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## **Celebrate the Holidays at the Mondavi Center**

*Davis, Calif.*—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis** presents a holiday lineup filled with diverse programming from classical masterpieces to gospel music. The Mondavi Center **will waive all handling fees for online orders placed during the month of December 2011** as a special thank you to patrons. This offer is applied to all tickets for any performance during the Mondavi Center 2011–12 season purchased during the month of December. Information and tickets are available at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org) and 530-754-2787.

“Variety is the spice of the holidays at the Mondavi Center with the Mondavi Center debut of *Mariachi Sol de Mexico*, the return of the *Blind Boys of Alabama* with a gospel-themed Christmas Show, and *American Bach Soloists’* heavenly *Messiah* under the baton of UC Davis’ own Jeffrey Thomas,” said Don Roth, Mondavi Center executive director.

The fun begins on Thursday, December 8 with **Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernández** in their Mondavi Center debut of *A Mariachi Christmas*. The performance will take place in Jackson Hall at 8 p.m. and will include a colorful celebration of México's Christmas traditions with a special tribute to the states of Veracruz, Yucatan and Jalisco. Experience the traditional *posadas* and *pastorelas* of México through this delightful accumulation of joyful music and dance.

The celebration continues with the **Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show** featuring special guests **Sara and Sean Watkins** on Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. in Jackson Hall. This holiday spectacular, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, is a roof-raising musical event featuring bluesy, gospel versions of seasonal favorites, old and new.

The holiday series concludes with the treasured Mondavi Center holiday tradition **American Bach Soloists** presenting **Handel’s** masterwork *Messiah*. The special matinee performance will be presented on **Sunday, December 18 at a new time, 4 p.m.** The Davis Senior High School Baroque Ensemble will perform in the lobby prior to the performance.

Mondavi Center Gift Certificates, which can be used towards any Mondavi Center Ticket Office purchase, are also available. Gift certificates can be purchased for any amount and do not expire.

Complete information about the Mondavi Center's 2011–12 season is available at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), 530-754-2787, 866-754-2787 (toll-free) and 530-754-5402 (TDD).

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***Mondavi Center Holiday Programing***

**Mariachi Sol de México de José Hernández**

***Mariachi Christmas***

Thursday, December 8, 2011 | 8PM

Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center

\$49 | \$37 | \$ 25

**Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show  
with Special Guests Sarah and Sean Watkins**

***Go Tell it on the Mountain***

Thursday, December 15, 2011 | 8PM

Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center

\$49 | \$37 | \$ 25

**American Bach Soloists**

***Messiah***

Sunday, December 18, 2011 | 4PM

Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center

\$55 | \$45 | \$25

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