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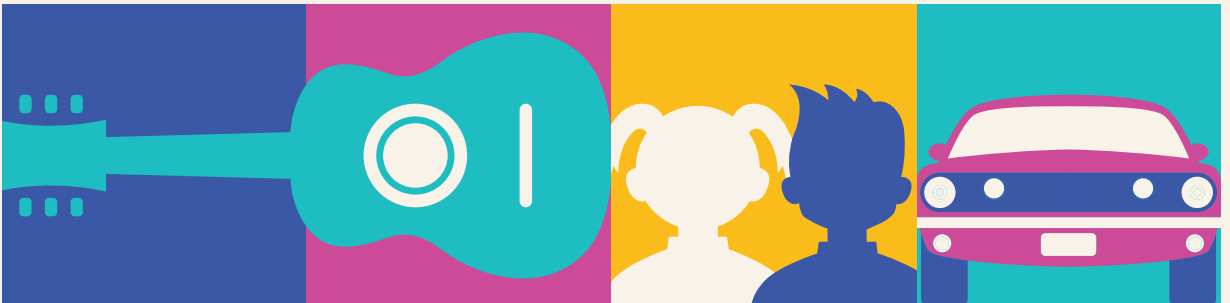


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WELCOME!

44TH ANNUAL LOS ALTOS ARTS & WINE FESTIVAL



Welcome to the 44th Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival in beautiful Downtown Los Altos! Comfortably back in its traditional home on the second weekend in July (8th and 9th), the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival offers exceptionally unique wines, stunning works of art, and fine food and fun for the whole family.

Presented by the Los Altos Village Association (LAVA) -- a 501(c)6 not for profit organization whose mission is to promote Downtown Los Altos as a great place to shop, dine, explore and discover -- the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival raises funds to support LAVA's promotional and advertising programs, as well as beautification efforts. These efforts include the design and installation of colorful light post banners, beautiful flowers throughout Main and State Streets, and year-round tree lighting, all making Downtown Los Altos a truly magical place.

This year marks LAVA's 60th anniversary supporting Downtown businesses. The association's membership is comprised of business and property owners -- and area residents -- who work together to address issues affecting the Downtown Los Altos triangle. What began with an Easter egg hunt hosted by member businesses sixty years ago, continues today with more than a dozen activities and events for visitors to enjoy the unique charm of Downtown Los Altos.

To continue the tradition of high-level community events and promotions, the Los Altos Village Association has established the Los Altos Village Fund through the Mountain View/Los Altos Community Foundation. Anyone can contribute to the fund, and contributions are tax deductible. Those wishing to, can donate online at www.downtownlosaltos.org; visit www.LAMVCF.org and make a payment via PayPal; or call the LAVA office at (650) 949-5282 for more information.



We hope you will explore the many fine Downtown shops and restaurants while you visit the 2023 Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival. The charm and uniqueness of the area are a result of many hours and efforts on the part of the City of Los Altos, the Downtown business community, and our residents. We take great pride in our shops, restaurants, and service businesses. We hope you will, too! Make sure to follow Downtown Los Altos on Instagram (@DTLosAltos) to keep up to date on events and happenings. Visit our website at www.DowntownLosAltos.org for more information and to join our mailing list. See you at the festival!

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THE CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF 2023 INCLUDES:

- **Los Altos Farmers' Market**
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- **Small Business Saturday**
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- **Trim-a-Tree Los Altos**
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- **Downtown Holiday Market**
December 7 and 14

Scott Hunter
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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The 44th edition of the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival is scheduled 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in downtown Los Altos.

Presented by the nonprofit Los Altos Village Association (LAVA), 2023 also marks the 60th anniversary of the organization founded by local merchants and property owners to promote downtown businesses.

What began in 1979 as a much smaller version of the current event, the festival has now grown to include more than 250 artist and craft booths, seven wineries, two food courts and three stages of live entertainment.

