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Welcome

Our 88-member Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, the same number as the keys on the piano, is celebrating its 16th season as the premiere gay men's chorus in the Coachella Valley.

Since 2012 we've doubled our membership, expanded our audience and we are presenting a new, unified, unique and diverse face to the Palm Springs community. Our board is comprised of seven singing members and eight non-singing members. Each chairs or supports a working committee. These hard working and dedicated volunteers donate countless hours to ensure that our concerts and membership functions are supported.

This year, we added two new incredible ensembles to enable us to do a wide-array of community events and private functions. Vocal Harmonics, 16-voices strong are directed by Mark Austin performing everything from Bill Joel to 16th century madrigals. In fact, their next performance will be Saturday, May 16, 7:00p.m. at Alibi Azul. The Arrangement, directed by Bruce Kenyon, sings traditional barbershop harmonies "Hello Mary Lou" and "Dream a Little Dream" for example. If you would like to hire either one of the small ensembles, please call us at **760-219-2077**.

Beyond making music, the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is also a major community "voice" having sung for a number of large-scale events: McCallum Theatre Annual Gala, The Living Desert

Major Donor Dinner, The Mayor's Race and Wellness Festival, Palm Desert Community Center Concert Series, PSNIC 10th Anniversary (One Palm Springs), Cathedral City LGBT Days and the Alzheimer's Walk. The chorus also took a very active role in "Read Across America Day" by reading to students in grades K-5 at Vista Del Monte Elementary School in Palm Springs.

Providing grants to anti-bullying campaigns to the gay-straight alliances throughout the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School Districts is an initiative that PSGMC felt strongly about supporting.

Tickets will go on sale soon for the 2015-2016 season. Visit **www.PSGMC.com** for program information, dates and best available seating!

On behalf of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Board of Directors, we are ecstatic that you here to join us for "ExtrABBAganza." Sit back, relax and don't be shy about singing along to your favorite ABBA song.



David A. Sanchez
President

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MISSION STATEMENT

To be a chorus of gay men, who through musical excellence, community outreach, and civic responsibility, are dedicated to entertaining, inspiring, and educating the culturally diverse community in which we live.

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PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS MEMBERS

Douglas C. Wilson, Artistic Director

Tenor 1

Steve Baker
Andy Barborak
Rick Beanes
Paul Brawner
Bruce Chartier *
James Clossin #
Simeon Den #
Art Healey
Zechariah Holt
Alan McPhail +
David Sanchez
Darr Sandberg
Ernie Santora #
Kyle Taylor #
Teddy Zzenia

Tenor 2

Matt Burkholz
Bill Butler
Jerry Chism
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Bruce Kenyon +
Danny Kopelson
Skip Lang
Jim Lawrence
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BIOGRAPHIES

Douglas Wilson
Artistic Director



Douglas C. Wilson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Choral Music at Michigan State University and a Masters in Music Performance (Organ) from Arizona State

University. Mr. Wilson is retired from the Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada, where he was an Elementary Music Specialist and an Elementary School Principal for 30 years. Doug also served as church musician/organist at Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas for more than 26 years. He has performed organ recitals in California, Arizona, Nevada and Michigan. He was accompanist/assistant director of the Las Vegas Master Singers and Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society.

Doug continues to share his musical skills as an accompanist for musical theater at Desert Rose Playhouse and John Glen Middle School. He is also the Children's Choir and Bell Choir Director at Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert. In May 2014, he was named permanent Artistic Director of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus.

Joel Baker
PSGMC Accompanist



Joel Baker is delighted to mark his second season as accompanist for The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus. Joel is a native of the Seattle area, and earned

his B.A. degree from the University of Washington School Of Music, where he studied with internationally acclaimed pianist Robin McCabe. While in Seattle, Joel was a pianist for Nordstrom for fifteen years. Moving to the desert in 2003, Joel began playing in various venues around town, and can currently be found at Streetbar, Three Sixty North, Wally's Desert Turtle, and The Purple Room, where he plays for "The Judy Show," starring Michael Holmes. He serves on the faculty of the Midsummer Musical Retreat in Walla Walla, WA and is a staff accompanist at College Of The Desert. This last fall, Joel served as music director for "The Who's 'Tommy'" at Palm Canyon Theater. He lives in Palm Springs with his husband, Don. For more fun facts, please visit Joel's website at www.misterpiano.com.

as assisting in direction and producing. When he stepped into the signing world in 1995, in the beginning, Martin would watch performance interpreters and be in awe and think, that was not possible for a person whose second language is ASL. All that changed, when he moved to the valley from Seattle, nearly ten years ago. "It is a privilege and an honor to be the signer for the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, Pah!"

