this concert," says Gregory Vajda, artistic director for Music in the Mountains. "Motoshi is an amazing player and this is going to be a great evening."

To celebrate MIM's 30th anniversary, a complimentary champagne, coffee and

dessert reception will follow the concert.

According to Sacramento Magazine, "Kosako plays with fluid, modern style that evokes Keith Jarrett and Chick Corea."

Tickets range from \$21 to \$30 (\$5 for youth) and may be purchased online at www.MusicInTheMountains.org or by calling the box office at (530) 265-6124.

Music in the Mountains, founded in 1982, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Nevada County by presenting outstanding performances of predominantly classical music and by offering educational opportunities for youth and adults in music appreciation, performance and composition. Fueled by hundreds of volunteers and donors, the organization includes the Festival Orchestra, with 55 professional players from around the country, and the 85-voice Festival Chorale, a highly acclaimed, auditioned vocal group.