Since 2006, Pacific Fine Arts (PFA) of Pine Grove has been tasked with selecting and managing the festival's participating artisans and craftspeople. Aided by LAVA's Arts & Wine Festival Committee, PFA's owners Dana and Troy Hale-Mounier aim to bring a wide variety of artwork, jewelry, crafts and creativity to the festival.

Musicians perform on the Main Stage (located in Central Plaza) and Community Stage (Veterans Community Plaza) throughout both days of the festival. Saturday's LAVA-sponsored concert featuring The Megatonnes is set for 5-7 p.m. on the Main Stage. >



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The Kidzone Stage, offering family-friendly entertainment, can be found near the center of the festival off State and Fourth streets. Longtime masters of ceremonies Lori and RJ are known for getting kids up and dancing.

Seven boutique wineries – including festival newcomer Qvevri Wine of Georgia – host booths at which representatives pour and discuss their varietals. Beer

aficionados can find popular brands and selections from local craft breweries at beer booths.

Commemorative beer and wine glasses are available for purchase at five booths, where attendees also will receive a “proof of drinking age” wristband required before being served alcohol. Those who leave the festival but plan on returning later that day or the next are asked not to remove their wristbands.

Support from many organizations and businesses is crucial to the success of the festival, according to Scott Hunter, LAVA’s executive director, who cited the generosity of Main Stage sponsor Star One Credit Union and Community Stage sponsor HyperSpace for their continued support of the Los Altos community.

An array of local groups and organizations also help make the festival happen, including Together We Can, the Service League of Boys, the Rotary Club of Los Altos and local Community Emergency Response Teams and ham radio operators. Hunter said LAVA is also grateful for the continued support and guidance of the city of Los Altos, the Los Altos Police Department and the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Those who drive to the festival are encouraged to park at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., and walk the short distance to downtown. Rideshare drop-off and pick-up at the festival is offered on Edith Avenue, next to shady Village Park. Please leave pets at home.

Funds raised at the festival are used for community events and programs promoting downtown businesses. Additionally, funds raised support LAVA’s downtown beautification efforts, including decorative plantings, colorful banners and twinkle lights that adorn more than 250 trees along Main and State streets and in the adjacent parking plazas. ✨



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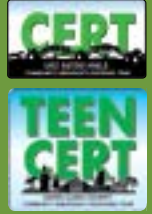
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handcrafted pasta), Mike & Niki's Honey (a selection of honey, honeycomb and honey sticks) and Primo's Gourmet Food (spices and rubs, tapenades and savory grilling sauces).

Those looking to beat the heat can keep cool with hand-shaken lemonade from Barrett's Lemonade. Tropical Hut offers nonalcoholic pina coladas served in either a pineapple or a coconut. Olde Tyme Kettle Korn returns to the festival as well.

Expect to find plenty of tables and chairs with umbrellas for shade adjacent to each food area and near the Main Stage.

Attendees seeking something other than festival food can pop into one of downtown Los Altos' many restaurants. 🍷

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For many years, the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival has been known as one of the few Bay Area festivals to feature wines from the area. That tradition continues, with six of the seven wineries returning from previous years.

However, there's also an international aspect this year. Qyevri Wine Georgia will present wines from the country of Georgia. Many local residents may already be familiar with Qyevri; it is a regular vendor at the Downtown Los Altos Farmers' Market.

Information on all seven vintners pouring wine this weekend follows.

BASS NOTE SANGRIA

Bass Note Sangria specializes in sangrias made with California wine, blended with fresh fruit juice, cane sugar, herbs and/or spices.

Representatives of Bass Note Sangria are pouring a Watermelon Basil Sangria, along with Raspberry Hibiscus, Blackberry Sage and Peach Tarragon sangrias at the festival.

Find Bass Note Sangria's booth in Parking Plaza 6, near the corner of Fourth and State streets.

For more information on Bass Note Sangria, visit bassnotesangria.com.

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Byington representatives are pouring a 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, a 2019 Blanc de Blanc, a 2018 Estate Chardonnay and 2022 Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon.

