New Year’s Eve CELEBRATION of the ARTS!

FIRST NIGHT 2020
MONTEREY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019
3 P.M. to Midnight
Historic Downtown Monterey

9 Hours, 20 Sites, 70 Performances
Procession, Finale to the New Year!

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online and at stores

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Welcome to First Night Monterey 2020!!!

Your New Year starts here in Historic Downtown Monterey! Join us for 9 hours of creative, joyful, and amazing music and art! Come enjoy the bountiful experience First Night Monterey provides all the way into the new year! From Jazz to Blues, Folk to Rock & Roll and Lion Dancers in the streets, we will transform your NYE into a creative celebration!

Wishing you a creative & happy 2020!

— First Night Monterey Board of Directors and Ellen Martin, Executive Director

YOUR FIRST NIGHT
MAKE THE MOST OF IT! PLAN IT!

Make the most of your First Night Monterey experience—plan your evening using this program guide. Seating in each venue is first come first seated. An alphabetical listing of performers starts on page 6 and a grid of performers starts on pages 4 and 5. Search the listing by artist or the grid by time or by location. Give yourself time to get from one venue to another! Remember, some sites may have lines.

GETTING TO FIRST NIGHT
First Night Monterey buses are FREE thanks to the generosity of MST!
• Park your car at the Del Monte Shopping Center in the Macy’s Home Furniture store area.
• FREE buses will pick you up at the bus stop in front of Macy’s every 15 minutes beginning at 3pm and take you downtown to the Bus Transit Center, Alvarado at Pearl.
• Catch the bus back to the Del Monte Center at the Transit Center until 1am.

SAFETY FIRST Please leave your large purses, backpacks and bags at home. First Night is staffed with MPD officers stationed throughout the event.

RESTROOMS Most indoor sites have public restrooms. Public restrooms are open until 10pm at City Hall and in the City Parking lots. Portable facilities will be available by Wells Fargo Bank on Franklin Street at Alvarado Street. Check our map!

SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Handicap accessible parking is available at each of the parking lots and garages.

FOOD AND DRINK Visit the First Night Food Court on Alvarado Street between Franklin and Del Monte Streets. A variety of yummy food to take & go!

LOST & FOUND Command Center at the FNM Kiosk in the plaza near the Monterey Conference Center. First Night is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

WEATHER Rain or shine, First Night Monterey will joyfully proceed regardless of weather. 85% of First Night venues are indoors! Dress in layers and comfortable shoes.

OTHER Stroller space is limited; we will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Bicycles are not permitted inside the venues; please walk bikes inside the FNM footprint. Please leave your pets at home.

OPENING CEREMONY
The opening of our 27th celebration on Colton Lawn begins with Shinsho Mugen Daiko drummers calling us to the New Year’s event!

TWILIGHT PROCESSION
The procession starts at 5:30pm and proceeds down Alvarado Street from Franklin Street towards Pearl Street. Line up on the sidewalks and cheer on our community groups!

FINALE to the New Year!
COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT!
Our finale this year is indoors; PICK UP YOUR FINALE TICKET (free to button-holders) at the Portola Plaza ticket booth after 8:00 pm. First come, first served, look for the signs! You will need your FNM button with finale ticket for admission to our count downs!

Join us at the Serra Ballroom in the Monterey Conference Center, where The Carolyn Sills Combo will be bringing western swing to Monterey!

Happy New Year!

FIRST NIGHT MERCHANDISE
LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHT!
Don’t be in the dark! Light up your night with fun glow-in-the-dark items! Check out our merchandise. This is a fundraiser for First Night; all proceeds benefit our arts programs.

Site 2: Pacific St./Colton Lawn, 3:00 - 5:00pm
Site 11: Alvarado St. / Pearl, 4:00 - 9:00pm
Site 18: Del Monte Plaza, 4:00 - 11:30pm

Glow in the Dark, Light Up The Night!

FIRST NIGHT BUTTONS
Buy your buttons before New Year’s Eve and save! Purchase your buttons for access to all indoor events and performances at First Night Monterey in Historic Downtown Monterey.

Adult Buttons $25 at the event
Youth Buttons $18 at the event
Visit www.firstnightmonterey.org before 12/28 for special family packs and online purchases.