Martin Coogan
Sign Language Interpreter



Martin has been involved in music and theater, in some fashion, since his youth as a dancer/choreographer. His talents include being a DJ, costume designer, hair and make-up artist, as well

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Mark C. Austin Director, Vocal Harmonics



Originally hailing from Portland Maine, Mark holds degrees in computer science and music education. He earned a Master of Music degree from New England Conservatory,

with doctoral level study in voice and choral conducting at the Eastman School of Music. Mark taught music at the Elementary, Secondary and Post-Secondary level, was formerly Director of Choral Music at Providence College, and has been a regular guest lecturer at Stanford University, University of California, and Cornell University.

Mark has been involved with the gay choral movement since 1983 having sung with the choruses in Boston, Portland, Chicago, and in San Francisco where he served as assistant conductor.

Mark has also been a pipe-organ builder and restorer for the past 22 years. He now works as a consultant in the pipe organ industry, a professional musician, and a massage therapist here in Palm Springs.

Bruce Kenyon Director, The Arrangement



At age 16, Bruce Kenyon became the youngest member ever to be selected to sing with the Oakland Symphony Chorus. He was introduced to Barbershop music at the U.S. Naval

Academy, where he sang Tenor in the USNA Quartet for all four years. Highlights included performances at the White House, and with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The high point of his vocal achievement was competing at the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Championship competition, where his quartet "Main Event" was a semi-finalist. Bruce has sung and held numerous leadership positions with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, and now the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, where he proudly serves as founder and director of "The Arrangement", PSGMC's new Barbershop Chorale.

Vocal Harmonics: Mark Austin, Director and Kurt Jordan, Accompanist

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The Arrangement: Bruce Kenyon, Director and Kurt Jordan, Accompanist

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Kurt Jordan Accompanist



Kurt Jordan developed an intense interest in learning the piano after having seen *The Phantom of the Opera* with his parents at age 10. He studied under the guidance of Joann Algier throughout

middle and high school, during which time he discovered a love of music using multiple pianos. This passion was further explored at Azusa Pacific University while studying with Dr. Robert Sage. Kurt performed several recitals of material he arranged for two and three pianos, the recordings of which have received radio

play in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Boston, Austin, and Beirut. In 2009, Kurt had the honor of performing the West Coast premiere of Alvin Curran's 7.5 hour long piano song cycle, *Inner Cities 1-13*, as well as the U.S. premiere of *movement 14* at Burning Man in 2013. Kurt graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2010 with a BA in Music Theory and Composition.

In 2013, Kurt became the accompanist for two small groups within the PSGMC. Most recently, he has been involved as the accompanist for Songshine, a non-profit organization that teaches speech therapy through music for people with Parkinson's disease and stroke.

CHOREOGRAPHY

Waterloo, Does Your Mother Know, Gimme Gimme Gimme

Guys: Shaun Waters, Douglas Graham;
"Gals": Marina Mac, Sassy Ross,
Calypso, Melissa Stratman,
Pinkie Meringue Shimmer, Bella da Ball
Douglas Graham — Choreographer
Drawing from his career as a Broadway singer/dancer, as a choreographer, Douglas Graham has worked special events worldwide. Doug teaches his Master Classes in the Fosse-style. He received a Desert Star Award locally for Best Choreography.

I Have A Dream, One of Us

Simeon Den — Choreographer/Dancer
Simeon Den is an artist/educator, who was trained at the Alvin Ailey School and the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance. He performed in four Broadway shows. Simeon is the artistic director of "DiosGracias Voice & Dance Theater," based in Cathedral City.

