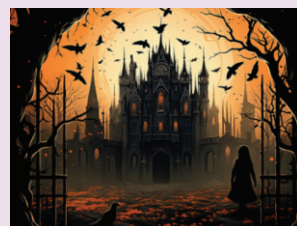


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Public Library transitions leadership of Innovative College Scholarship Program 'SJ Aspires'

*Program transitions
to Boys & Girls Clubs
of Silicon Valley*

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley (BGCSV) has completed the transition process to assume management of SJ Aspires, an innovative program launched in 2018 by the San José Public Library and San José Public Library Foundation.

"We are extremely proud of the impact that SJ Aspires has had for underserved high school students in San Jose," said Jill Bourne, City Librarian. "This groundbreaking program demonstrates how a city can invest in the educational attainment of our youth and pave the path to a brighter future. Partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley will continue to build upon the program's foundation to ensure that SJ Aspires thrives and expands under their leadership."

In January 2023, the BGCSV was selected to become a managing



The San José Public Library and San José Public Library Foundation Partners with The Boys & Girls Clubs (BGCSV) of Silicon Valley in transitioning BGCSV to assume management of SJ Aspires.

partner of SJ Aspires through an open process to identify a qualified agency to assume long-term oversight and operations, including expansion and financial sustainability. The Library and Library Foundation reviewed the qualifications of potential partners and selected BGCSV to continue advancing the impact of SJ Aspires. Management and oversight of the program was officially transitioned

on May 31, 2024.

"Many high school students in Silicon Valley face monumental barriers in the pursuit of post-secondary education," said Steve Wymer, BGCSV's President and CEO. "SJ Aspires is an innovative and powerful program that will change lives and communities, and we are grateful to partner with the San José Public Library and San

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California Coastal Cleanup Day Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon

By William Bellou
Publisher

California Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The organization will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

For 40 years, Coastal Cleanup Day has successfully diverted millions of pounds of plastic debris from the ocean, but at the end of the day, this event is about much more than picking up trash.

Over the years, the event has created a long-term dataset that describes the prevalence of different types of debris on our beaches and shorelines, which is used by policy makers to shape and monitor the success of plastic pollution prevention efforts. Moreover, it's a chance for Californians to join people around the world in ex-

pressing respect for our oceans and waterways, as well as an opportunity for the community to send a statement and demonstrate its desire for clean water and healthy marine life.

The chart below lists the top ten items collected by volunteers since 1988.

Coastal Cleanup Day is also a moment to share with one's neighbors, family, and friends, coming together to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of the places we treasure.

You can also sign up for one of the virtual informational meetings to learn more about California Coastal Cleanup Day and how you can get involved. To learn more about signing up to volunteer, email: volunteer@valleywater.org



Mobile Clinic Project volunteers help build trust and break barriers to promote quality of life among the homeless.

High School student volunteers for Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA

By William Bellou
Publisher

Mini Mishra of San Jose is volunteering with the Mobile Clinic Project at UCLA. Mir-

sha is a UCLA undergraduate student and volunteers as a caseworker and companion.

The Mobile Clinic Project is an organization that aims to improve

the health outcomes and quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness and other populations made vulnerable in the greater Los

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TOP TEN ITEMS 1988-2023	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
#1. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters	8,403,338	35.34%
#2. Food Wrappers/Containers	2,592,161	10.90%
#3. Caps/Lids	2,207,929	9.28%
#4. Bags (paper and plastic)	1,723,026	7.25%
#5. Cups/Plates/Forks/Knives/Spoons	1,268,781	5.34%
#6. Straws/Stirrers	961,822	4.04%
#7. Beverage Bottles (Glass)	749,812	3.15%
#8. Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	659,505	2.77%
#9. Beverage Cans	573,772	2.41%
#10. Construction Material	407,651	1.71%
TOP TEN TOTAL	19,547,797	82.20

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Times **Community**

Sacred Heart Community Service (SHCS) will hold a momentous gala event named Legacy: Six Decades of Sacred Heart Community Service.

Sacred Heart Community Service celebrates a 60-year legacy of impact with Anniversary Gala

By William Bellou
Publisher

Legacy will commemorate Sacred Heart's sixty-year commitment to a community united to fight poverty in Silicon Valley. This special celebration will take place on Saturday, September 28th, 6-9 p.m. at the prestigious Corinthian in Downtown San Jose.

