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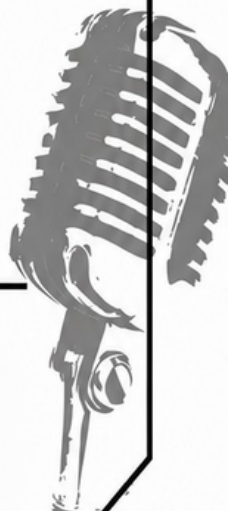
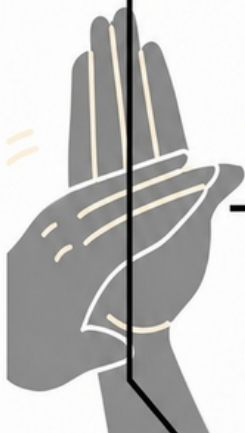
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LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
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DIGITAL PROGRAM



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Arts Council Meniffee warmly invites you to an unforgettable evening of music and dance. Relax and enjoy a showcase of exceptional talent-featuring some of the finest singers, dancers, and musicians who live, work, or study in and around Meniffee.

Arts Council Meniffee is a non-profit cultural and educational agency, dedicated to supporting visual, musical, theater, dance, literary and culinary arts.

Events sponsored by ACM serve as opportunities to celebrate local artists, writers, chefs and performers.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

DR JONATHAN GREENBERG

Dr. Greenberg returns as our Master of Ceremonies. As a member of the Arts Council Meniffee Board of Trustees and President of the Meniffee Valley Community Cupboard he is a very active volunteer and generous supporter of many organizations throughout the southwest Riverside community.



PLEASE NOTE

If you plan to photograph or video any of tonight's performances, please understand that **flash and lights are NOT permitted.**

The Arts Council Meniffee thanks the Theater Department of Liberty High for providing lighting, sound, and stage management.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Preshow entertainment

Komai Taiko Japanese Drum Group (outside performance area)

1. *The Oak* (guitar/drums/vocalist) _____ “Watchtower”
2. *Carolynn Moroz* (vocalist) _____ “I Will Always Love You”
3. *Ray Carpenter* (vocalist/guitar) _____ “The Last Cowboy Song”
4. *Nidhisri Peddikuppa* (Indian dance) _____ “Soorya Moorthi”
5. *Olivia Pynes* (vocalist) _____ “Maybe This Time”
6. *Maya Perlez* (guitar/vocalist) _____ “Not Quite There Yet”
7. *Ava Rose Waits* (dancer/vocalist) _____ “Splish Splash”
8. *Liliyen Mirai Koga* (vocalist) _____ “A Million Dreams”
9. *Monica Burrola-Carli* (vocalist) _____ “From the Start”
10. *Joey Mercado* (ventriloquist) _____ “Joey & Theo”
11. *Jim Laurienti* (vocalist) _____ “Il Mondo”
12. *Dr. Stephen Vaughan* (trumpet/vocalist) _____ “Will You Notice Me”

***** TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION *****

13. *Ballet Folklórico* (Mexican dance) _____ “La Iguana”
14. *Daniella Moroz* (guitar/vocalist) _____ “Here to Stay”
15. *Eliana Perez* (vocalist) _____ “My Heart Will Go On”
16. *Cynthia Hyle* (dancer) _____ “The Visitor”
17. *Ira Asuncion* (vocalist) _____ “Breathe”
18. *Nonie Hilgesen* (vocalist) _____ “Tennessee Whiskey”
19. *Emily Romo* (vocalist) _____ “Never Enough”
20. *Judith Kessinger* (guitar/vocalist) _____ “Twenty-Three”
21. *Alice Simoes* (vocalist) _____ “Unchained Melody”
22. *Victor Alexeeff* (pianist) _____ “Pathetique Sonata, 1st mvmt”

Program Notes

Thank you for joining us for an evening of music, dance, and entertainment featuring talented performers from across our community. Please enjoy the performances and support all of our artists throughout the entire program.

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PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT



KOMAI TAIKO

Taiko Drum Group

Led by Kim Masumi, and is based out of the Kay Cenicerros Senior Center in Menifee, CA. Initially started as an adapted PE class for seniors at the Center incorporating movement techniques from Japanese taiko drumming, the popularity of the class led to the creation of a second class focused on becoming a performing taiko group.