OUTDOOR VENUES
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16 Alvarado St. Wells Fargo Stage

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9 Carleton Hall/Church of Religious Science
19-29 Monterey Conference Center

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10 Monterey Fire Department Venue
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ACAN Winter Percussion Ensemble  
Site 16: Wells Fargo Stage, Alvarado St.  
Times: 7:45-8:15 | 8:30-9:40

The Alisal Community Arts Network (ACAN), acronym provides inspiration: Alisal CAN! Winter Percussion Ensemble is a performing group of students from after-school drumline teams sponsored by ACAN, which holds classes for over 1500 youth in East Salinas, Greenfield and Gonzales.

Azahar Flamenco de Monterey  
Site 23: Steinbeck 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 10:00–10:30 | 10:45–11:15

Azahar Flamenco de Monterey is comprised of dancers and flamenco aficionados who practice and study the beautiful art form of Spanish flamenco, with origins reaching back to Moorish and Gypsy traditional music of Spain, while exploring its modern manifestations.

Andrea's Fault  **NEW**  
Site 15: Best Buy Stage, Alvarado St.  
Times: 6:30–9:15

Shake your hips & wave your hands with the latest Just Dance video game! Get ready for amazing visuals and awesome dance moves that will pull you into a music experience like no other.

Black Irish Band  
Site 26: Steinbeck 3 Ballroom, Conf Ctr.  
Times: 6:15–7:45 | 7:00–8:30

Formed in 1989 in the historic Gold Rush Town of Sonora, The Black Irish Band presents the songs of the working people from the 19th Century to the present. A large complement of Maritime, Railroad, Celtic, American and original music that brings to life the adventures of the people who built our world. Listen to the stories, sing along, and take a musical trip through history. Happy New Year!

Carollyn Sills Combo  **NEW**  
Site 13: Bonifacio Stage, Alvarado St.  
Times: 6:30–7:15 | 7:30–8:15

With funk and soul an anchor to their sound, The Charities’ music touches on Motown, jazz, disco, R&B and rock/n’roll. They enjoy playing live for the energy between audience and band. This bunch of pals has a musical vision that calls out to the listener to shake their booty and enjoy life!

The Dance Center  
Site 23: Steinbeck 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 6:15–6:45

The Dance Center in Carmel will present a program of dances. The dance teaching/performance and competition team features all styles of dance with years of experience. It is appealing to all ages and genders and focuses on community enjoyment and the betterment of students.

Dirty Cello  **NEW**  
Site 26: Steinbeck 3 Ballroom, Conf Ctr.  
Times: 8:45-9:15 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:15-11:00

From China to Italy, and all over the U.S., Dirty Cello brings the world a high energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass. Led by vivacious cellist, Rebecca Roudman, Dirty Cello is cello like you’ve never heard before!

Flashpoint Entertainment  
Site 14: Alvarado St. Illumination Artists  
Times: 8:15-8:45, 9:00-9:30, 9:45-10:15

This power trio has a Modern Circus-type act focusing on dance with LED illuminated prop manipulation, juggling and eye popping colors. You will be wondering how did they do that! A show stopper in the street!

Guitar Not Guns  
Site 16: Wells Fargo Stage, Alvarado St.  
Times: 6:15-6:45 | 7:00-7:30

Guitar Not Guns is a non-profit that provides instruments and free instruction to at-risk youth. Their Band, made up of students age 7–17 who meet at the Marina Teen Center will perform a selection of music ranging from children’s classics to contemporary rock and blues.

Generation Gap  **NEW**  
Site 27: Colton Rooms, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 9:00-9:30 | 9:45-10:15 | 10:30-11:00

Great harmonies from longtime local favorite Rick Chelew and 21 year-old Elise Leavy who is currently home from Brooklyn for the holidays! Expect to hear some early country/Bluegrass classics as well as favorites from the likes of Joni Mitchell, Gillian Welch, Townes Van Zandt, Tim Hardin, Leonard Cohen and Mose Allison, as well as original songs from both Elise and Rick.

Guitars Not Guns  
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Aloha ‘Aina  
Site 23: Steinbeck 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 6:45-7:15 | 7:30-8:00 | 8:15-8:45

Music from the Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical periods along with ragtime, standards from the Great America Songbook, Waltzes, marches, and even a little jazz!

