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DECEMBER/ JANUARY

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12/149th Annual **Candlelight Concert**

Segerstrom Center for the Arts' Candlelight Concert is a fundraiser that is nothing short of extravagant, raising funds for the center's artistic programming and education initiatives, including ballet commissions and world premiere performances. Fivetime Grammy Award winner Michael Bublé will headline this year's concert. Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

12/1Friends of CASA Holiday Luncheon

Kick December off with Friends of CASA's annual holiday luncheon and help raise funds for over 9,047 youth in the Orange County foster care system. Catch keynote speaker David Ambroz, author of A Place Called Home, and a dazzling fashion presentation from Givenchy. 10 a.m., Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club, Dana Point, casaholidayluncheon.org

12/8-17

American Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker

Choreographed by Alexei Ratmansky, American Ballet Theatre's take on this classic holiday ballet will feature more than 100 performers, bringing to life the beloved story of young Clara and her magical nutcracker doll. Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

12/14-16 A Merry Little Christmas with Megan Hilty

The star of Wicked and Smash will bring her sweetness, sincerity and incredible talent to the Samueli Theater stage for a weekend of sensational singing and season's greetings. 7:30 p.m., Samueli Theater at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

12/14-18 **Disney on Ice Presents** Frozen and Encanto

This year's Disney on Ice is twice the holiday fun as characters from Frozen and Encanto will glide across the rink at Honda Center to lively music and enchanting storylines, promising fun for the whole family. Honda Center, Anaheim, hondacenter.com

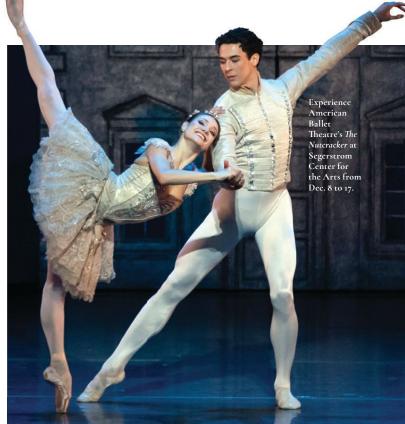
12/19-24 Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical

Join The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who for this lively Dr. Seuss musical that navigates the meaning of Christmas. Sing along to favorite tunes, "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas," during evening and matinee showtimes. Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

1/18

23rd Annual Dux in Tux

This evening off-the-ice pairs Anaheim Ducks players and coaches with 30 of Southern California's best chefs for a culinary fundraiser benefiting the Anaheim Ducks



Foundation. Come hungry! Honda Center, Anaheim, nhl.com/ducks/community

1/20 InspirationALZ Gala 2024

This year's Alzheimer's Association Gala is about music with a mission. Sip cocktails, bid on one-of-a-kind items and dance to the rhythm of live musical entertainment in honor of inspiring local Alzheimer's heroes. 6 p.m., Balboa Bay Resort,

Newport Beach, alz.org

1/20

Alonzo King LINES Ballet

LINES, the contemporary ballet company from San Francisco, mesmerizes crowds with intentional movement and profound connection. Spellbinding and spectacular, this performance invites viewers to see why the company has garnered accolades since 1982. 7:30 p.m., Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

1/21 Johnny Cash: The Official **Concert Experience**

Not your average Johnny Cash concert, this experience showcases the best moments from the Man in Black projected on-screen in sync with a live band and soulful singers. Celebrate Cash's life and beloved musical legacy. 7 p.m., Segerstrom Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org

1/27

In Conversation with The Sopranos

Fans of the award-winning HBO crime-drama will adore this exclusive Q&A with the infamous characters of The Sopranos. Listen to behind-the-scenes stories from cast members Steve Schirripa (Bobby Bacala), Vincent Pastore (Big Pussy) and Michael Imperioli (Christopher Moltisanti), hosted by comedian

Joey Kola. 8 p.m., Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, scfta.org