

## Come hear the sounds of the season

### YHS students present holiday concerts Dec. 6 and 8

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As the holiday season becomes more festive, so do the opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6 the Yosemite High School Instrumental Music department will present a variety of holiday music.

Featured performances will include students from the jazz band, wind ensemble, concert band and the percussion ensemble.

"This concert's music will be real up beat," said Randy Hyatt, assistant principal and band director. "The wind ensemble will be doing a couple of Mannheim Steamroller-type songs. One version is called Faeries (Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies) and it is the old Tschykovsky arrangement for band."



Yosemite High School presents winter concerts. Director Randy Hyatt said there will be several instrumental groups performing at the YHS Theater on Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Dr. Tony Mowrer will present the YHS choral groups at the theater on Thursday, Dec. 8. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.  
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Hyatt added that the group will also perform the Ukrainian Bell Carol (Carol of the Bells).

"The beginning percussion is doing a variety of holiday songs," Hyatt said. "The advance percussion is doing what I like to call the Charlie Brown song, you can see snow flakes falling when you hear them playing. The jazz band will be playing fun jazz music and (later in the evening) will play Jazz to the World and Hark the Herald Angel Sing with a jazz flair. Both my bands are doing a lot of carols, one group is doing a French carol festival, a medley of carols."

Hyatt added that he hopes the community will come to enjoy the young musicians and possibly make this an annual event.

"I think Christmas is about culture and a variety of music," he said. "This is going to be a fun concert and we will wrap up the evening with a sing-along with the students and the audience."

The concert will be held in the YHS Theater and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 the YHS choirs will present a special holiday concert. The choirs are under the direction of Dr. Tony Mowrer.

The choral concert will feature a variety of choral music and will include the choir, concert choir, women's ensemble and chamber singers.

The ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the YHS Theater.

For more information or to ask any questions you may have call (559) 683-4667 ext. 243 or 242.



Young musicians at Yosemite High School have been busy rehearsing a variety of holiday favorites for the mountain community to enjoy. Director Randy Hyatt said why should people drive an hour down the hill when they can enjoy great talent here.  
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