



Celebrating our 33rd year of Reveling in the SF Bay Area

California Revels Presents

“Ancient Mysteries of Andalusian Spain”

December 8-16th

Scottish Rite Center 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland 94612



For 2018, our Revels story begins in 1600 in that part of Spain called Andalusia. Three individuals, a young Moorish woman, a Sephardic Jew, and a Castilian scullery maid happen to meet, each armed with a mysterious clue that is guiding them on a quest. They are all hoping to find their way back through time to the era of *La Convivencia*, a time when, as they understand it, all three cultures - Muslim, Jewish, and Christian - lived in a spirit of tolerance and peace.

Directed to pay attention to the celestial bodies, and swept up in the Revels celebration of the Solstice, they learn how each culture celebrates the Sun, the Moon, and the stars in song, dance, poetry, and story.

By looking to the heavens, they learn the secret of finding the *Convivencia*. They come to realize that, despite the things that make each of us different and unique, in the end we all live under the same sky.

As expected, all this tuneful excitement comes studded with Revels touchstones including *The Abbots Bromley Antler Dance*, *Sussex Mummers' Carol*, and *The Lord of the Dance*.

Tickets

(510) 452-9334 www.californiarevels.org

December 8th through 16th, 2018 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Oakland, CA.

- Saturday, December 8 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm - DISCOUNTED 30% for opening day!
- Sunday, December 9 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm
- Friday, December 14 at 8:00 pm
- Saturday, December 15 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm
- Sunday, December 16 at 1:00pm and 5:00pm

Prices range from \$10 -\$65; Discounts for both Dec. 8 performances and for Groups of 10 or more.

Parking for all nine performances will be available at ALCO Park Garage, 1220 Jackson Street, Oakland (three blocks from the Scottish Rite Center) at a flat rate of \$5.

About California Revels

Each mid-winter, the Revels brings to life a **brand-new show**, a grand celebration of traditions and cultures from around the world. We create joy with the songs, dances, and stories—present in every culture—that mark the turning of the year in all its forms. We build community and connection through our unique theatrical production, connecting audience and performers, and reminding us that, within our diversity and across generations, there is a beautiful continuity of human experience!

Since 1986, California Revels has brought their unique theatrical, participatory arts form to audiences in the Bay Area. Founded by singer, author, and music educator John Langstaff in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1971, The Christmas Revels crosses religious and ethnic boundaries and appeals to young and old alike. The Christmas Revels blends traditional music, dance, ritual, and folk plays from many different cultures, presented by a large volunteer chorus of children and adults drawn from the community, accompanied by highly talented professional actors, musicians, artists, directors, and “bearers of tradition.”



The Christmas Revels is known for music and dance featuring a large, costumed ensemble chorus. This is a shot from the 2017 Revels production whose theme was Celebrating the Solstice in Scotland. Credit: California Revels.