The name Komai literally means 'dancing inspiration'. Just as the members themselves reach beyond their own perceived limitations in learning to play taiko, they aim to inspire others to believe that they too can reach outside their own comfort zones.



*A special outdoor pre-show performance
welcoming guests to tonight's event.*

Arts Council Menifee thanks the Perris Union High School District, Superintendent Dr. Jose Luis Araux, and Principal Erika Rojas for their support of the Arts and allowing Arts Council Menifee use of their facilities at Liberty High School.

Arts Council Menifee also thanks Liberty High School Theater Program Director, Chelsea Dove, for her knowledge and enthusiastic cooperation in the planning and facilitation of this year's Menifee's Got Talent.

GET TO KNOW TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS



Celebrating Local Talent



VICTOR ALEXEEFF

Pianist

I began studying piano at age four and attended the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, at age seven. Besides working as a concert pianist and session player, I compose scores for film and television, produce original albums, and perform with experimental music groups and rock bands.



IRA ASUNCION

Vocalist

Ira has been singing for four years. They've been in musicals, including Seussical and Catch Me if You Can. Currently, they're in a production of Mean Girls with Temecula Youth Musical Theatre. A huge thanks to their parents for encouraging their passion, and to Vanessa, for introducing them to the world of theatre in the first place.



BALLET FOLKLORICO

Dance Group

Under the direction of Lorena Hancock, Ballet Folklorico preserves and promotes Mexican culture through dance. Based in southern Riverside County, the group performs across California celebrating Hispanic heritage.



MONICA BURROLA CARLI

Vocalist • Entrepreneur

Co-founder of LiveJam Events, she discovered her deep passion for music at just nine years old, sparking a lifelong journey dedicated to singing and performance. Over the years, that early love for music has grown into a mission to bring people together through live music. Today, she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share and connect with the Menifee community.



RAY CARPENTER

Singer • Songwriter

Ray is a singer, songwriter, and storyteller. He dedicates his music to the recapturing and preserving the spirit of the Old West by singing old and new "Cowboy" songs which he believes is the most beautiful kind of music. His song tonight is truly a "Sure-'nuff Cowboy Song." His love for country and acoustic music shines through every one of his performances.



NONIE HILGESEN

Vocalist

I'm 77 years young and have lived in the Menifee/ Murrieta area for 48 years. I've taught thousands of students, primarily focusing on vocal coaching and teaching ukelele and guitar. I enjoy performing whenever the opportunity arrives!



CYNTHIA HYLE

Dancer

I've been dancing since I was four. Everywhere I went I was dancing whether it be in the kitchen, the supermarket, or even just because. While I started late, I will never forget the memories and confidence that the art of dance has given me. Heading into my senior year of high school, I realize that even though my dancing career is ending, I will always have a passion and a special place in my heart for the stage.



JUDITH KESSINGER

Guitarist • Vocalist

Hi, I'm Judith Kessinger! I'm a singer songwriter and I hope you enjoy the show!



LILIYEN MIRAI KOGA

Vocalist

Liliyen is an energetic 8-year-old singer who has been sharing her musical talent at family, church, and community events since the age of 4. She is a vocal student at Menifee Music Academy, for the past two years. In addition to singing, she enjoys playing piano, painting, crafting, baking, and exploring entrepreneurship. With her positive spirit and passion for performing, she brings confidence and heart to every stage.



JIM LAURIENTI

Vocalist

I'm a classically trained tenor who sings both classical and popular music. I enjoy performing with local musical choirs and karaoke sessions in the area.



JOEY MERCADO

Ventriloquist

I perform at school assemblies, kids' parties, and special occasions through my company "Joey 'n Friends". I'm also a line dance instructor, comedienne and MC.



CAROLYNN MOROZ

Vocalist

I'm a ten year old fifth grader from Temecula. I love performing in my schools band, plays and show choir. I look forward to more opportunities to perform as I get older.



DANIELLA MOROZ

Guitarist • Vocalist

I'm an 18 year old singer songwriter. I play guitar and perform at wineries, open mics, coffee shops, and other events around the area. When I'm not spending time doing music I enjoy being with my friends and family, exploring new places, and doing anything active or outdoors. I am working on getting a full album out soon!



NIDHISRI PEDDIKUPPA

Indian Dance

I am studying 5th grade at Evans Ranch Elementary school, Menifee. I'm an Indian Classical dancer and have been learning and performing this art for the past 6 years. My hobbies are drawing, playing tennis and chess.



