



Monterey County Pops!

Celebrates Monterey's 250th Birthday

FREE concert from 6:00 p. m. to 7:15 p.m.

(No First Night Buttons Required)

New Years Eve

At the

Golden State Theater

417 Alvarado St, Monterey, CA 93940

In collaboration with the **Old Monterey Foundation and First Night Monterey**, Monterey County Pops! is pleased to celebrate the City of Monterey's 250th Birthday with a gala New Year's Eve concert featuring a **full 38-piece symphony orchestra**.

After opening remarks by community leaders, Monterey County Pops! board member, **Jackie Craghead**, will lead the audience in singing Happy Birthday to Monterey!



Musical selections will then commemorate the rich historical currents that swept Alta California. The Russian presence in early California will be remembered with excerpts the **Nutcracker Ballet** by the Russian composer Tchaikovsky including the Russian dance **Trépak**. The very significant role of Spain will be celebrated by the brilliant paso doble **El Gato Montés**. The Mexican era will be represented by the lively **Jarabe Tapatio**. The very important contributions of Italian immigrants will be celebrated with the **Anvil Chorus** from **Trovatore** by Verdi. The explorations of Sir Francis Drake and subsequent British invasions will be illustrated by **Bohemian Rhapsody** by Queen.

The orchestra will celebrate the holidays with what may be the first professional performance on the peninsula of Leroy Anderson's **A Christmas Festival**. This brilliantly orchestrated and delightfully inventive suite of holiday favorites by one of America's most beloved composers is a *tour de force* featuring all sections of the orchestra.



Finally, since the concert is taking place on New Year's Eve, the program will conclude with some bubbly staples of this festive evening. In a nod to Vienna's long tradition of New Year's merriment, this section begins with quick romp through Johann Strauss, Jr.'s, **Thunder and Lightning Polka** (Unter Donner und Blitz). Leory Anderson returns with **Jazz Pizzicato** and the celebration continues with **A Salute to the Big Bands**, a medley of *April in Paris, I'm Getting Sentimental Over You, Pennsylvania 6-5000,*

Serenade in Blue, and Sing, Sing, Sing. The evening concludes with the delightful holiday charm of Leroy Anderson's **Sleigh Ride**.



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