

THE NEW HOTEL
SACRAMENTO MARRIOTT RANCHO CORDOVA
11211 Point East Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
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The Marriott is a lovely place. You will like it. The room price is the same as the last few years at the Clarion (this Marriott's usual weekend rate is \$149, for us it's \$99). The Marriott is 11 stories and can yield some nice views out the window. It has a pleasant restaurant, of course, but also has an in-house Starbucks with all the usual eats as well as the coffees, etc. And they've agreed to set their Starbucks hours to our choices.

We plan to have 6 venues, the same as always; this was key in our choosing this hotel. The largest venue is bigger than our previous one. We can now have a dedicated dance venue. All 6 are in the same building – no dashes and splashes across a wet parking lot!

This Marriott is about 8 miles further on Route 50 if you stay on it (coming from the north or west into Sacramento) and don't take the Capital City Freeway to the old Clarion. It's at Route 50 and Sunrise Blvd, visible off to the right, the only 11 story building in sight. From downtown Sac you'd take a right at the end of the Sunrise exit, left at the next light 1 block away (Folsom Blvd), left at next possible turn (1 block), then left into the hotel lot. Parking is free. So it's 1 right and 2 lefts, all 1 block distances. And in a pinch, just look for the 11 story building.

(Note: There are other Marriotts in Sacramento. This one is titled as above and is NOT a "Courtyard" Marriott. If you Google it, be sure you have the right one!)

ROOM RATES PER DAY

	Regular Rate	Executive Level Upgrade
One King bed	\$99	\$119
Two Queen beds	\$109	\$129

Plus state and local taxes (currently 12 % + \$1.60 Tourism Assessment Fee)

Reservations can be made directly with Marriott at (800) 228-9290 or (916) 638-1100, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/k7ujzvf>, or through our website at www.WestCoastRagtime.org. Cancellations will be fully refunded up to 4 PM the day of your scheduled arrival. (That's not a typo!)

Our special prices are guaranteed only until Oct 3. They might be extended only if enough reservations are received by that date, so don't count on the extension and please make your reservations early. We don't at this point expect to need an overflow hotel, another reason we chose this facility.

This Marriott is farther from the airport and train station than before and the hotel offers no courtesy van shuttle. The blue van airport shuttle costs \$38 one way, but we were told by the hotel that a 6-8 passenger blue van can be chartered one way for \$100, which could reduce that expense significantly. We will confirm this with the blue van people and have more details in our next issue and soon on the website. In the meantime, those of you flying in and taking a van might start to think of others you could couple up with. Something along those lines.

So that's a peek at our new hotel! We are excited to have found a facility that can handle our festival in comfort and style without having to change our basic format that you all have told us is working well. And many of you have kindly offered that you would stay anywhere the festival was taking place, no matter how funky, as long as the music was happening! While we truly thank you for those noble compliments and commitments, the hotel hopefully won't be putting you to the test (again)!

So please make your plans, and then your reservations, because we're also working on another joyous festival with all the usual Special Shows, Seminars, Silent Movies, Youth Concerts and Master Class, Dance Classes, and our Marvelous Musicians. We're sure the new hotel will be very nice and all, but, rest assured, the MUSIC is still THE SHOW!

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