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Gypsy violinist Roby Lakatos treats us with 'La Passion'

February 9, 2014 "La Passion" is a captivating and highly entertaining album of romantic tunes and classical fare recorded live at Sydney Opera House and played with panache by world-renowned Hungarian violinist, Roby Lakatos and his Roby Lakatos Ensemble. The...

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A good old New Year at the Rendezvous

December 29, 2013 Here is a little treat for those people who are just old enough to have a faint memory of a big band playing Auld Lang Syne, acknowledging bygone people and times and escorting us into the new year. For decades...

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December 14, 2013 The Balboa Bachelors sounded particularly mellow, merry and bright on Sunday as they serenaded Balboa Island Holiday Home Tour guests and visitors with a festive mix of trombone tunes. The appearance served as a preliminary to their main event...

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November 28, 2013 The Lil' Dickens Carolers and Mixed Company continue their respective long-standing traditions of making special memories for southland audiences this yuletide season. Both caroling groups regularly appear at upscale resorts and restaurants and for private parties. Their...

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November 22, 2013 The worlds of audio and video production and live musical performance are experiencing an exciting fusion at the new Hybrid Studios in Santa Ana. The multi-purposed multi-media facility is the product of two creative twenty-somethings who...

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November 19, 2013 Open mic at Studio 770 in Brea gives solo musicians a unique opportunity to perform and record with a band comprised of outstanding professional session players. The monthly event which was conceived at a fall anniversary open house has since...

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Music students in it for a minute might win it

October 27, 2013 The private music teacher asks the student to practice. The weekly lesson rolls around and there has been no attempt on the part of the student to cozy up with their instrument and play exercises, refine technique or iron out...

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