



**YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS** Arts DEVO's mission for his 19-plus years at the **Chico News & Review** has been to completely own the arts scene, to be so juiced into all aspects of it—from the big-stage promoters to the small-stage sound guys—that the newspaper and the community would be inseparable. It's been more difficult to maintain since the beginning of COVID, but I'm grateful (and pretty proud) of the fact that the paper has remained committed to the arts despite the lack of its usual resources.

Thanks to our advertisers, reader contributions and pandemic relief, the CN&R has been able to afford printing a monthly edition of this community newspaper (as well as publishing online) since the initial COVID shut-down. However, with the temporary federal monies now gone, we need to find additional sources to fund the paper.

The latest idea? Give Butte County *more* arts coverage.

The CN&R has proposed a partnership with our local public radio station, **North State Public Radio**, where we would provide the station with regular arts previews, reviews, interviews and calendar listings—local coverage that the CN&R already produces—for a fraction of what it would cost the station to produce it all from scratch.

Part of the pitch is to illustrate the paper's hard-earned connection with this community. For 45 years, the CN&R has been the most trusted source for arts and cultural activities in Butte County. We've published countless previews of concerts, plays and exhibits; reviewed myriad restaurants, films and shows; written features on thousands of fascinating locals;



CN&R presents CAMMIES 2019 at Sierra Nevada Big Room.

and kept the county in the know with the most comprehensive arts and culture calendar in the North State. We have promoted the great venues, artists and complementary/supportive businesses through popular special issues (**Best of Chico**, **Goin' Chico**, etc.) and special events (**CAMMIES**, **Chico Beer Week**, etc.).

All that to say that the CN&R has deposited a lot into Butte County's cultural bank over the years, and now we are reaching out to request a small withdrawal—not money, just a voice of support.

If you feel the CN&R has supported your local arts and you want it to continue doing so, consider adding your name to the effort. Visit [chico.newsreview.com/chicoartscollab](http://chico.newsreview.com/chicoartscollab), read the



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proposal to NSPR/Cap Radio, see the current list of signees, and if you agree with this push to strengthen the area's arts coverage and promote the local scene/economy, let us know by sending an email to [chicoartscollab@newsreview.com](mailto:chicoartscollab@newsreview.com).

Thanks!

**DEVOTIONS** One of the best times of year to see a show in Chico is around the holidays. It's cooler out, folks are in a festive mood, and joining a local crowd in warm a bar is a great respite from pressures of the season, whether it's for chill tunes or something more hectic. And there are some amazing options on the calendar:

**Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.:** The New Yorker magazine called **Marisa Anderson** "one of the most distinctive guitar players of her generation," and she's going to be playing an intimate show here at the Pageant Theatre with locals **Donald Beaman** and **Cat Depot**.

**Dec. 4, 7 p.m.:** **Josiah Johnson**, formerly of The Head and the Heart, at Argus Bar with opener **Seth Prinz**.

**Dec. 6, 9 p.m.:** A proper high-energy rock show at Duffy's Tavern with Portland noisemakers **Spoon Benders** and Spokane's **Kadabra**, plus Chico's **Vik Whistle** opening.

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