



**News Release
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**'TIS THE SEASON – COME SHARE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT
AT MARIN COUNTRY MART!**

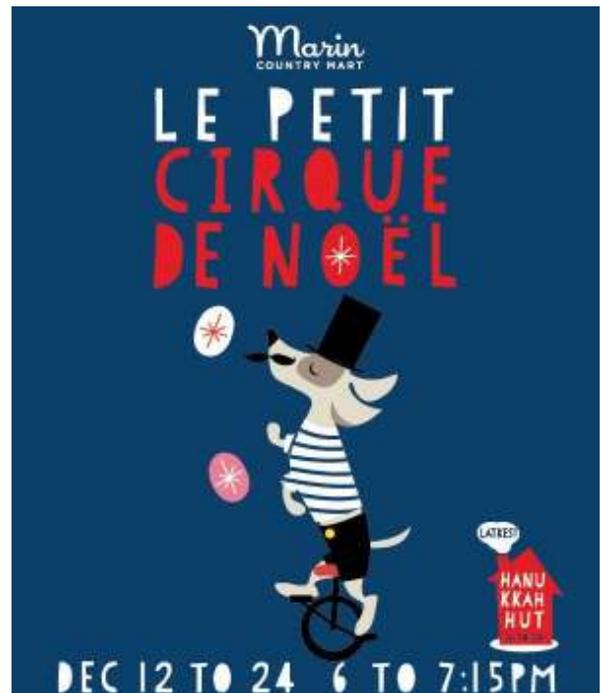
Celebrate a Month of Festivities for Children & Adults – Enjoy Over 50 Special Events & Complimentary Treats, Shop at Leading Boutiques and Dine at Artisanal Eateries



LARKSPUR, CA, NOVEMBER 26, 2014 – Marin Country Mart has announced an inviting array of festive events and activities during the month of December to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and other seasonal traditions of joy and sharing. Beginning December 3 through Christmas Day and beyond, Marin Country Mart welcomes children and adults to enjoy a delightful program of holiday entertainment, tasty edibles and seasonal music. Held in the Courtyard, shops, or Saturday Farmers' Market, most of these special offerings are complimentary.

The highlight of this season's festivities is Le Petit Cirque de Noël, charming original performances performed in Marin Country Mart's Big Tent, from December 12-24. Founded by Frenchman Michel Michelis, his circus company, Le Cirque de Bohème, was created 10 years ago in Paris and moved to California six years ago. The goal of Monsieur Michelis – an eclectic artist, author, singer, actor, and interpreter – is to present the joy and mystery of a Parisian-style circus of the 1920s, with its mix of theater, music and circus sets. Some of this year's artists, who hail from the Bay Area, France and Germany, have performed in circuses for 30 years.

Full of enchantment, thrill and wonder, Le Cirque de Bohème has delighted kids and adults for years. The troupe features two new shows at Marin Country Mart, "The Magic Box" and "Le Rêve de Noël." Children 18 and under are free; adults' tickets are \$15. However, because space is limited in the tent, all attendees must have a ticket, available at the Trading Post. To reserve tickets, call the Trading Post at 415-448-5043.



Continuing the theme, the Elf Show & Workshop on December 15 & 16 features a ball-spinning, unicycle and hat-juggling workshop. There's face painting as Santa's elves, too. From December 20-22, Rue Manouche performs Christmas songs with a Gypsy swing. Other music will also fill the air, including talented musicians for Marin Country Mart's ongoing series, Friday Night Jazz and Folkish Festival on Sundays, and other various vocal and instrumental groups to herald Christmas.

Throughout the December 12-24 period, special treats with a French flavor will be available for purchase at the circus from 5-8 pm from Rustic Bakery, Belcampo, El Huarache Loco and Farmshop. These include crêpes, roasted chestnuts, organic hot dogs, and French hot chocolate.

To celebrate Hanukkah, the Hanukkah Hut returns again this year from December 16-23, with Marin Country Mart offering visitors complimentary Wise Sons latkes with crème fraîche and applesauce. Adding to the spirit is klezmer music by Orchestra Euphonos.

Reflecting what a magical time the holidays are for youngsters, many festivities focus on children. Poppy Store features traditional British-style Punch & Judy shows and an orange pomander workshop. Tutu School extends an invitation to enjoy cupcakes, ornament making and Sugar Plum Fairy sightings at its Annual Holiday Party. At DIESEL, A Bookstore, there's a Pajama Party with Little Santa author John Agee and a 12 Days of Christmas ornament-making event with illustrator LeUyen Pham.



