

First Night Monterey 2010
Kaleidoscope
Thursday, December 31, 2009 3:00-Midnight

What:	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A community celebration of the arts on New Year's Eve</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Night Monterey 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Kaleidoscope”</p> <p>Website: www.firstnightmonterey.org for overview of program, tickets information and sales. Download the complete program guide in December Plan your night ahead by reviewing program and performers -it's a big night!</p>
When:	<p>December 31, 2009 from 3 PM through Midnight.</p>
Where:	<p>Historic Downtown Monterey - Over 25 performance sites, MOST venues are indoors and you need a button. First Night Monterey goes on "Rain or Shine"! Buy Your Button today!</p>
Admission:	<p style="text-align: center;">Advance purchase Admission Buttons are: ADULT BUTTON (16 and older) \$12 through December 12, 2009, \$15.00 starting December 13, 2009 through December 30th \$20.00 December 31, 2009 (Day of Celebration) at Event. YOUTH BUTTONS (5-15 years old) \$10 through December 12, 2009, \$12 starting December 13, 2009 through December 30th \$15 December 31, 2009 (Day of Celebration) at Event Children four and under are admitted free!</p> <p>Buttons on sales at many local stores in Monterey County: Safeway Stores- all Monterey county, Nob Hill in Monterey and Salinas, Walgreen's in Monterey and Seaside. Online with specials available at www.firstnightmonterey.org. Will Call buttons pick up on December 30-31st at the FNM 2010 Conference Center Site.</p>
Program:	<p>A community celebration of the arts, FNM is an affordable, alcohol-free family celebration. This year's theme, “Kaleidoscope”, A Kaleidoscope of activities, colors, lights, musical entertainment and performances unfolds on New Year's Eve in Historic Downtown Monterey for First Night Monterey as we dance, play, act, perform, create and sing our way into 2010!</p> <p>We chose the theme of Kaleidoscope because by definition we feel it encompasses the true spirit and experience of First Night "fragments that come together to form a beautiful whole perhaps indicating a diversity of something such as experience or piecing together the parts of a symbolic puzzle."</p> <p>We invite you to share your connection with the community as we transform the streetscapes, Colton lawn, Golden State Theater, Monterey Conference Center, churches and concert halls throughout Historic Downtown Monterey into a fun, informative and unique way for the community to experience multiple forms of art on an evening where we celebrate our uniqueness, our commonness and the coming of the New Year!</p> <p>Activities begin at 3 PM with the Opening Ceremony staged on Colton Lawn stage on Pacific Street. Kids Night Out! Begins at 3:30PM with interactive art activities face painting, henna tattoo artists, puppet art theater, folk music and magic show will entertain children of all ages. Join us for the Twilight Procession at 5:30 as we process down Alvarado Street. Experience the human kaleidoscope and commit your New Year's resolution at the interactive resolution sculpture. From Classical to Hip Hop, Jazz to Reggae, Dance Venues, Art Stations to the Written Word and a whole lot of art! Create, Participate, Imagine!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grand Finale starts at 11:15 in the Serra Ballroom and the Golden State Theater- Additional ticket is needed for admittance and there is limited seating-- pick up ticket from 4:00-10:30PM on 12-31-09 at the Portola Plaza Ticket Venue. First Come First Served</p>
Restaurants:	<p>First Night Monterey has a large and varied selection of food and beverage booths for your enjoyment. The Monterey Peninsula has excellent restaurants of every conceivable type; far too many to be listed here. For listings and reviews, go to www.monterey.com. We are located in historic downtown Monterey.</p>