Sacred Heart's humble journey began 60 years ago in the West San Jose home of founder Louise Benson in 1964. In the early days, she would provide her neighbors with food, clothing, and other essential items. Since then, Sacred Heart has grown into one of the most impactful anti-poverty non-profits in the Bay Area, serving more than 60,000 community members annually.

Legacy will be a celebration of Sacred Heart's storied past as well as its bright future.

"We are honored to celebrate with the thousands of people who have helped make Sacred Heart Community Service the organization it is today, said Elizabeth Matthews, Senior Director of Development. "Each person has left an indelible mark on what we have accomplished, who we are today, and where we can go in the future. Attending and supporting this Gala shows our community that we are in this together and here for each other."

The Gala promises to be a unique and special event featuring fine dining, a keynote address, and performances from Poet Mike Mcgee, Singer Amy Dabalos, and the San Jose Jazz Youth Orchestra. Attendees will also have the opportunity to play the puzzle game "Opening Doors and Opening Hearts" to win great prizes like a one-night stay at Hayes Mansion.

Tickets for the formal gala event can be purchased at: <https://bit.ly/SHCSLegacy>

For more information about the event or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Elizabeth Matthews at elizabethmatthews@sacredheartcs.org

Proposed change of use of the Monterey-Bernal Emergency Interim Housing site causes concern

By Arjun Batra

This message provides an important update regarding the proposed sale and change of use of the Monterey-Bernal Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) site at 6066 Monterey Road.

Over the past few days, I've had several meetings with City staff and my council colleagues to discuss your concerns, and I continue to carry your message of opposition to this proposal.

Your community has made it abundantly clear - through your petition signed by 2,200+ residents and active engagement - that the opposition to this



District 10 Report
Arjun Batra
Councilmember,
District 10

plan is not a matter of procedural issues or lack of notice.

The core of your concern is that the change in use is not consistent with the understanding the community was given when this facility was created. I continue to stand with the community and oppose the change of use for this site.

The County and the City held a meeting to explain their proposal for the change of use to the Monterey-Bernal EIH on September 11 via Zoom.

This was another opportunity for residents to express their viewpoint directly and publicly.

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SJ Aspires

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José Public Library Foundation to serve even more students as we work to grow this important program over time.”

Since becoming a managing partner, Boys & Girls Clubs has demonstrated its ability to expand the program and support for SJ Aspires students enrolled in William C. Overfelt High School and San Jose High School by providing full-time College and Career Advisors at each location to offer individualized assistance to students invited to enroll in the program during the 2023-24 academic school year.

“We are incredibly proud to have taken an innovative idea from inception through proof-of-concept that has set so many young

adults on the path to further education,” remarked Dr. Dawn Coppin, CEO, San José Public Library Foundation. “We have tremendous appreciation for all the donors who saw the potential of SJ Aspires and the students it serves. We are confident that BGCSV will add more wonderful chapters to this story.”

The Library and Library Foundation worked closely with BGCSV through the transition during the 2023-2024 academic year to ensure that the work that was done to establish the program will continue to grow and maximize the potential of students. SJ Aspires is available to qualifying students at Overfelt and San Jose High School during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

For more information about SJ Aspires, visit: www.bgclub.org/sjaspire

Clinic

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Angeles area by connecting them to the existing continuum of care.

“We strive to establish a safe, nonjudgmental environment where people of all backgrounds can receive direct medical care, legal advocacy, and compassionate connection,” Mishra said. “Along with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, we operate weekly street-side clinics in West Hollywood to bring crucial health and social services to our clients and alleviate barriers to care.”

Misha said she is currently reaching out to the community to seek excess clothing or shoes that she can distribute through the clinic.

“I would like to distribute these items to anyone who needs them, but we are facing a critical loss of our regular funding. We are currently looking for clean and gently used men’s pants size 32 and up, and gently used new men’s athletic shoes size 8-12. In addition, large/extra-large t-shirts are also accepted, as well as blankets! If you don’t have any physical donations but would still like to help out, we have an Amazon wish list.” https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2D1TPUJI98CV5?ref=wl_share or you can donate money using Venmo @Finance-MCP.

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About Mobile Clinic Project

The Mobile Clinic Project is a 22-year-old project aimed at improving the health outcomes and quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness in the greater Los Angeles area through service, healthcare, and advocacy. Composed of undergraduate students, public health graduate students, and medical students at UCLA, the Mobile Clinic Project operates weekly streetside clinics that provide people with a safe, low-barrier, compassionate space to receive resources and care that address not only their physical health, but any other barriers to care.



