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"From (The Soraya's) striking architecture and elegant interior to its outstanding acoustics, I found the experience comparable to performances I've attended at some of Southern California's most celebrated concert halls, including Walt Disney Concert Hal," — San Diego Jewish World

Enjoy the Holiday Season at The Soraya!

Seven Performances Beginning Sat, Dec. 5

West Coast Premiere of *Edward Scissorhands in Concert Live to Film* with **CSUN Symphony**
Spanish Harlem Orchestra's *Salsa Navidad,* with Special Guest **Arturo Sandoval**
Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular, with **Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles**, **Mariachi Pueblo Viejo**, and Special Guest **Aida Cuevas**

Sat, Dec. 5 through Sun, Dec. 20; Tickets start at $42 at TheSoraya.org.

(Los Angeles, CA) Nov. 1, 2026 — Gather friends and loved ones to celebrate the holiday season at The Soraya, which offers seven performances to enjoy between Sat, Dec 5 and Sun, Dec 20. Each year, an average of nearly 3,000 households attend performances in The Soraya's Holiday Series. This annual turnout reflects The Soraya's place as a beloved holiday tradition for communities in the San Fernando Valley and greater Los Angeles region

While a majority of Holiday Series ticket buyers are local, The Soraya also receives visitors for this series from all over the state, including Redding, Chico, and Petaluma, and guests from as far away as Hawaii and the East Coast.

The Holiday Series at The Soraya

The series opens with ***Edward Scissorhands in Concert Live to Film*** with **CSUN Symphony** (Dec 5 at 6) and includes **Spanish Harlem Orchestra's** *Salsa Navidad* with Special Guest **Arturo Sandoval** (Dec 12), and four performances of The Soraya's original and beloved annual tradition, now in its 11th season, ***Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular*** with **Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles**, **Mariachi Pueblo Viejo**, and Special Guest Vocalist **Aida Cuevas** (Dec 18-20).

On Sat, Dec 5 and Sun, Dec 6, The Soraya presents the West Coast Premiere of 20th Century Studios' ***Edward Scissorhands in Concert Live to Film*.** This concert received its debut on Oct. 10 in Montreal at the Place des Arts and The Soraya presents the West Coast and Los Angeles premiere. The concert features the quirky modern fairytale with GRAMMY® award-winning composer Danny Elfman's ethereal, emotive musical score performed live by the CSUN Symphony Orchestra and led by Conductor John Roscigno.

The following Sat, Dec 12, two-time GRAMMY® winning Salsa and Latin Jazz band **Spanish Harlem Orchestra** takes the holidays up a notch performing from its all-new album *Salsa Navidad* and bringing in special guest Arturo Sandoval — the legendary Cuban American trumpeter, pianist, timbalero and composer renowned worldwide for his talents and contributions. Blending traditional Puerto Rican holiday rhythms with a signature New York "salsa dura" (hard salsa) sound, Spanish Harlem Orchestra is sure to be a concert that will keep guests moving in their seats.

Finally, from Fri, Dec 18 to Sun, Dec 20, the Soraya pulls out all the stops for its 11th annual presentation of ***Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular***, a Soraya original production with Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles, and Mariachi Pueblo Viejo. New this year will be special guest vocalist, and la reina de ranchera (the queen of ranchera), Aida Cuevas. This performance marks the GRAMMY Award-winning artist's seventh performance at The Soraya.

For Calendar Listings: Holiday Programming at The Soraya

Edward Scissorhands in Concert Live to Film
With CSUN Symphony
John Roscigno, conductor
Sat Dec 5 | 7PM
Sun Dec 6 | 3PM

Step into the shadowy, surreal universe of Tim Burton's *Edward Scissorhands*, where whimsy walks hand-in-hand with holiday magic. CSUN Symphony brings Danny Elfman's hauntingly beautiful score to life, performing live with Conductor John Roscigno. Lose yourself in the stunning visuals and heartfelt storytelling of this off-kilter modern fairy tale, following Edward (Johnny Depp) and Kim (Winona Ryder) in the story of the gentle outsider with scissors for hands as he navigates love, friendship, family, and the bittersweet challenges of fitting in.
Tickets $48-78

Spanish Harlem Orchestra
Salsa Navidad
With Special Guest Arturo Sandoval
Sat Dec 12 | 8PM

“Salsa-fy” your holidays with Salsa Navidad, the latest release from three-time GRAMMY®-winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra and special guest the legendary Arturo Sandoval, widely recognized as one of the best trumpet players in the world. Blending traditional Puerto Rican holiday rhythms (plena, bomba, aguinaldo) with the group’s signature New York “salsa dura” (hard salsa) sound, Spanish Harlem Orchestra is lauded for its joyful, authentic, and powerful arrangements. The band’s latest album is a fresh and unique approach to holiday music and includes American Christmas classics done in a salsa style, with several of the ensemble’s original music. *Tickets $43-95*

Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular
With Special Guest Aida Cuevas
Featuring Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles
and Mariachi Pueblo Viejo
Fri Dec 18 | 7PM
Sat Dec 19 | 1PM and 7PM
Sun Dec 20 | 1PM

Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular returns with a Soraya favorite and the Queen of Ranchera, Aida Cuevas — making The Soraya’s 11th-annual tradition perhaps the most memorable yet. Experience and enjoy the holiday traditions of Mexico’s many regions shared through the vibrant costumes and dances of Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles. Mariachi Pueblo Viejo returns for its third season, performing the musical soundscape that takes us on a journey across the regions of Mexico and their varying traditions on Christmas Eve. *Tickets $42-95*

About the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya)

The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (The Soraya) is one of Los Angeles’ most prominent performance venues, recognized globally as the intellectual and cultural hub of the San Fernando Valley and its 1.8 million residents. The stunning, architecturally significant building was designed by HGA Architects and Engineers and launched as the Valley Performing Arts Center in 2011. In 2017, a transformative gift from Los Angeles residents and philanthropists Younes and Soraya Nazarian resulted in the venue being renamed The Soraya.

Today, The Soraya remains committed to innovation and amplifying access by presenting diverse performances representing LA's many distinctive communities, along with new works from local and international artists.

The Soraya’s 2026-27 Season continues its journey by presenting the world’s finest symphonic orchestras, innovative dance companies, the freestyle and vast vibes of jazz, innovations of dance luminaries, and as always, a vast array of global voices.

Located on the vibrant campus of California State University, Northridge (CSUN), The Soraya and the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication share an integral link that enhances student opportunities in the arts and performing arts. This partnership fosters academic opportunity and artistic

excellence, elevating the talents of CSUN's students. A $5 million contribution from record producer and former California Lieutenant Governor Mike Curb was pivotal in ensuring The Soraya was completed and opened in 2011. For his founding support and in acknowledgment of the integral relationship between the Mike Curb College and The Soraya, Mike Curb is recognized as one of The Soraya's Cornerstone Benefactors.

The relationship between The Soraya and the Mike Curb College continues to grow, with robust offerings for students through master classes, student tickets, concerts of student ensembles, and students appearing alongside renowned artists such as jazz legends Wynton Marsalis and Jason Moran, Queen of Ranchera music Aida Cuevas, superstar violinist Joshua Bell, and the Martha Graham Dance Company whose Centennial Celebration was launched at The Soraya in 2025.

Where: The Soraya
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330

Website: www.TheSoraya.org

Tickets: Tickets can be purchased by visiting TheSoraya.org or by calling (818) 677-3000.

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