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DOMENICO WINERY

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The history of the Domenico Winery is rooted in family; in 1955, Dominick was introduced to wine traditions by his nonno (grandfather), Domenico Giovinazzo. Nonno showed Dominick the wine press in the basement of their New York home, and Dominick said that began his generational love of handcrafting wine.

Dominick moved to California so that he could select his grapes from vineyards in Napa Valley, Sonoma's Central Coast, Alexander Valley, the Russian River Valley, Amador County and the Lodi District. He is a member of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, where he sources Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

Domenico representatives are pouring a 2022 Rosato, a 2022 Sauvignon Blanc and their proprietary Mambo Italiano Italian Red.

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THOMAS FOGARTY WINERY

The story of Thomas Fogarty Winery is an example of the innovation and entrepreneurship that has existed since the start of Silicon Valley.

In the early 1970s, Dr. Thomas Fogarty, who was working as a cardiovascular surgeon and inventor, tried at-home winemaking in a cabin high above Palo Alto. He planted his first grapes in 1978 on what is now home to the 325-acre Thomas Fogarty Winery and Vineyards.

Find Thomas Fogarty's booth near the intersection of Main and State streets.

For more information on Thomas Fogarty Winery, visit fogartywinery.com.



NAUMANN VINEYARDS

Naumann Vineyards returns to the festival for the 16th year. The Naumann vineyard is located in Cupertino on Montebello Road, 2,000 feet above the Silicon Valley floor. All work in the vineyard is performed by hand, with the goal of producing low-yield, high-quality fruit.

Vintner Don Naumann's most successful wine may be his Tre Rosso Cali, which won a Silver Medal in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and Gold Medal in The Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

Naumann representatives are pouring a 2012 Tre Rosso Cali, a 2019 Merlot, a 2021 Rosé and a 2019 Chardonnay at the festival.

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Page Mill Winery has participated in the festival since its start in 1979, just three years after Dick and Ome Stark founded the winery in the large cellar below their Los Altos Hills home.

For 28 years, the winery was located on Page Mill Road, just a short drive from Los Altos. It has since moved to Livermore.

Page Mill representatives are pouring their 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, a 2021 Chardonnay, a 2021 GPS Rhone Blend and a 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon.

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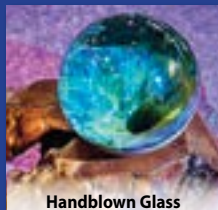
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Traditional Georgian grape varieties are less known in the world. Even though the country has nearly 400 types of grapes, only 38 are grown for commercial winemaking.

Similar to French wines, Georgian wines are also named according to the source region, village or district. Also like French wines, Georgian wines are mostly made from the blend of two or more grape varieties.

Georgian transplants Giorgi and Tatiana are pouring from Georgian Winery Koncho & Co. a Saperavi Rosé, a Mtsvivani Kakhuri Qvevri and a Saperavi Qvevri.

Find Qvevri Wine Georgia's booth on the corner of State and Second streets.

For more information on Qvevri Wine Georgia, visit qvevriwinegeorgia.com. ♦



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SPECIAL TO THE TOWN GRIER

The HyperSpace Kidzone is at the center of the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, anchoring the festivities with lively song and dance, magic and puppet shows. It is located in Parking Plaza 6, near the Third Street food vendors, State Street artists, Sponsors Row and the Community Stage.

The HyperSpace Kidzone features balloon art, hands-on art activities, henna tattoos, a baseball batting cage and games for the young and young at heart. There is also an Art Wall for young artists to display their work for the festival crowd.

Sponsored by downtown Los Altos' HyperSpace fun center, the centerpiece of Kidzone is the Family Fun Stage, where energetic duo Lori and RJ host stage shows throughout both days of the festival.

Check out the Kidzone entertainment schedule on page 26.

For more information, call the Los Altos Village Association at (650) 949-5282 or visit downtownlosaltos.org.



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Longtime Los Altos resident and *STAINED-GLASS ARTIST* makes festival debut

BY SAIRA AHMED
TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Julia Kahan has visited the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival multiple times, but this will be her first year doing so as a vendor. The stained-glass artist will be displaying and selling her work both days of this weekend's event.

