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GOLD COUNTRY HAYRIDE: LIVE DRIVE-IN CONCERTS

Dates: Friday, November 6, 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Location: Dan Russell Arena

Photo Caption: Folsom’s Sunny Mitchell, who produced the first local, live and in-person music events in the Covid era with drive-in concerts at the Dan Russell Rodeo Arena in September, is back with nearly a dozen musicians from Nashville to the West Coast, food trucks, Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers, Folsom TV’s Adam Frick as emcee, on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7.

Live music returning to Folsom with Gold Country Hayride concerts at the rodeo arena

Folsom-based producer and musician Sunny Mitchell is assembling musical artists from Nashville and the West Coast for a pair of concerts that showcase legends of country roots and rockabilly on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, at Folsom’s Dan Russell Rodeo Arena. “Gold Country Hayride” is what Mitchell calls a nod to the platform (Louisiana Hayride) that launched the careers of legendary artists Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Wanda Jackson, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, and so many more. The concert follows a month and a half after the successful return of American Legend, a concert that debuted in 2016 and raised \$5,000 for the Cash Art Trail.

“Musicians and fans have been eager to return to live community events,” said Mitchell. “These will be the next local, live and in-person concerts, with the added fun of food trucks and the Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers - most likely the last big live concerts of the season.” A

portion of the proceeds will benefit Folsom's Hope, a local non-profit that serves the needs of our at-risk students through mentoring, tutoring, supporting, encouraging and nurturing.

Nashville artists include Anthony Caserta, Lauren Metzinger, and Zachariah Malachi. Caserta's fantastic Folsom debut in the American Legend concerts demanded his immediate return to the area. Captivated by Cash's music, Nashville artist Anthony Caserta began performing as the Boy in Black at the age of seven. Caserta will cover Johnny Cash, George Jones and more. Zachariah Malachi (a name his daddy gave him) is eager to make his Folsom debut. He takes a lot of pride in singing and writing his own brand of honky-tonk and country music. With thick Tennessee roots, his interest in American country music perked at a young age and it didn't take him long to realize that pursuing a life around it was immanent. Along with writing his own music, Malachi covers Hank Williams, Marty Robbins, and many others.

Other artists in the American Legend lineup include Nashville vocalist Lauren Metzinger; The Wildwood Roses, a Carter Sisters and country roots tribute band, including Jeanne Jacobson, Sunny Mitchell, and the return of Danielle Hansen; West Coast singer/songwriter Todd Morgan, covering Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and many others; multi-instrumentalist Matt Dudman on bass, Sacramento drummer Andrew Philip; and popular local violinist Giorgi Khokhobashvili.

"Fans of live music, country music, rockabilly, Elvis, Johnny Cash and anyone who simply wants to get out for an evening of good music, good fun and good fun should attend," said Mitchell.

Ticket prices range from \$50 per car for general admission and \$70 per car for VIP locations and are available via the link on the website at SunnyMitchellTheatreProjects.com (<https://www.sunnymitchelltheatreprojects.com/>)

For more information on the Gold Country Hayride concert, visit the website or call **530-683-5175**.

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