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**“Dinner Divertimento” with chamber music kicks off SummerFest 2011**

Music in the Mountains (MIM) will host “Dinner Divertimento” on Saturday, June 18, to usher in SummerFest 2011, the organization’s 30th anniversary season.

The elegant evening of fine food and exceptional chamber music will take place at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center, 325 Spring St. in Nevada City, and will feature an intimate get-together with artistic director Gregory Vajda and some of MIM’s principal orchestra players.

The evening opens with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by a performance of Mozart’s “Quintet for Piano and Woodwinds” and Ernst von Dohnanyi’s “Sextet for Piano, Clarinet, Horn, and String Trio, Op.37.” Dinner will be catered by Jim E.

“Divertimento comes from the Italian word that means ‘to amuse,’” explains Vajda. “The Divertimento genre represents a tradition of social gatherings with music performed by small ensembles. It’s a perfect way to experience this music first-hand and enjoy an elegant dinner party at the same time.”

Tickets are \$75 per person; deadline for reservations is June 8. Reservations may be made online at [www.MusicInTheMountains.org](http://www.MusicInTheMountains.org) or by calling (530) 265-6124.

MIM’s SummerFest 2011 runs from June 18 through July 3 and features classical concerts with orchestra and chorus, a



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family concert, an outdoor event with Cirque de la Symphonie and the always-popular “Happy Birthday, USA” picnic and pops event July 3.

**ABOVE:** There were vendors galore at Grass Valley’s Thursday Night Marketplace, the first of the season in downtown Grass Valley. **BELOW:** Joshua Kelso enjoyed the Thursday Night Marketplace.

**Annual Breakfast in the Park almost here**

Friends of Hospice’s 29th annual Breakfast in the Park is set for 8 a.m. to noon Sunday at St. Canice Center, 234 Reward St. in Nevada City (off Zion Street). Fresh fruit, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and tea will be offered.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 for children age 6 and under, and are available at Nevada City Hospice Thrift, Penn Valley Hospice Thrift, The Book Seller in Grass Valley and the Friends of Hospice Office at 11270 Rough & Ready Highway.

Breakfast in the Park is held in association with Nevada County Deputy Sheriff’s Association.

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