"I was really excited when I got notified (about being in the festival), and then I was, like, 'Oh, no, I have so much to do,'" she said. "Polishing everything, making sure everything is labeled, all the little things to have to do to get ready."

The longtime Los Altos resident created KahanArts alongside her husband, musician Norman Kahan, so they could have a shared business despite having different artistic mediums. This way, she said, they could grow their brand together and formalize their work.

Julia has always been artistic – first as a photographer and now as a stained-glass artist.

For three years, she worked on large projects at a stained-glass studio, where she refined her techniques. Soon, she set up a home studio and made her own pieces, which she said people really enjoyed.

Julia did not let her photography skills go to waste, however. She uses her photos as a basis for her stained-glass designs, which are mostly of wildlife and landscapes.



Los Altos resident Julia Kahan works on her stained-glass art.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JULIA KAHAN

"I'm very passionate about animals and I decided that if I sell my stuff or a charity needs a piece for an auction, we'd like to give it to different animal rescue societies."

– Julia Kahan

PURSUING THEIR PASSIONS

Making a stained-glass piece is a multistep process that requires precision, according to Julia. She first selects one of her photos or a scene that inspires her, sometimes combining multiple ideas. She then puts that on

a computer, decides how she will cut the piece and uses a glass program to decide what colors to feature.

After planning, Julia goes to a glass factory to shop for colors.

"I don't go to the factory without a plan, because I buy too much," she said.

“It’s like a kid in a candy store – it’s fantastic. Then I cut pieces of paper, decide what color each thing is going to be and glue it on the glass. Then I cut the glass and start to refine it, which is almost like putting a puzzle together.”

After weighing her work, grinding it together and laying it out, Julia wraps each piece in copper foil. Then she solders and frames it.

Julia noted that she loves to incorporate her love for animals into the business.

“I’m very passionate about animals and I decided that if I sell my stuff or a charity needs a piece for an auction, we’d like to give it to different animal rescue societies,” she said.

Her love for animals is showcased through her work, with designs featuring giraffes, bears and her dogs, Callie and Bear.

Similarly, Norman said he loves animals, especially because he grew up on a farm until age 18. He also discovered his love for music in his childhood, he added. >



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– Norman Kahan

Julia Kahan, left, creates art while husband Norman, right, makes music.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JULIA KAHAN



“Both of us have always been very much together with our (artistic) practice and taking care of people and animals,” Norman said. “And, as we’re transitioning, we’re looking for ways to stay relevant and keep the passion in our life. Julia evolved to making glasswork with her pictures, and I’ve evolved by making music.”

The couple bounce ideas off one other and provide feedback because they work together. Prior to being artists, they worked in different areas of the medical field,

where sometimes they could trade ideas from different perspectives, Julia said.

“KahanArts is another vehicle for us to do it together instead of two different (businesses),” she said. “Some people said we should do two different things, but we didn’t want to do that. I’m not sure success was the priority here; it was more enjoying and keeping the passion.”

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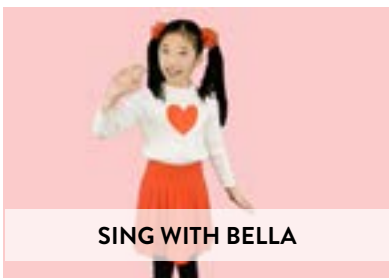


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- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm... **The Megatones**
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- 12:00 am – 1:30 pm... **Fully Funded**
Classic Rock covers
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm ... **Country Cougars**
Modern country
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm... **The Houserockers**
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Saturday, July 8

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- 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.. **Blue House**
Blend of Acoustic Rock, Country and R&B
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm... **Mike Anuzzi**
Acoustic country

Sunday, July 9

- 12:00 am – 1:30 pm... **Wandering Acoustics**
Acoustic Rock/Pop classics
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm... **Mary Ellen Duo**
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- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm... **Cook & Fenney**
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Gourmet Faire

Crab Rolls, Corn (Turkey or Hot Link) Dogs, Crab Garlic Fries, Beer Batter Garlic Fries, Chicken Tenders

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Teriyaki Chicken Skewer, Vegetable Lo Mein, Veggie Fried Rice, Steamed Veggies, Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl

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Cathy's Earcuffs

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Stone Soup Designs

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Additional thanks go out to our friends at the Assistance League of Los Altos for supporting the festival and Downtown Los Altos, and for providing a home for the event warehouse.