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Events and Trips:

Cache Creek Casino: Tuesday Sept 17, 8am to 6:30pm. Come on the bus to Cache Creek Casino for a fun day of gaming and food. Depart at 8am and get back around 6:30pm. Cost: \$50 cash or check. You get \$20 in free play. Tickets on sale MWF 8am to 10am. Contact Rich, 408-219-8641 for more information.

A September to Remember: Saturday Sept 21st, 12 to 3pm. Celebrate with music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Join us for a lunch of spaghetti, lasagna, chicken, antipasto, drinks and dessert included. Ticket sales MWF 8am to 10am in ACC lobby. Members: \$22, Non-Members \$25 cash or check. Call Jeanne @408-425-5723 for more information.

Roaring Camp, Thursday October 24th, 8:30am. Travel by bus to Roaring Camp Railroad in Felton. Take a scenic ride on a steam powered train to the top of the mountain and back. Have a BBQ Chicken lunch before returning to the community center in late afternoon. Tickets on sale in the ACC lobby, MWF 8-10am. \$96 cash or check. For information, contact Donna at dsmith95118@sbcbglobal.net or 408 266-4938

Clue (the play): SJCPA, November 2, 2024, 2pm. \$90 cash or check.

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Times **Local News**

September events 'dinosaurs' and 'low riders' for Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose

Low and slow" vehicles from the local car club, Boulevard Bombs, will literally cruise into Children's Discovery Museum to kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, September 14.

Phillip Retamoza, known locally as the Purple Car Singer, will dazzle and sing from his custom-designed, purple 1952 Mercury Lowrider bomb (Mercster) - a fully equipped mobile entertainment center complete with his purple guitar.

Author and digital artist Ricardo Cortez will present his popular book, The ABCs of Lowriding. This mastermind of "Low Rider Fever" will share the history of



lowriding by hosting a Q & A and facilitating an art activity at 11:00 a.m.

Throughout the month, hands-on art activities, special programs and themed workshops will honor and explore the myriad contributions Latinos have made to all facets of society.

TICKETS: https://www.cdm.org/event/national-hispanic-heritage-month-kickoff-event/?instance_id=10200

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
Celebrate Chinese and Vietnamese cultures with the electri-

fying Lion Dance performance by Yun Yee Tong will be held Saturday, September 21 at the Children's Discovery Museum.

Here's your chance to give thanks to the moon and the fall harvest season by making playdough moon cakes - a favorite Chinese custom for expressing good wishes. Dance to traditional music and learn more about this joyful holiday filled with appreciation and gratitude.

TICKETS: <https://www.cdm.org/celebrate/mid-autumn-moon-festival>



Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice™ exhibition

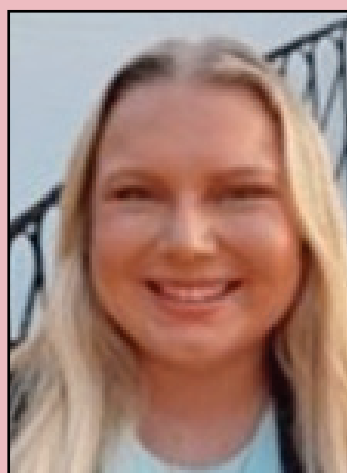
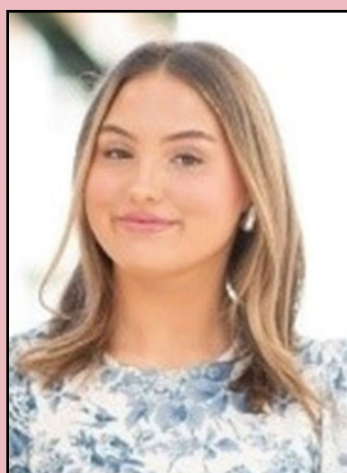
A new exhibition roars into the Museum on Saturday, September 21 when attendees will come face-to-face with dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes.

Here's your chance to travel back to the Cretaceous Period and learn about these mysterious animals. Climb into a Troodon's nest and play with dinosaur eggs. Put on an insect costume and buzz through a volcano with oozing lava. Go nose

to nose with a T-Rex, Pachycephalosaurus, and other prehistoric creatures.