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Greek Village Dancers  
Site 12: Galleria, Alvarado Street  
Times: 6:30-7:00 | 7:15-7:45 | 8:00-8:30

The lively and vibrant Greek Village Dancers will perform vigorous, intricate, graceful folk dances of Greece, wearing authentic costumes. Audience participation is welcome: simple dance steps will be taught. Opa!

La Ti Dah  
Site 23: Steinbeck 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 8:30-9:00 | 9:15-9:45

La Ti Dah Dance Company is a provisional belly dance troupe performing American Tribal Style belly dance. Performances are always family-friendly, colorful and perfect for adding mystery, artistry and joy to your New Year’s Eve! Playing finger cymbals, they are costumed in a glamorous style that evokes cultures along the Silk Road.

The Old Town Quartet  **NEW**  
Site 20: Serra Ballroom, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 8:00-8:45 | 9:00-9:45

Like dancing to live music? Want to dance and not bring your own partner? Contra Dancing is great for all ages and great exercise! Contra dancing is a traditional American set dance, with its roots in the French and English country dancing of the 17th and 18th centuries. The dance figures themselves are simple and easy to learn & similar to those used in traditional square dances.
Paulette Lynch & Celtic Roads  
Site 28: Stevenson 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 6:30-7:00 | 7:15-7:45 | 8:00-8:30  
Take a memorable trip around the Celtic world with Paulette Lynch on hammered dulcimer and special music guests... be prepared to join in on percussion and vocals from time to time!

The Peterson Trio  
Site 28: Stevenson 1, Conference Ctr.  
Times: 9:00-9:30 | 9:45-10:15 | 10:30-11:00  
Led by guitarist Gabe Peterson, the trio presents original interpretations of the great jazz standards and gypsy jazz melodies. The trio received wonderful reviews from their appearance at last year’s First Night Monterey and other signature events such as the Ferrari Social and the Carmel Sunset Center Aim for Youth Mental Health Reception.

Robert Turner, Kevin O’Neal Trio with Lyndon Rochelle  
Site 9: Monterey Center for Spiritual Living  
Times: 9:00-9:30 | 9:45-10:15 | 10:30-11:15  
Grammy award-winning trio. Robert Turner has worked with Ronnie Laws, Dr. Dre and Stevie Wonder. Kevin O’Neal has worked with The Bus Boys, Outcast, and drummer Lyndon Rochelle with Esperanza Spalding. The trio is currently recording a new album. Among some original tunes, they will be performing great Jazz standards.

Samba Legal  
Site 16: Wells Fargo Stage, Alvarado St.  
Times: 3:00-3:30 | 3:45-4:15 | 4:45-5:15  
Samba Legal has been playing Samba in the Monterey area for two decades. The roots of these rhythms are found in Brazil where slaves brought from Africa for plantation work blended Jamaican Reggae with traditional Samba Rio to create Samba Reggae. Samba Legal brings you these joyous rhythms for dancing in the streets fun!

Shinsho Mugen Daiko  
Site 1: Pacific Street Stage  
Times: 6:30-7:00 | 7:15-7:45 | 8:00-8:30  
Hear the thunder of the drums! Shinsho Mugen Daiko opens First Night Monterey with traditional Japanese drumming. Taido, “big drums”, have been played at festivals, religious rituals, theaters and orchestras of the Imperial Place. Their founding director Ikuyo Conant, emphasizes cultivation of energy, self-awareness and social and personal harmony in taiko drumming.

HELP US CELEBRATE MONTEREY’S 250TH BIRTHDAY! Join our volunteer and the mosaic of Monterey history. Mandalas are an ancient art form painted in a circle to create unity of purpose. All ages welcome to paint.

OUTREACH ART WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT MONTEREY COUNTY  
Our community spirit is exemplified by the First Night ArtWorks! We’ve engaged hundreds of youth and families who participate with professional artists in hands-on creative workshops in the visual, performing and multimedia arts, at community sites all around the county. From South to North County, to Art Camps in Greenfield and Monterey, FNM sponsors art workshops for youth, adults and community organizations. The program culminates with exhibition of their creations on New Year’s Eve. You will find youth artwork in the Monterey Conference Center.

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