THE OAK

Guitar • Drums • Vocals

Makoa and Parker have been playing together since the fall '25 after they met at an open mic event in Temecula. They have since discovered a brotherly love and respect for each other and the music they create together. Makoa writes the originals and works with Parker to bring them to life. They have since discovered a brotherly love and respect for each other and the music they create. Every time they play together they help each other mature both themselves and their music.



ELIANA PEREZ

Vocalist

I'm 16 years old and I love singing and musical theater. I been singing since I was 3 years old and I'm Cuban so, my first language is Spanish. I'm a Sophomore at Santa Rosa Academy, and I love my family and friends and my dog Scooby. I love doing karaoke and hanging out with friends and my favorite color is purple. I'm a Christian and I love Jesus, and I'm always very excited to show the talent he gave me to people!



MAYA PERLEZ

Guitarist • Vocalist

Hi my name is Maya. I'm a 16 years old singer and songwriter. I've been writing songs for only a few months now and it has brought me so much peace and happiness and so I hope to continue my journey with music for the rest of my life.



OLIVIA PYNES

Vocalist

Olivia is thrilled to perform at this year's talent show! A passionate singer and performer, she is excited to present "Maybe This Time" from the musical Cabaret, a piece that resonates with her journey in the world of performance. Her love for jazz and musical theater began at a young age, and she has since honed her craft through various school productions and local performances.



EMILY ROMO

Vocalist

A student at the University of California, Riverside, studying music, theater, and business advertising and marketing. Performing various events for Santa Rosa Academy, Menifee, and surrounding communities has always been a meaningful part of her life. Beyond the stage, she is passionate about giving back and actively volunteers with veterans, her church, and charitable organizations. Through both service and music, she strives to spread positivity and create meaningful connections with others.



ALICE SIMOES

Vocalist

I'm from Portugal. I'm retired. I love music. I've been singing since I was 6 years old and have performed in musicals. I love to perform and sing.



DR STEPHEN VAUGHAN

Trumpeter • Vocalist

Authentic. Dynamic. Gifted. These are three words that describe vocalist, songwriter, band leader, director, composer, arranger, instrumentalist, professor, and jazz trumpeter Stephen Vaughan. His music is powerfully deliberate, thoughtprovoking, and emotionally impactful. His dynamic sound concept, approach to instrumentation, and improvisation are pure genius. His compositions transcend all musical barriers and appeal to an extremely diverse audience in the United States and abroad.



AVA ROSE WAITS

Dancer • Vocalist

First grader who loves to sing and dance. Originally from Northern California but has called Menifee home for the last 6 years.

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Your arts council creates art and opportunities for artists throughout the City. Here are some of the highlights:

JANUARY

MEMBER APPRECIATION RECEPTION - A festive evening celebrating our amazing Spotlight Artists and supporters from 16 incredible years!

FEBRUARY

ACORN QUEST - 20 artist-decorated acorns hidden citywide for a social media scavenger hunt!

MARCH

SPRING FEST - 30 prize-filled eggs for the City's adult egg hunt. Yes, adults!

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL - Ethiopian history, art & kids' crafts galore.

APRIL

DISTRIBUTE INSTRUMENTS - We continue to collect gently used pianos, guitars & more, refurbish and deliver to schools and musicians in need.

SANTA ROSA ACADEMY CHOIR & MUSIC FESTIVAL - First ever! Six schools, nine ensembles, 309 students, one epic day.

MAY

ARTS SHOWCASE - Visual & performing artists take over Countryside Marketplace for an afternoon of creativity.

MENIFEE'S GOT TALENT - 20-25 acts proving Meniffee is bursting with talent!

JUNE

FINE ART & CRAFTS FAIR - Six art nonprofits, 50+ artists, live music & food trucks at Murrieta Hot Springs - June 14th, 11am - 4pm!

JULY

CRAZY HAT BOOTH - More than 200 people craft wild hats at Meniffee's Independence Celebration at Wheatfield Park.

AUGUST

ARTBEAT UNDER THE STARS - Summer Saturday evenings of music, art & food under the open sky. Stay tuned!

ARTBOX PROJECT

We are currently looking for artists to submit artwork to decorate our traffic and utility boxes. More information on our website.

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