Many, many thanks go out to our volunteers! Without them, nearly 300 strong, we would not be able to host this festival. Many of our volunteers return year after year and mentor new volunteers. We appreciate the hard work of students, parents and community organizations from throughout Los Altos (such as GreenTown, the Los Altos Rotary Club, and our local Los Altos Ham radio team) who volunteer every year. Of course, a huge thank you to the Board of Directors of the Los Altos Village Association, who offer guidance to the organization throughout the year.

We also extend a thank you to our Downtown business owners who graciously support the Festival despite the disruption to normal weekend business. We appreciate them and ask that you support them during the Festival and all year long. Shop! Dine! Explore! Discover! Downtown Los Altos!

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PERFORMER PROFILE



YOUNG SINGERS *take over* KIDZONE STAGE

BY SOPHIA YAO | TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

Young singers Alliana Lili Yang and Melissa Marielle return to the Los Altos Wine & Arts Festival this weekend, scheduled to perform both days on the Kidzone stage in Parking Plaza 6.

San Francisco resident Alliana, age 12, and San Jose native Melissa, 14, performed together at two previous festivals and also at last year's Holiday Stroll in downtown Los Altos.

The duo plan to sing seven songs when they take the stage at 12:45 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Together they will sing "When You Believe" and "Frozen Medley" (from "The Prince of Egypt" and "Frozen II" soundtracks, respectively).

Alliana will then solo on "Princess Power Medley" (by Laura Osnes), "A Whole New World" ("Aladdin" soundtrack) and "Part of Your World" ("The Little Mermaid" soundtrack), and Melissa will solo on "Emotions" (Mariah Carey).

PERFORMING PAIR

Melissa said she enjoys performing in Los Altos and likes the ambience downtown. Alliana added that the supportive and welcoming audience is one of her favorite parts about performing in town.

"As a performer, it's very important to me that the audience responds well with my performance and is very interactive."

— Alliana Lili Yang

"As a performer, it's very important to me that the audience responds well with my performance and is very interactive," Alliana said. "For the holiday show, there was one audience member and he was very festive with Christmas spirit and he was dancing along to our song. He was very supportive, and that's definitely one of my favorite Los Altos memories."

Inspired by a live performance she saw with her family, Alliana began taking dancing lessons at age 2, professional singing lessons at 4 and acting lessons at 7.

"When I was 2 years old, I went to a musical, which was a production of 'Aladdin,'" she said. "I just saw the kids >

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on stage, performing and singing and dancing, and I was, like, ‘Oh, my goodness, I want to do that.’”

Since then, Alliana has participated in several plays, including “A Christmas Carol” with Silicon Valley Shakespeare, and competitions such as

American Protege and the Golden Classical Music Awards. One of her most memorable competitions was singing in Carnegie Hall with American Protege, where the family of the deceased composer of her piece watched her perform.

“It was such a special experience because the late composer’s family and the lyricist came to see me perform the song and I got to meet them,” Alliana said. “They were all super supportive and so sweet. We all just hung out after and it was really nice.”

Alliana added that she will be singing at the Vatican and the Walt Disney Concert Hall this summer, and has a short film coming out later this year titled “Mis Perfect.”

Melissa began taking professional singing lessons after releasing her first YouTube video when she was 7.

“I wanted to get more into singing,” she said, “and when I started performing in recitals, that’s when my love for singing grew and I knew that I wanted to take music seriously.”

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Singers Melissa Marielle, left, and Alliana Lili Yang will perform Saturday and Sunday on the Kidzone stage. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALLA BOLLSHEVA



Melissa has sung the National Anthem at several professional sporting events, including home games for the Golden State Warriors, the San Francisco Giants and the San Jose Earthquakes. She has also performed in many musicals and school plays.