On Saturdays before Christmas, Santa Claus takes a break from his busy schedule to visit Marin Country Mart at Poppy Store, where a professional photographer will take complimentary photos of the whole family (the family dog is invited, too!), and to hear what kids want for Christmas and whether they've been naughty or nice. He'll also be a special guest at the Holiday Farmers' Market on December 13 for various activities, including a sing-along with Santa.

For adults, there's much to enjoy as well. DIESEL hosts a presentation on the "Best Kids' Books of the Year" so adults can buy the perfect book for children on their gift list. To acquire new recipes for the holidays and new year, DIESEL extends an invitation to a "Cookbook Extravaganza," featuring four authors and samples from their cookbooks. At INTERMIX, visitors can join Kendra Appelbaum to explore holiday trends and must-haves, sip Champagne and save.

Of special note is the arrival of Hutchinson Fine Jewelry at Marin Country Mart. Crafted by master artisans and curated with inspiration, the collection reflects the desire of the partners, Kary Chendo and Miranda Abrams, to present the most alluring, chic and wearable pieces of fine jewelry - treasures to be worn, loved and handed down. All are invited to celebrate the opening on December 3, with bites from Farmshop and Miette, and in support of Compass Family Services.

To add holiday cheer for those less fortunate, Marin Country Mart has teamed up with the Central Marin Police Authority, along with the Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Departments and other local organizations, to host a holiday drive, "Things for Teens & Toys for Kids," on December 6 for local youth and children in Child and Family Services. Items and monetary donations can be dropped off near Starbucks and Marin Brewing Co. in front of the fire truck and police cars, where kids can get an up-close look. In addition, donations of gently used and new toys are accepted at the Farmers' Market Toy Drive on December 6 and December 13; collection bins are available under the Big Tents. These donations, which need not be wrapped, benefit the Marin City Community Services District.



On December 13, Marin Country Mart and the Farmers' Market host their Holiday Celebration. The event is full of fun, family-friendly activities - including writing and sending a letter to Santa, a sing-along with Santa, holiday cookie decorating, children's entertainment, face painting, pony rides, music and caroling by students from Hall Middle School. Adults can enjoy holiday treats and beverages - and peruse the Farmers' Market selection of delectable foods, holiday greenery, and culinary arts & crafts - many of them great for gifts.

As an ongoing special welcome to Bay Area neighbors, San Francisco residents and visitors continue to be invited on a complimentary ride aboard the Golden Gate Larkspur ferry to visit Marin Country Mart, just steps away from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Details on this continuing special promotion and the downloadable ferry ticket are available at: goldengate.org/MCMPromo.

Come share the holiday spirit at Marin Country Mart!

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- THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR AT MARIN COUNTRY MART -

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Wed Dec 3 6 - 9 pm

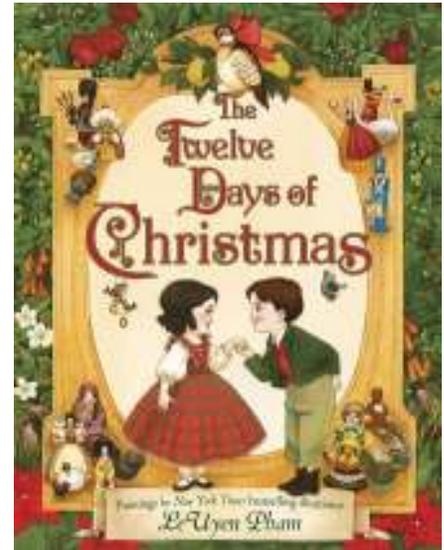
Hutchinson Fine Jewelry: Opening Celebration, with bites from Farmshop and Miette.

Thurs Dec 4 10:30 - 11:30 am
7 - 8 pm

DIESEL: Children's Story Time with Clare

DIESEL: Best Kids' Books of 2014: for parents, a presentation by children's book specialist Clare, of favorite books of the year for various age ranges through age 12, plus shopping assistance. Wine & cheese, too.

