

Isabella Paragas and Caloy Bring Star Power to Homegrown Market

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The vibrant sounds of Filipino pride and musical excellence will take center stage on May 16 at the Homegrown Market in Elk Grove, as two outstanding local talents, Isabella Paragas and Caloy, deliver a special featured performance sponsored by Kuya's Inasal Express.

A proud Filipino-American performer with roots in Elk Grove, Isabella Paragas continues to make waves on both coasts as a multi-hyphenate artist based in Sacramento and New York City. In 2025, she made her off-Broadway debut through the National Asian Artists Project's DISCOVER: New Musicals series and previously represented Northern California as a Rita Moreno Award winner and Jimmy Awards nominee. Her growing list of performance venues includes Jazz at Lincoln Center, 54 Below, The Green Room 42, and Sacramento's beloved Crest Theatre. Isabella shares that returning to Elk Grove is especially meaningful because it was this very community that encouraged her to pursue her dreams in New York.

Joining her is Sacramento musician Caloy, a pianist and vocalist whose soulful



ISABELLA PARAGAS

performances have been gaining attention throughout the local music scene. Known for his weekly residency at Faces Nightclub, Caloy brought new life to the venue's once-silent grand piano with his emotionally driven performances and dynamic vocals. After years working behind the camera in videography, he returned to music in 2025

with renewed passion and confidence. His performances blend powerhouse vocal influences like Whitney Houston with modern piano arrangements inspired by artists such as Miley Cyrus and Sam Smith.

Together, Isabella and Caloy bring a unique combination of



CALOY

Broadway-caliber vocals, heartfelt storytelling, and contemporary musical artistry to the Homegrown Market stage each weekend. Their May 16 featured performance promises to be a memorable celebration of music, community, and Filipino talent in Elk Grove.