Work through a swampy bog, breeze down an icy slide, and hop across stones in a frosty river. Step into the role of paleontologist to meet touchable dinosaurs, dig for fossils and experience a time when these incredible animals roamed the earth.

TICKETS: <https://www.cdm.org/visit/exhibits/dinosaurs-land-of-fire-and-ice>



From left: Hanna Model Hospitality Administration Major; Anika Odgers, Hospitality Administration Major; and Payton Vieira, Nursing major.

Paige Biester of Almaden Valley named to President's List at Plymouth State University

Paige Biester of Almaden Valley has been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2024 semester. Biester is a Business Administration major.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Spring 2024 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized. Biester is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

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viding graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development.

Three Almaden Valley residents named to Dean's List at University of Alabama Spring 2024

Three Almaden Valley residents have been named to Dean's List at University of Alabama for the Spring Semester 2024.

Almaden students named to the Dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 and above include Hanna Model Hospitality Administration Major; Anika Odgers, Hospitality Administration Major; and Payton Vieira, Nursing major.

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Times **Local News**

Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents world-renowned pianist Anna Fedorova performing from Her New CD, "The Intrigues of the Darkness" Oct. 5

Fedorova's live performance of Rachmaninoff's 2nd Piano Concerto viewed 35 million times

Ukrainian Anna Fedorova, one of the world's leading young pianists, opens the 30th Season for Steinway Society - The Bay Area with a solo recital on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm PDT at the Visual and

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Performing Arts Center (at De Anza College) in Cupertino, CA.

To meet the needs of a diverse community of patrons, Steinway Society also offers a recorded streaming option to enjoy the con-

cert on-demand for 48 hours.

A favorite of Bay Area audiences, Fedorova is returning to the Steinway stage for an encore performance. She has taken top prizes at the Rubinstein and



Anna Fedorova
Photos courtesy of the artist



Anna Fedorova returns to the Steinway Society - The Bay Area stage on Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 pm at De Anza College in Cupertino. *Photos courtesy of the artist.*

Moscow International Chopin Competitions and has been mentored by world-renowned musicians Alfred Brendel and Sir András Schiff.

From an early age, she showed an innate musical maturity and amazing technical abilities. Her live recording of Rachmaninoff's

2nd Piano Concerto has been viewed more than 35 million times on YouTube, making it the most watched classical concerto on the platform. Fedorova has performed with esteemed orchestras in prestigious concert halls and music festivals of Europe, North and South America, and

Asia.

WHO: Anna Fedorova: Passionate and Poetic Ukrainian Pianist

WHAT: Concert presented Live and Live-Streamed by Steinway Society—The Bay Area. Program includes Chopin, and Schubert.

WHEN: Saturday, October 5 @ 7:30pm

WHERE: Visual and Performing Arts Center, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino (located at De Anza College)

TICKETS:

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From the new CD, "The Intrigues of the Darkness"

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Times **Local News**

San José Public Library Foundation teams up with celebrity chef Yan for library fundraiser on Sept. 21

By William Bellou
Publisher

In a first of its kind celebrity author event, the San José Public Library Foundation is teaming up with Bay Area Chef Martin Yan, host of the hit show Yan Can Cook, to fundraise for critical San José Public Library programs.

During the ticketed event on September 21 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.), Chef Yan will bring his award-winning recipes and entertaining cooking demonstrations to the San José City Hall Rotunda.

The fundraiser will help fund library programs that support literacy, provide career training, and expand access to digital tools. “Join me in San Jose! I will be doing a wonderful, delicious cooking demonstration and show you how to make some of my favorite dishes. Enjoy delicious food with great company. Learn cooking tips and tricks. And of course, support a great cause that is close to my heart,” said Yan.

During the event at San José City Hall Rotunda, 200 E Santa Clara St, in San José, guests will enjoy a delicious five-course meal



Bay Area Chef **Martin Yan** to fundraise for critical San José Public Library programs by offering a 5-course meal Saturday, September 21 at San Jose City Hall Rotunda.

featuring Chef Martin Yan's award-winning menu, complete with premium reserve wine pairings generously provided by Bouchaine Vineyards, while Chef Yan performs an entertaining cooking demonstration and shares the inspiration behind his cookbooks.

