

# Capitol HOLIDAY

*a tradition*

Festive music & celebration began at our Capitol as early as December 1869, during its triumphant opening. The halls of the Capitol were festooned with flowers & two musical bands performed. Fourteen years later, amid much fanfare, D.O. Mill's gift of the statue *Columbus at the Court of Spain* was officially presented to the State of California in a generous holiday gesture.

Past Governors of California established a tradition of celebrating the winter holiday season by adorning the Capitol with garlands and decorating the tress of their offices. The earliest photographs of this celebration show Governor James Rolph and his staff in 1931 standing beneath a large decorated tree. The tradition continued until 1983 when lighted trees were placed outside, near the west entrance due to fire safety concerns.

Since 1996 the California State Capitol Museum, in association with the California Legislature Joint Committee on Rules, Governor's Office and the Department of General Services has worked to restore holiday traditions inside the Capitol. Early twentieth century floral arrangements, provided by the California State Capitol Museum Volunteers Association, create a lovely backdrop for holiday musical performances in the rotunda. In addition, the tree lighting ceremony on the West Steps brings the festivities outdoors for all to enjoy.

*The California State Capitol's*  
Holiday Music Program  
2016





# Schedule of Performers

## 2016

### Wednesday November 30

11:00 Lincoln High School Choir  
12:00 Davis High School Baroque Ensemble

### Thursday December 1

11:00 Franklin High School Vocal Ensemble  
12:00 John Adams Academy Choirs (*Virtus & Schola Cantorum*)

### Friday December 2

11:00 High Voltage (*El Dorado Theater Company*)  
12:00 Cosumnes River College Chamber Singers

### Saturday December 3

11:00 Parker Whitney Elementary School Choir  
12:00 Ding-A-Lings (*Handbell Choir*)  
1:00 Vivace Stings (*Sacramento Youth Symphony*)  
2:00 Lincoln Theater Choristers  
3:00 Fiddle and Squeeze Musique

### Sunday December 4

12:00 West Sacramento Community Singers  
2:00 Sacramento Valley Concert Choir

### Monday December 5

5:30 Governor's Christmas Tree Lighting  
—No Noon Music—

### Tuesday December 6

11:00 Ibaraki Christian Girls School from Japan  
11:30 Pine Hills Academy Choralaires  
12:30 Jesus Express & Shades of Praise Choirs

### Wednesday December 7

11:00 Golden State Accordion Club  
12:00 Davis High School Madrigals  
12:30 Davis High School Advanced Treble Choir

### Thursday December 8

11:00 Forest Lake Christian School Choir  
12:00 Sheldon High School Vocal

### Friday December 9

11:00 Los Banos Junior High School Choir  
12:00 Cantare Chorale of the Sierras

### Saturday December 10

11:00 Crocker Riverside Singing Cubs Choir  
11:30 West Campus Wind Ensemble and Choir  
1:00 Camellia Flute Choir

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11:30 Girl Scouts of Sierra Creek  
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11:00 CalSTRS Christmas Choir  
12:00 Salvation Army Brass Quintet

### Tuesday December 13

11:30 Corps-A-Liers (*US Army Core of Engineers*)  
12:00 CalPERS Holiday Chorus

### Wednesday December 14

11:00 Sacramento Valley Chorus  
12:00 Vocal Art Ensemble

### Thursday December 15

11:00 Avalon String Quartet  
12:00 CalTrans Choir

### Friday December 16

12:00 Capital Valley Harp Circle

### Saturday December 17

11:00 Sing-Along w/the Capitol Singers  
12:00 Sacramento Opera Carolers  
1:00 River Bells (*Handbell Choir*)

### Sunday December 18

12:00 Granite Bay Brass  
1:00 Sacramento Recorder Society  
2:00 Festival Brass  
3:00 Capitol Horn Choir  
4:00 Holiday in Argentina! *Music & Tango*

### Monday December 19

11:00 Sacramento Capitolaire  
12:00 Davis Chorale & Children's Chorus

### Tuesday December 20

11:00 Folsom Lake Youth Choir  
12:00 Mellodika (*Harp Duo*)  
1:00 Alaina Rose (*Harpist*)

### Wednesday December 21

11:00 Passion Flora (*Harp and Flute*)  
12:00 Trio Bella

### Thursday December 22

11:00 Renaissance Choir of Sacramento

### Friday December 23

11:00 Grace Episcopal Church Choir