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Check Out First Night Monterey by the numbers. Celebrating 25 years of bringing the community together and ringing in the New Year!

December, 2017. Monterey, CA. Take a look at this snapshot of the scale of First Night Monterey (www.firstnightmonterey.org) is revealed in the numbers behind the event. Here are a few to ponder as you get ready for New Year's Eve.

25 – This year marks the twenty-fifth consecutive New Year's Eve arts celebration in historic old Monterey. From humble beginnings this community arts celebration has delighted participants and inspired attendees for a generation. It is sad but noteworthy that while there were over 200 First Night celebrations across the U.S. a decade ago, today First Night Monterey is one of fewer than 75 that remain culturally significant and financially sustainable.

364 – Days of planning for the 2018 event. Yes, there is a day of rest each year.

20 – Separate venues and stages throughout Downtown Monterey.

70 – Different performances throughout the night. So many to enjoy! There are new and returning regional and touring acts performing live music in a wide array of musical styles (pop, indie, blues, folk and rock 'n roll, including children's acts), a fabulous twilight procession, dance, comedy acts and magicians.

178 – Volunteers who help usher in the New Year in a safe and art-infused atmosphere.

7 – Different dance troops performing at First Night Monterey including the Greek Village Dancers, Spector Dance, the Dance Center, as well as lion and belly dancers.

ZERO – The number of alcohol vendors. First Night Monterey remains the largest alcohol free event in Monterey County.

435,000 – Folks who have danced and giggled their way to the new year in the company of friends and family over the past twenty-four years at First Night Monterey.

301 – Performers and artists taking part in this year's First Night celebration.

22 – The price in dollars of an all access adult admission button for 2018 bought in advance. Buttons are \$25 at the celebration. Youth buttons are \$15 in advance and \$18 on December 31st.

982 – Seats available in the Golden State Theater to take in perennial favorites the Black Irish Band and the legendary Chicano All Stars, including the grand finale to welcome in the New Year.

8 – Visual arts interactive projects available complete with materials and supplies to all button wearers who wish to create their own durable memories of First Night Monterey 2018.

85 – Percentage of venues that are indoors and immune from any inclement weather.

NINE – **Nonstop hours** of entertainment available for the whole family on December 31st. From the Taiko drummers who start things off at 3 in the afternoon until the noisemakers create their own echo at midnight there will be music and art and performances not to be missed.

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