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MARK KROOS
TO TEACH AND PERFORM AT THE
STRING FLING

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TOAST**

**SPRING IN
THE SIERRAS**

BLOOMING BULBS
FAMILY MOUNTAIN BIKING
FARMERS' MARKETS

PLUS: THEATER ROUNDUP,
UPCOMING EVENTS



COURTESY PHOTOS

Get strumin' at the String Fling

AUBURN RECREATION DISTRICT'S 2018 ACOUSTIC GUITAR FESTIVAL

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2018 marks the third year of the Auburn Recreation District's (ARD) annual Acoustic Guitar Festival, dubbed the "String Fling." This year, the festival has expanded to include three separate events – a performer/instructor showcase, a feature artist concert, and the instructional workshops.

The performer/instructor showcase will take place April 13 at the Strum Shop in Roseville. This event will give attendees an opportunity to meet the instructors and watch them perform. Hannah Jane Kile of Auburn will be the headlining performer of the showcase.

On April 20, award-winning guitarist Mark Kroos will be performing at Bethlehem Lutheran church at 1279 High St., in Auburn. Kroos brings a unique guitar playing style

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7 p.m. Friday, April 20
Mark Kroos, Forest Bailey
and special guests
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
1279 High St., Auburn

9 a.m. April 21
Workshops at Canyon View
Community Center, 471
Maidu Drive, Auburn
Tickets are \$35-\$45.

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in that he uses an Ovation double-neck acoustic guitar. One neck has a traditional six string and the other has 12 strings. By using special tunings and right hand tapping methods, Mark creates a myriad of unique melodies and harmonies which is truly amazing to watch. Opening for Kroos will be Auburn's own Forest Bailey. Bailey is a local Auburn favorite who had gained notoriety with his percussive guitar technique and use of open tuning and harmonics. This night will be a treat for those enjoy the guitar.

The instructional workshops will take place on April 21 at the ARD Canyon View Community Center. The workshops run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes range from blues to classical guitar, and students can learn directly from the headlining performers Mark Kroos and Hannah Jane Kile. This year features a "beginners track" with local teachers for folks or kids new to the guitar. This

is a remarkable opportunity for guitar players in Placer County to not only hear renowned musicians, but also to meet and study with them in a small classroom setting.

"We are very pleased to be working with ARD in our third year of the festival," said current committee member and co-founder of String Fling Preston Marx. "The event has grown quickly in popularity and the addition of pre-workshop concerts with the instructors has been a tremendous draw. Each year we hope to add notable musicians and instructors to evolve the festival into a multi-day event that will bring people to Auburn in order to enjoy our beautiful city."

For more information, visit auburnrec.com, or call 530-863-4615.

