

## Best Bets » Five things to do this week

**1 Fox and Bones:** Friday, 7-9 p.m. at Barmel, San Carlos Street between Ocean Ave. & 7th, Carmel, no cover. Based in Portland, Oregon, these internationally touring sweethearts aren't your average duo. Rather than simply documenting their experiences in song, Sarah Vitort and Scott Gilmore write from the perspective of quasi-fictional characters. Their music is ripe with vocal harmonies and a complex, at times metaphorical, lyrical landscape.

**2 Rachael Williams & Michael Martinez:** Friday, doors at 7:30 p.m., show shortly after at The Lab, located at the heart of The Barnyard, \$10-\$20 suggested donation. An evening filled with beautiful renditions of their favorite classical holiday tunes. Williams' earliest musical influences are The Indigo Girls, Alanis Morissette, and Joni Mitchell. Martinez is a talented and versatile pianist who first started gigging when he was 14 years old.

**3 Christmas on the Wharf:** Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Old Fisherman's Wharf, 101 Washington St., Monterey. Features holiday musical entertainment including choirs, dancers, a preview of The Nutcracker, and community caroling. A dazzling array of holiday lights and decorations, on display until Jan. 6. A 23-foot Christmas tree, silhouetted lit trees, tin soldiers, a free Santa "meet and greet." More info: [www.montereywharf.com](http://www.montereywharf.com).

**4 Jazz at the Cherry Betty with Along Came Betty:** Sunday, 3-5 p.m., Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, 4th & Guadalupe, Carmel, \$25. Along Came Betty (Biff Smith, piano; Brian Stock, trumpet and flugelhorn; Paul Tarantino, saxophone; Steve Uccello, bass; Patrick Tregenza, drums) has performed at many local and national jazz venues, including the Monterey Jazz Festival and the Big Sur Jazz Festival.

**5 Jazz at Lincoln Center, Big Band Holidays:** Studio 105 Presents, Wednesday, 4 p.m., at Sunset Center, Carmel, free live Webcast event. Reserve your seat online at [www.sunset-center.org](http://www.sunset-center.org) or call the Box Office at 831-620-2048. Every December, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis brings this Grammy Award-winning holiday extravaganza to Rose Theater in New York for a series of sold-out shows.