Fri Dec 5	5:30 – 8:30 pm 6 – 7 pm	Friday Night Jazz: Jeff Derby Trio DIESEL: Pajama Party with <u>Little Santa</u> author John Agee
Sat Dec 6	9 am – 2 pm 10 am – 2 pm 11 am – 2 pm 1 pm	Farmers' Market: Holiday Toy Drive in the Big Tent. Bring cheer to a child with your donation of gently used & new toys. Things for Teens & Toys for Kids: Toy Drive with the Central Marin Police Authority, Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Departments and other organizations, near Starbucks and Marin Brewing Co. Poppy Store: A visit with Santa Claus, with a photographer on hand to take complimentary photos. DIESEL: Cookbook Extravaganza: Meet four trendsetting authors and enjoy samples from their cookbooks: <u>Afro-Vegan</u> by Bryant Terry, <u>Asian Pickles</u> with Karen Solomon, <u>French Roots</u> with Jean-Pierre and Denise Mouille, and <u>Josey Baker Bread</u> by Josey Baker.
Sun Dec 7	11 am – 3 pm 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Off the Grid Folkish Festival: The Old Way sings holiday tunes
Wed Dec 10	5 – 7 pm	INTERMIX: Explore holiday trends with Kendra Appelbaum, sip & save
Thurs Dec 11	10:30 – 11:30 am	DIESEL: Children's Story Time with Clare
Fri Dec 12	5 – 6 pm 5:30 – 8:30 pm 6 – 7:15 pm	DIESEL: 12 Days of Christmas ornament making with book illustrator LeUyen Pham Friday Night Jazz: Joshua Smith & Piro Patton Quartet Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Sat Dec 13	9 am - 2 pm	Holiday Celebration at the Farmers' Market featuring fun, family-friendly activities. Join us for writing and sending a letter to Santa, a sing-along with Santa at 9:30 am, children's entertainment, holiday cookie decorating, pony rides, face painting, seasonal music, and caroling by students from Hall Middle School at 10:45 am. Snack on festive treats and beverages, including savory toddies for adults, Hoppy Holiday Christmas Ale from Marin Brewing Co. and warm mulled apple cider. In addition to a great selection of farmers' market organic produce, pastured meats, artisan cheeses, baked goods, nuts, jams, confections, wreaths and holiday flowers, you can also find unique farm-inspired, locally made arts and crafts – perfect for holiday gifts.



		Please consider participating in our Holiday Toy Drive in the Big Tent. Bring cheer to a child with your donation of gently used & new toys.
	11 am - 2 pm	Poppy Store: A visit with Santa Claus, with a photographer on hand to take complimentary photos.
	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Sun Dec 14	11 am - 3 pm	Off the Grid
	12:30 - 2:30 pm	Folkish Festival: Shabang Steel Drum Ensemble, performing holiday music with authentic Caribbean flair.
	3 - 4:30 pm	Tutu School: You're invited for cupcakes, ornament making, and Sugar Plum Fairy sightings (Please RSVP to: info@tutuschool.com.)
	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Mon Dec 15	6 - 7:30 pm	Face Painting, Elf Show & Workshop: Get your face painted and join in the ball spinning, unicycle and hat juggling workshop.
Tues Dec 16	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.
	6 - 7:30 pm	Face Painting, Elf Show & Workshop: Get your face painted and join in the ball spinning, unicycle and hat juggling workshop.
		
Wed Dec 17	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.
	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Thurs Dec 18	10:30 - 11:30 am	DIESEL: Children's Story Time with Clare
	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.
	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Fri Dec 19	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.
	3:30 - 6 pm	Poppy Store: Punch & Judy Shows and an Orange Pomander Workshop for kids. Beloved by children and adults alike for over three centuries, the traditional British-style Punch & Judy show is a tried and true crowd pleaser! A highly popular art form today in the U.K. and rarely seen in the U.S., our

particular version of the show has its beginning at the Original California Renaissance Faires. Since then, the shows have enjoyed enthusiastic response for over 20 years, with lively historical entertainment and zany slapstick featuring Elizabethan or Victorian theme characters. We'll also have a fun kids' workshop to make orange pomanders to add spice and scent to the holidays.

	5:30 - 8:30 pm 6 - 7:15 pm	Friday Night Jazz: Redwood Tango Le Petit Cirque performs "A Magic Box." (Tickets required.*)
Sat Dec 20	11 am - 2 pm 3:30 - 5:30 pm 6 - 7:15 pm	<p>Poppy Store: A visit with Santa Claus, with a photographer on hand to take complimentary photos.</p> <p>Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.</p> <p>Rue Manouche performs Christmas songs, with Jeff Magidson on guitar, Anna Magidson on guitar and vocals, and Hande Erdem on violin. Founded in San Francisco in 2009 by guitarist Vic Wong and singer Michel "Saga" Michelis, Rue Manouche plays music in the style of Gypsy Jazz or Gypsy Swing, made famous by Jean "Django" Reinhardt in the 1930s. Because its origins are largely in France, it is often called by the French name, "Jazz Manouche." Django was foremost among a group of Gypsy guitarists working in and around Paris in the 1930s through the 1950s.</p>
		
