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The 36th Annual Strauss Festival Returns This Summer – A Free Cultural Celebration for All Ages

Elk Grove, CA, July 15, 2025 – Get ready to be swept into an enchanting world of music, dance, and storytelling as the **36th Annual Strauss Festival of Elk Grove** returns **July 24–27, 2025**, at the picturesque **Strauss Island in Elk Grove Park**. This beloved summer tradition promises four unforgettable evenings of romance, elegance, and artistry.

With over three decades of rich history, the Elk Grove Strauss Festival has become one of the most treasured cultural events in Northern California. Each year, the festival offers a new choreographed storyline set to the timeless music of Johann Strauss II and his family, performed live by a 32-piece orchestra. Dancers ranging in age from 4 to 82 bring the narrative to life, dressed in exquisite costumes and showcasing classical dance performances in a beautiful outdoor setting.

This year's event is completely **free to attend**—no tickets required. Guests are encouraged to arrive early with blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy first-come, first-serve seating on the grass overlooking Strauss Island. There is a parking fee of **\$10 per car**, which goes to support the continuation of the event.

Festival Schedule:

- Thursday, July 24 – Sunday, July 27, 2025
- Performances begin at dusk (~8:15 PM)
- Fireworks finale each night

Perfect for all ages, the Strauss Festival invites families, friends, and first-time visitors to enjoy the fairy tale setting, complete with local food vendors, dazzling fireworks, and a joyful community atmosphere. For those inspired to take part in the magic, the festival offers free dance workshops, open to the public regardless of prior experience. Aspiring performers ages 13 and up (or previous tween dancers) are encouraged to attend workshops and auditions for a chance to perform on stage during future festivals.

For more information, volunteer opportunities, or workshop details, visit www.straussfestival.com.

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About Explore Elk Grove

Explore Elk Grove is a non-profit organization that inspires locals and visitors alike to visit, shop, dine, meet and gather at our local businesses, parks, attractions, hotels and venues in order to foster positive economic development for Elk Grove. Learn more at www.exploreelkgrove.com.

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