“Guys and Dolls Jr.’ was definitely really memorable for me, and I had a lot of fun,” she said. “The cast was really great and I think it helped me a lot with my acting experience.”

Melissa added that she is learning more instruments, including guitar and piano, and preparing to release some of her songwriting projects.





Alliana and Melissa have been performing together for two years, and both said it's been a great experience. "(Melissa) is the sweetest and one of the most talented artists I've ever met," Alliana said. "She is also so supportive. When we were doing one of our shows, we did a few duets and then each did our solos, and we were both cheering for each other on the sidelines."

Melissa called Alliana "probably the kindest person I've ever met. She's so professional and just really talented. Honestly, I love everything about her." ❁



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TOWN CRIER REPORT

Expect to see many familiar faces on stage this weekend

The entertainment lineup for this weekend's Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival includes 11 returning musical acts, along with one newcomer. They will be performing on two stages over the two days. The Main Stage is located in Central Plaza and the Community Stage at Veterans Community Plaza.

MAIN STAGE

Saturday, July 8

SOUND DECISION, July 8, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Formed in 2012, Sound Decision, the six-piece classic rock cover band from San Jose, performs songs from the 1960s to today. This marks Sound Decision's second year performing at the festival. The group's setlist includes songs by Sublime, Billy Idol and Modern English. Members include vocalists Tobie Schweizer and Doug Thiele, guitarists Jason Govig and Rob Naragon, drummer Trish Moore and bassist Tut.

For more information, visit sound-decision-band.com.



FIRST CALL, July 8, 2-4:15 p.m.

Also in its second year at the festival, the San Jose-based First Call covers songs from the 1960s to present day, including rock, pop, funk, soul, jazz, dance and instrumentals. The five-member band comprises Harold Martin, Dave Petrucci, Mark Belshaw, John Mallare and Patrick Hennessey on vocals and various instruments.

For more information, visit firstcall.band.

THE MEGATONES, July 8, 5-7 p.m.

Primarily performing pop-rock music – along with some funk and country – The Megatones take the stage for the festival’s opening-night concert. Voted the best cover band in the Bay Area by KFOX, the five-member group plays concerts throughout the Bay Area and has been a longtime fixture at the festival.

For more information, visit megatones.net.



MAIN STAGE

Sunday, July 9

FULLY FUNDED, July 9, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Fully Funded, a classic rock cover band from Los Altos, performs at festivals, weddings and other events throughout the Bay Area. The four-piece group can play either as a plugged-in rock band or an acoustic band. Fully Funded’s wide-ranging set list includes popular songs by The Beatles, Pink Floyd and Daft Punk.

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THE HOUSEROCKERS, July 9, 4-6 p.m.

The award-winning Houserockers, a 10-piece rock and soul band, have performed at the festival for several years, known for covering multiple genres in their performances. The Houserockers play hits from a wide range of artists – from Bruno Mars to The Rolling Stones. They have performed at corporate events for Apple and Google, as well as several festivals in the Bay Area.

For more information, visit svhouserockers.com.

*Bruno Mars and
The Rolling Stones*

COMMUNITY STAGE

Saturday, July 8

COUNTRY COUGARS, July 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Bay Area-based County Cougars specialize in both new and classic country songs. The band performs hits from Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan and Johnny Cash, among others. Playing at rodeos, wineries, city festivals and nightclubs, Country Cougars like to play loud and with high energy to get the crowd dancing. The band includes lead vocalist Melissa Conaulty, lead guitarist and vocalist Jeff Rippin, drummer Mike Mirasole, rhythm guitarist and vocalist Len Anderson and bass guitarist Eric Wilde.

For more information, visit countrycougars.com.