Also scheduled is a live auction as well as a performance by Chinese Lion Dancers. Taking place during the Moon Festival and the Year of the Dragon, elements of the menu will pay tribute to each holiday's cultural significance. Guests will receive autographed copies of Yan's newest release “Best of Yan Can Cook.”

Tickets and more information are available online: <https://tinyurl.com/6pzm6jt>



Symphony San Jose and Chorale San Jose celebrate the spooky season

Get ready for some of classical music's scariest hits at California Theater October 26-27

Just in time for Halloween, Symphony San Jose and Symphony San Jose Chorale conjure up some of classical music's scariest hits in performances scheduled Saturday, October 26, 2024 (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, October 27, 2024 (2:30 p.m.)

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 - Camille Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre
 - Modest Mussorgsky: Night on Bald Mountain
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 - Bernard Herrmann: Psycho
 - Edvard Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King

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San Jose could lose thousands of trees to invasive beetle

By **Brandon Pho**
San José Spotlight

An invasive beetle killing a dramatic number of Southern California trees has found its way to San Jose — and it could threaten the urban forest that shades and cools Silicon Valley, including Willow Glen.

Santa Clara County officials aren't sure when or how the species, known as the shothole borer beetle, arrived in San Jose. The non-native species was first detected in Southern California in the early 2000s. The beetle was identified locally in November last year but may have been in San Jose undetected for several years. Now San Jose officials are trapping the bugs while county officials survey the city to determine the extent of the infestation.

Officials have tracked the bug around riparian areas like Coyote Creek and the Guadalupe River. But the beetle — which has already killed tens of thousands of box elders, California sycamores, valley oaks and more across seven counties in Southern California — is also infesting older and stately landscape trees in San Jose.

"These are large sycamores that have been here for years and years — and now they're dying from this beetle," Drew Raymond, acting agricultural commissioner for Santa Clara County, told San José Spotlight.

The pest could spell trouble for the region's urban canopy, which cools surrounding neighborhoods. That's a crucial resource for underserved areas across the county, such as East San Jose, where urban heat islands and a lack of shade make hot and sunny days more unbearable. San Jose's tree coverage has dropped dramatically over the years. From 2012 to 2018, the city lost nearly three square miles of trees — a 1.5% overall drop in tree canopy.

After an internal audit found the city woefully mismanaged tree loss, the San Jose City Council in January 2023 voted to change the rules around tree removal permits.

County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas said the beetle presents a danger to the region's tree shade.

"At a time when tree canopies can make such a difference in our neighborhoods, this invasive pest becomes a real pest for our community," she told San José Spotlight.

The local shothole borer beetle discovery comes after urban foresters have already been monitoring another tree-killing beetle species, the gold spotted oak borer, for a couple of years since it was first found in San Jose. But so far they've stayed there, according to Jean-Paul Renaud, executive director of Canopy, a Palo Alto-based group dedicated to planting trees in the mid-peninsula.

"I know that there are traps laid out through-

out Palo Alto and they're regularly checked for it but nothing so far. We're all holding our breaths," Renaud told San José Spotlight. "This speaks to the importance of diversity in our tree species when planting in an urban setting so that one pest or disease doesn't affect an entire tree inventory."

Raymond said infested tree removal is already underway in San Jose to prevent the safety risk of a falling tree. But that will come with a heavy price tag.

"Because the shothole borer threatens larger trees, they would cost thousands of dollars to replace. It poses a threat to trees that have pretty substantial value. To replace a tree is not cheap," Raymond said.

One can spot the early symptoms of a beetle attack through wet staining and discoloration on the bark of a tree's main stem and branches. An infested tree will also show an entry or exit hole that is perfectly round and the size of a ballpoint pen tip. Other signs include gumming, insect waste, boring dust and sugary buildup around entry holes.

Researchers have confirmed the pest can kill 17 species of tree. But the beetle can live in dozens of other tree and shrub species, such as the California buckeye, coast live oak, avocado and acacia.

The beetle is tiny, with females comparable in size to a sesame seed and males being even smaller. Yet the insects have exacted enormous damage by tunneling into host trees and introducing a fungus that serves as food for the beetles and their larvae. The fungus leads to disease which prevents trees from transporting water and nutrients, damaging and killing them.

The bug can also spread through residential green waste collection. And there are certain steps to take to remove the pest so that doesn't help it spread. Infested wood needs to be chipped down to one inch or less and further sanitized by composting or drying the wood out through a process known as solarization.

