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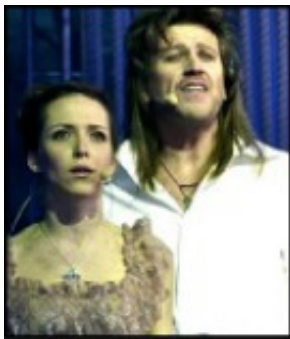


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Juno & Avos Tickets On Sale!



Tickets for "Juno & Avos," July 25th at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre are now on sale at www.cityboxoffice.com.

Tickets for the July 27th performance at Santa Rosa's Wells Fargo Center for the Arts go on sale next week (May 25) via their [web site](#).

This is the U.S. west coast premiere of "Juno & Avos," the hit Russian rock opera by Aleksey Rybnikov and Andrei Voznesnesky. The rock-influenced musical tells the story of a Russian seafaring explorer's trip to San Francisco - - then called Yerba Buena -- in 1806, some thirty years after the first Spanish ships entered San Francisco Bay. The Russian, Count Nikolai Rezanov, fell in love with the Spanish commandant's daughter, Conchita Arguello. He needed the Tsar's permission to marry her, but died in Siberia while on his way home trying to fulfill his pledge.

Both performances by Russia's acclaimed Aleksey Rybnikov Theatre will benefit the Fort Ross Conservancy and celebrate the Fort Ross Bicentennial.

Please see www.fortross.org for more information.

Natural History Lecture

Retired State Parks Ranger Dan Murley will be sharing his stories on the natural influences made during the Russian American Company era. Notable scientists and ethnographers studied the northern areas of California making many contributions of value today. Please join Dan as he highlights this era, giving special attention to the sea otter, with images and stories of this fascinating time in California.



May 18 - Dan Murley at the Sonoma County Museum, 6pm to 8pm; SCM members \$8; non-SCM members \$10.

May 19 - Dan Murley at Fort Ross, 1:30pm to 3:30pm. State Park day use fees apply.

The First 70: Screening at Fort Ross

Come to the inaugural Fort Ross Movie Night!



We will screen The First 70 at Fort Ross State Historic Park, shown with our new fabulously large-format projector & screen. **Thursday May 31, 6pm, at Fort Ross Visitor Center. Free.**

From [California State Parks Foundation](#): The First 70 is a documentary that highlights the wonders and issues surrounding the 70 state parks slated to close on July 1. In The First 70, we follow filmmakers Lauren Valentino, Jarratt Moody and

Cory Brown of Heath Hen Films as they travel across the state in a really cool bus, to visit all 70 state parks and capture the parks' endless beauty in images and interviews with those who love and care for them.

Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend

July 28 & July 29, 2012



Fort Ross Bicentennial Weekend is shaping up to be a tremendous event.

We have delegations from across Russia coming to Fort Ross to perform and participate, as well as performers from Alaska, Siberia, and the wider Bay Area. In addition, the Rybnikov Ensemble will perform a song from "Juno & Avos" on Saturday, July 28.

[Travel details](#) and a partial listing of performers can be found on our [website](#).

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