JAZZ CONNEXION, July 8, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Jazz ConneXion features sax, piano, acoustic bass and vocals, playing selections from the Great American Songbook, including Duke Ellington, Rodgers and Hart, and Oscar Peterson, in addition to bossa nova. The local band performs jazz, standards, bop and blues at private parties, charitable events, restaurants, receptions, corporate events and other venues. Co-founder Dale Nesbitt is the son of a Depression-era jazz pianist in the style of Teddy Wilson. Bill Hockett gave up on piano as an 8-year-old, but an interest in boogie-woogie music led him back to the instrument during high school and he later took up the acoustic bass.

For more information, visit thejazz.connexion.net.

BLUE HOUSE, July 8, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Known for its close-knit harmonies, Blue House combines elements such as rock and folk. A festival staple, the band comprises vocalist, bass guitarist and songwriter Amy Beasley; vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Mariles de Veer; and percussionist Shelley Hoefler. Occasionally, Brian Loud or Paul Keller joins them on guitar and vocals, and Russ Anzalone helps with percussion. The band plays venues big and small.

For more information, visit bluehouseband.com.

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MIKE ANNUZZI, July 8, 3-5 p.m.

New to the festival, acoustic guitarist Mike Annuzzi began playing the instrument and writing songs as a child and later formed and fronted several bands. He specializes in classic rock and folk music. In 2013, Annuzzi was named West Coast Songwriters International Song Contest Singer/Songwriter of the Year for his single "Pay No Mind." He performs approximately 200 shows a year.

For more information, visit mikeannuzzi.com.

Single
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COMMUNITY STAGE

Sunday, July 9

WANDERING ACOUSTICS, July 9, noon to 1:30 p.m.

The San Jose-based Wandering Acoustics play rock and pop cover tunes from the 1960s through the 1990s. A regular at downtown Los Altos events, the band returns to the festival for the second straight year. Members include Russ Kao (bass and vocals) and wife Sonia Kao (violin), along with Sam Re (guitar) and Jeff Schmidt (percussion, drums and vocals). The Wandering Acoustics' setlist features songs from rock legends such as The Beatles, David Bowie, Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, Weezer, the Eagles and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

For more information, visit reverbnation.com/wanderingacoustics.



MARY ELLEN DUELL, July 9, 2-4 p.m.

Festival regular Mary Ellen Duell, known for her powerful and emotional delivery and versatile sound, has been performing since age 12 and joined a band right after graduating from high school. She plays in a duo or trio

format, typically at wineries and festivals. Duell frequently performs as a duo with singer/guitarist Randy Sauro.

For more information, visit maryellenmusic.com.

COOK 'N FENNY COMBO, July 9, 4:30-6 p.m.

Featuring harmonica-guitar-vocals, the Cook 'n Fenny Combo performs acoustic folk, blues, country, classic rock, roots, Americana and originals. The duo Cathy Cook and Mark Fenny use harmonicas, guitars and vocals in their performances. They are often joined by bass player Tom Yacoe.

For more information, visit facebook.com/cooknfenny.



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It began in 1979 when a group of merchants and business owners in downtown Los Altos decided that the city needed a popular summer festival to introduce people to the downtown area. Organizers staged the first festival in the city's South Parking Plaza in July 1980. The inaugural event drew 150 exhibitors and 30,000 attendees.

By 1983, Main and State streets were closed to accommodate the festival. By 1985, the number of exhibitors had doubled. In 1993, festival attendance topped 100,000, and since 1997, it has attracted more than 150,000 to downtown Los Altos each summer.

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The festival has ranked among the top 75 summer festivals in the nation for its quality and variety of exhibitors. Bay Area Parent Magazine has rated the festival “Best of the Best.”

The more than 400 volunteers who keep the event running in an efficient and orderly

manner heavily influence the festival’s character. Volunteers range from Fortune 500 executives to local students and grandparents, giving the event a friendly, multigenerational, community-oriented flavor. Organizers strive to personalize the festival and make it a celebration where friends and family can bond.

The Linden Tree Books Kids Stage, launched in the early 1990s, has expanded into the popular Kidzone, a separate venue featuring entertainment geared exclusively to children.

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TOWN CRIER STAFF REPORT



Paul Shoup.