"Unfortunately, there is no regulation on moving wood," Raymond said. "Our biggest weapon honestly is education."



Early signs of shothole borer beetles include wet staining and discoloration on the bark of a tree's main stem and branches. Photo courtesy of Santa Clara County.

Times **Community**

Winchester Mystery House to present 'Unhinged: Hotel' Sept. 13 – Nov. 2

By William Bellou
Publisher

Winchester Mystery House in San Jose has announced that its record-breaking, immersive Halloween experience will return this fall with an entirely new chapter, "Unhinged: Hotel."

Starting Friday, September 13 and running through Sunday, November 2, the Bay Area's premier Halloween haunt will return on select

nights with a brand-new original storyline, complete with new characters and terrifying scares.

Step into the darkened halls of the Winchester Mystery House and navigate a hauntingly immersive maze like no other. Let's just say... some doors should stay closed.

"Celebrating another incredible installment of Winchester Mystery House's Unhinged, this highly anticipated attraction continues to captivate guests from around the San Francisco Bay Area every year with its thrills and hauntingly immersive experiences. We are thrilled to work with dozens of local artists who will bring their unique talents and eerie creativity to life, transforming the historic mansion into a mesmerizing and spine-chilling spectacle," Said



Winchester Mystery House Executive Director Walter Magnuson.

Stranded with car troubles, a group of friends seeks help at a nearby hotel. Little do they know the seemingly empty hotel is hiding more than just vacant rooms. As they venture deeper into the halls, an unsettling feeling creeps in—they realize they are not alone. Are you brave enough to step inside and uncover the dark secrets hidden within the walls? Will you make it to check out?

Upon arrival, guests will start their evening on the estate, where they can indulge in themed food and drinks, visit a fortune teller, immerse themselves in the spooky ambiance, and capture memories at various photo spots.

From there, guests will enter the home which includes the standard twists and turns of the Winchester Mystery House but mixed with terror and scares around every corner of the house. Following the walkthrough, guests can experience the return of The Mists, an outdoor scare zone that will be haunting all nights of Unhinged: Hotel.

Starting September 13, a Halloween Museum will also be featured on the estate that will be free night and day for guests to enjoy. The museum will include a collection of vintage Halloween decor, artifacts, and memorabilia.

Admission tickets (starting at \$69.99) for Unhinged: Hotel are available now online at winchestermysteryhouse.com/unhinged.

For the full performance schedule and ongoing updates, visit www.winchestermysteryhouse.com/unhinged



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Times **Local News**

Take a journey back to the Roaring '20's when Symphony San Jose presents George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue Oct. 5-6

By William Bellou
Publisher

Symphony San Jose's new season kicks off with a journey back to the Roaring '20s.

Walk the red carpet, pop the champagne, and discover why classical music was at the center of the Jazz Age at the California Theatre October 4-5.

The centerpiece of this concert is George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue – which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2024. At the keys is Jon Nakamatsu – known as San Jose's favorite hometown pianist – who will also perform Aaron Copland's jazzy, blues-inspired Piano Concerto.

The concert opens and closes with two of the most famous pieces in the orchestral repertoire: Gershwin's An American in Paris and Maurice Ravel's Bolero.

Pre-concert festivities occur one hour prior to the concert. To honor the era of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Symphony San Jose is traveling back to the twenties, with activities and décor to highlight the glamour and excitement of this bygone era. Dress up in 1920s style and join us as we celebrate the Jazz Age together!

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Van Cliburn Award-winning pianist and local icon Jon Nakamatsu will join the orchestra in January to perform both of the great Gershwin concertos.

In the roaring twenties, jazz found its way

into classical composition, and the result was a musical revolution.

This program of works from the 1920s contrasts the French composer Ravel with Gershwin the New Yorker, and the different worlds on either side of the Atlantic.

Conductor: Ward Stare

Soloist: Jon Nakamatsu, Piano

Program:

- George Gershwin: An American in Paris
- Aaron Copland: Piano Concerto
- George Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue
- Maurice Ravel: Bolero

Performances:

- Sat., October 5, 2024 @ 7:30PM
- Sun., October 6, 2024 @ 2:30PM

Tickets:


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Editor's note: Music Notes occur one hour prior to the concert in the auditorium.



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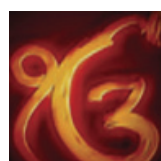


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