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**Summer**

# CELEBRATING NATIONAL IDENTITY

The privately owned Serra Chapel in San Luis Obispo County will serve as one of the venues for this year's Festival Mozaic San Luis Obispo Music & Arts Festival.



As the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence signing arrives this summer, what are America's defining qualities today? Perhaps **Festival Mozaic's San Luis Obispo Music & Arts Festival** ([festivalmozaic.org](http://festivalmozaic.org)), an annual program of arts and music events that has presented significant works throughout the Central Coast for the past 55 years, can provide an answer. In a salute to American composers with meaningful ties to California, from July 15 to August 1, this year's programming highlights the music of John Adams, Eric Whitacre, Igor Stravinsky, John Novacek, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, and Ernest Bloch, as well as others from around the world.

"This summer's festival gives us an opportunity to reflect on what American identity means today," says music director Scott Yoo. That's evidenced by an innovative schedule of performances, including orchestral masterworks, chamber music, youth mini concerts, dance, comedy, film, modern art, and poetry. Equally varied are the performance venues: A brass ensemble at a pier, a chamber concert in a wine barrel room, Mozart at a mission, Dvořák in a synagogue, and poetry reading at an art gallery. Diverse, surprising, inventive: Yes, that's America today.

—Heidi Dvorak

## A-FOOT-IN-BOTH CAMPS: LUXURIOUS AND GREEN

Straddling the intersection of camp and hotel, the 45-tent **Nightsky Camps** ([nightskycamps.com](http://nightskycamps.com), from \$275) glamping resort is set to open in San Luis Obispo's El Chorro Regional Park Campground this summer. The Australian-designed eco-tents feature vinyl flooring, bedroom furniture, en suite bathrooms, and sliding-glass doors. "It's about letting nature speak for itself but still feeling comfortable and refined and beautiful on the inside," says the resort's cofounder David Smith, noting that the concrete foundation-free structures reduce environmental impact.

Tent doors open to decks with views of Dairy Creek Golf Course, the Santa Lucia Mountains, or some of the Nine Sisters peaks. While wine country, the beach, and downtown San Luis Obispo are all nearby, park amenities invite guests to golf, visit the local botanical garden, and hike Eagle Rock Nature Trail without getting back in the car. Facilities on the Nightsky grounds include a sauna and cold plunge, a movement studio tent, and the all-day Marcerro restaurant for burgers, wraps, and more elevated dishes, like duck confit pappardelle. In the works, Smith says, is a program offering discounts to area residents.

—E.R.



Eco-tent living (from above): The layout of Nightsky Camps communal space is detailed in a rendering. A plate of fish tacos from the on-site Marcerro restaurant is made with local cod and served alongside a black-rimmed reposado tequila margarita. Guided yoga, breathwork, and other movement sessions are held in the wellness tent or outside. Campers play on the nine-hole, par 36 Dairy Creek Golf Course.



TOP, LEFT: BRIAN LAWLER; RIGHT: GROUPING; COURTESY OF NIGHTSKY CAMPS