Sun Dec 21	11 am - 3 pm 12:30 - 2:30 pm 3:30 - 5:30 pm 6 - 7:15 pm	<p>Off the Grid</p> <p>Folkish Festival: Douglas Lee and his Glass Harp ensemble. As a featured soloist on the glasses and musical saw, Douglas Lee has performed numerous stage and nightclub engagements. <i>Entertainment Today</i> writes Lee is "musical magic with a set of water glasses".</p> <p>Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary latkes from Wise Sons and klezmer music during Hanukkah.</p> <p>Rue Manouche performs Christmas songs</p>
Mon Dec 22	11:30 - 1:30 pm 3:30 - 5:30 pm 6 - 7:15 pm	<p>Douglas Lee Lunch Concert</p> <p>Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.</p> <p>Rue Manouche performs Christmas songs</p>
Tues Dec 23	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah Hut: Enjoy complimentary Wise Sons latkes and klezmer music during Hanukkah.

	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "Un Rêve de Noël" (A Christmas Dream) (Tickets required.*)
Wed Dec 24	6 - 7:15 pm	Le Petit Cirque performs "Un Rêve de Noël" (A Christmas Dream) (Tickets required.*)
Thurs Dec 25 (closed)		Merry Christmas! Marin Country Mart is closed for Christmas. We reopen Friday during regular business hours.
Fri Dec 26	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Friday Night Jazz: Zev Shearn-Nance Quartet
Sun Dec 28	11 am - 3 pm	Off the Grid

** **Le Petit Cirque de Noël Tickets:** Tickets go on sale November 27 at the Trading Post at Marin Country Mart. Tickets for children age 18 and under are complimentary; adult tickets are \$15. Please note that, because there is limited seating each evening, each guest, whether child or adult, must have a ticket for entry.*

Please note: Calendar is subject to change. For the most current information and details on these events, please visit: marincountrymart.com/calendar.

Marin Country Mart is located at 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939. Parking is free. Additionally, parking on weekends and nights is available at no cost at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal Building, just a short stroll over a pedestrian bridge from Marin Country Mart. Coming from the city, San Francisco residents and visitors are invited to ride the Larkspur Ferry for free during selected days and times. For details on this special promotion with the Golden Gate Larkspur Ferry, please visit: www.goldengate.org/MCMPromo

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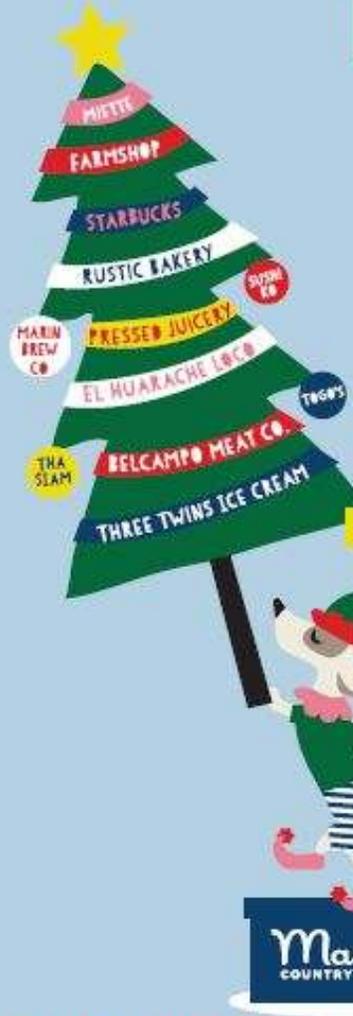
About Marin Country Mart

In 2009, J.S. Rosenfield & Co. purchased Larkspur Landing, transforming it into Marin Country Mart through extensive upgrades and new retail offerings with independent brands that better reflect the preferences of residents and visitors. The open-air shopping destination, comprised of 12 barn buildings and over 173,000 square feet of space, features appealing boutiques, dining options, services and special events (see purveyors below). Marin Country Mart has two sister venues in Southern California, Brentwood Country Mart and Montecito Country Mart, which are favorites among residents for exceptional shopping and dining. All are conceived with a spirit of community in mind, as lively gathering places that evoke simpler, more gracious times. Inspired by the idea of the village square, Marin Country Mart is a welcoming destination where local residents and visitors enjoy talented artisans and entrepreneurs who ply their trades with pride and skill, in a congenial environment shared with families, neighbors and friends.

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