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The city of Los Altos boasts a long and rich history. The native Indians, Ohlones, or “people of the West,” settled here for thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. In the late 1700s, Father Junipero Serra began the colonization of California for Spain by building a chain of missions from San Diego to Sonoma. In the attempt to “civilize” the Ohlones, the European intrusion resulted in the near eradication of the natives.

In the 1800s, most of the acreage that is now Los Altos and Los Altos Hills was included in two Mexican land grants: Rancho La Purisima Concepcion and Rancho San Antonio. The grazing lands of the large ranchos gradually

were divided into smaller holdings of predominantly 40- to 100-acre parcels, planted in wheat and vineyards.

During that period, Sarah Winchester, widow of the inventor of the Winchester rifle, owned the 100 acres that later became the town site of Los Altos. The Peninsula Interurban Railway purchased her land in 1906.

One year later, the Southern Pacific Railroad bought the land for a right-of-way for its commuter trains to operate from San Francisco through the west valley and connect with a branch line from San Jose to Santa Cruz. ➤





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Sarah Winchester, top left, once lived in Los Altos. The city has evolved and grown quite a bit in the years since. PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM



In 2000, the Los Altos Town Crier named Paul Shoup “Los Altos of the Century.”

The town developed rather slowly, with hitching posts down Main Street, the first school class held above the grocery store and the post office located in the hardware store. The wheat fields and vineyards gave way to orchards of apricot, cherry, walnut, prune and plum trees.

With the mild climate, the train for transportation and the number of businesses increasing, families began moving to Los Altos in greater numbers.

Paul Shoup, who later became Southern Pacific president and is known as the “Father of Los Altos,” helped define the future town when he joined others to form the Altos Land Co. In 1908, the company hosted a free barbecue to entice San Franciscans to ride the train down to the country and purchase lots (starting at \$250) in the downtown triangle.

The Shoup family built several summer homes along University Avenue that still stand today.

Residents voted to incorporate in 1952 due to fear of intense development and the possible annexation of some lands by surrounding communities.

Shortly thereafter, in 1956, voters in Los Altos Hills approved their incorporation to protect their 1-acre zoning.

Today, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills serve as hometowns to many of the high-tech executives working in Silicon Valley.

The elements that blend to make the cities so desirable are their award-winning schools, small-town atmosphere, climate, volunteerism, community spirit and safety, cultural happenings and family-oriented annual events such as the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, the Kiwanis Pet Parade and the Festival of Lights Parade. ❖



SUGGESTIONS FOR ENJOYING THE FESTIVAL

TOWN CRIER REPORT

Following are some quick tips to help make this weekend's 44th Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival easier to navigate.



RESTROOMS

Restrooms. Festival organizers provide more than 40 portable restrooms for the weekend, located on the numbered streets (First, Second, etc.) near the entrances to the parking plazas in downtown Los Altos. Handwashing and sanitizing stations are located near each restroom area. Please refrain from asking to use merchants' bathrooms.



PARKING

Parking. Parking is available in and around downtown Los Altos and at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., a short walk from downtown. Use caution when crossing San Antonio Road and only cross at the marked crosswalks.



BICYCLES & STROLLERS

Bicycles & Strollers. Every year, hundreds of local residents leave their cars at home and ride bicycles to the festival, where they park them for free at the Bike and Stroller Valet Parking area, a guarded corral that ensures bicycles remain safe. Strollers may be parked there as well. The bike/stroller corral is located in the Plaza South area, just off Third Street near Main.



PETS

Pets. Heat, small children, strollers and pets are not a good mix. Festival organizers request that attendees leave their pets at home.



STREET CLOSURES

Street Closures. The downtown Los Altos triangle is scheduled to close to all street traffic beginning 5 p.m. Friday and will not reopen until 10 p.m. Sunday. The closures include Main and State streets, Central Plaza, and Second and Third streets between Main and State.



RIDESHARE

Rideshare. Designated rideshare drop-off/pick-up is next to Village Park on Edith Avenue near the corner of San Antonio Road and Main Street.



For more information, call the Los Altos Village Association at (650) 949-5282 or visit downtownlosaltos.org.

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