Mamma Mia

Cathedral City High School Dance Team

The 14-member Cathedral City High School Dance Team is coached by former Dance team member Honi Hartman. The team has earned many awards from competitions in Southern California. The Dancers are dedicated, hard working young women, who strive for perfection in all they do.

Chorus Choreography

Dennis Daniels — Choreographer

Dennis Daniels is thrilled to be working with PSGMC again. As a veteran of 9 Broadway Shows, Dennis is known for being the assistant choreographer for shows by Tommy Tune, Michael Bennet, and Gower Champion. He has won U.S. National and World Championships with his choreography for Show Choirs and Baton Twirling groups. "I love you, Dave."

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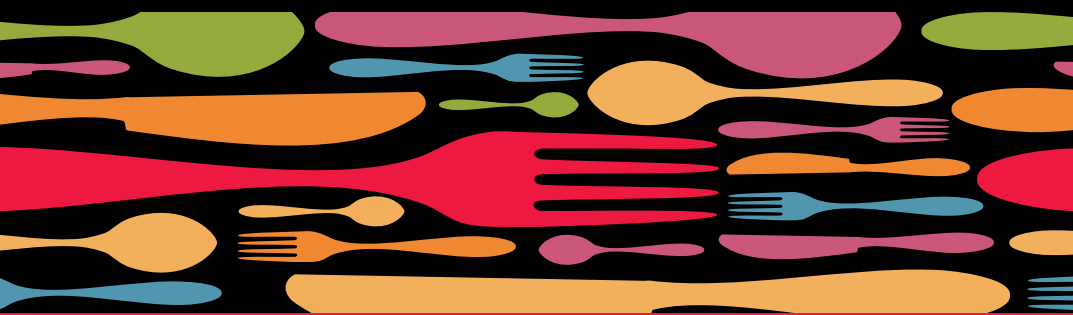
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Getting in the swing.
You've come to look for a king.

Anybody could be that guy
Night is young, and the music's high.
With a bit of rock music,
Everything is fine.
You're in the mood for a dance.
And when you get the chance,
You are the dancing queen.
Young and sweet, only seventeen.
Dancing queen, feel the beat

From the tambourine, oh yeah.
You can dance, you can jive,
Having the time of your life.
See that girl, watch that scene,
Diggin' the dancing queen.

You're a teaser, you turn 'em on,
Leave 'em burning, and then you're gone.
Lookin' out for another; anyone will do.
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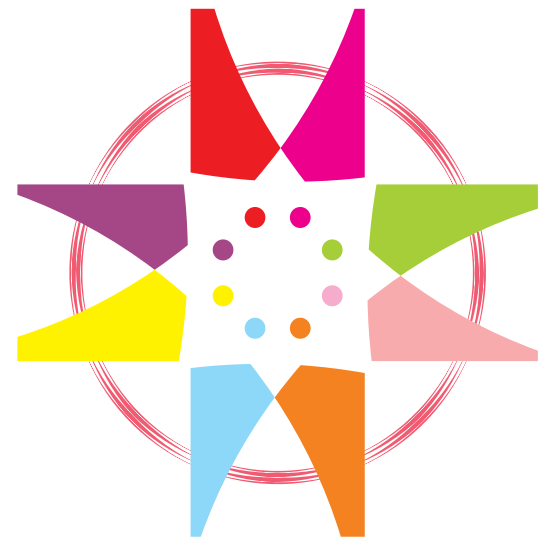
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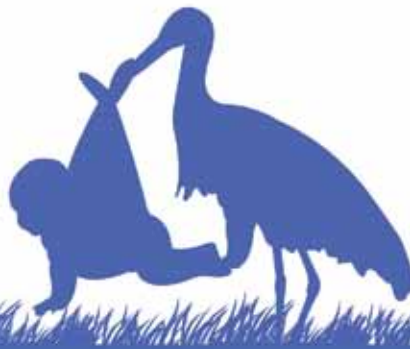


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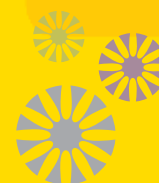
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