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# A Mid-Century Modern Holiday



**December 13, 2014 at 8 p.m.  
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Artistic Director:  
**Douglas C. Wilson**

Accompanist:  
**Joel Baker**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Welcome

Our 80-member Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus celebrates its sixteenth season as the premiere gay men's chorus in the Coachella Valley. Since 2012 we've doubled our membership, expanded our audience, improved our financial stability and increased our musical quality. Our priorities are to move forward by looking back at our very significant past, taking the best practices of those who organized this group, and presenting a new, unified, unique and diverse face to the Palm Springs community.

Internally, we have addressed the need to diversify our fifteen member board of directors. 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**, 26-voices strong are directed by Mark Austin, performs a variety of choral works. **The Arrangement**, directed

by Bruce Kenyon, sings traditional barbershop harmonies. If you would like to hire either one of the small ensembles to perform for your next party or special event, 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: Equality California Awards, Desert AIDS Walk, Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade, Living Desert Major Donor Dinner, McCallum Theatre Gala and the Festival of Lights Parade. We also continue our work on anti-bullying and support of the gay-straight alliances in the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School Districts.

On behalf of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Board of Directors, we thank you for joining us for our "A Mid-Century Modern Holiday" concert. We hope to see you at our spring concert, "extrABBAganza", the music of ABBA.



*Happy Holidays!*

**David A. Sanchez**  
President

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Gay Men's Chorus

### 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  
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Lou Nanez #  
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Mark Austin, Director  
Kurt Jordan, Accompanist

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### 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 Principal 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. Joel also serves as Staff Accompanist at College of the Desert in Palm Desert. Recently, 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 web site at [www.misterpiano.com](http://www.misterpiano.com).



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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.

### Kara Masek Soprano



Kara Masek is thrilled to be making her debut with the PSGMC! Her opera credits include: The Queen of the Night in *The Magic Flute*, Amina in *La Sonnambula*, Adina in *L'Elisir*

*d'Amore*, Despina *Così fan tutte*. She has most recently appeared as Casilda in *The Gondoliers*, Sophie in *Master Class* (CV Rep), and Petra in *A Little Night Music* (COD). She's been a featured soloist in concerts of Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Opera in the Park's *Opera Sings Broadway*. Kara received a Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Encouragement Award. She received her B.M. from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, her M.M. at San Diego State University, and is currently on voice faculty at California State University Los Angeles.



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### Translations - Three Hanukkah Songs

#### S'vivo

Dreidel, spin, spin, spin.  
Hanukkah is a great holiday  
A celebration for our people.  
A great miracle happened there.

#### Nerli

I have a candle so bright  
On Hanukkah my candle burns bright  
Oh Hanukkah its light burns long  
On Hanukkah I sing this song.

#### Chanukah, oi chanukah

Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah,  
come light the Menorah  
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora  
Gather round the table we'll all have a treat  
Dreidls to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing  
The candles are burning bright  
One for each night, they shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago.  
One for each night, the shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago.

#### Hanerot Halalu

These lights do we kindle  
about the miracles and the wonders,  
about the salvations and the wars  
that You did for our fathers  
in those days and that time.



#### In Memoriam

We fondly remember our friends who once made beautiful music with us.

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- Opening  
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas (1951) Meredith Willson  
Holly Jolly Christmas (1965) Johnny Marks
- It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year (1963) Eddie Pola and George Wyle  
arranged by Hawley Ades
- Three Alfred Burt Carols arranged by Hawley Ades  
Caroling, Caroling (1954)  
Bright, Bright the Holly Berries (1950) sung by Vocal Harmonics  
We'll Dress the House (1954) sung by The Arrangement
- A Swingin' Christmas arranged by Jay Althouse  
Winter Wonderland (1934) Felix Bernard and Richard Smith  
I'll Be Home for Christmas (1943) Walter Kent and Kim Gannon  
Santa Claus is Coming to Town (1934) Frederick Coots and Haven Gillespie
- Jingle Bell Rock (1958) Joe Beal and Jim Boothe  
arranged by David Wright and Bruce Kenyon  
Sung by The Arrangement
- Three Hanukkah Songs arranged by Charles Baker  
S'vivo (traditional)  
Nerli (traditional)  
Chanukah oi Chanukah (traditional)
- Have You Seen a Child? from "Amahl and the Night Visitor" (1951) Gian Carlo Menotti  
arranged for PSGMC by Douglas Wilson  
Kara Masek, Soprano
- Some Children See Him (1951) Alfred Burt, arranged by Jay Rouse  
arranged for PSGMC by Douglas Wilson  
Harry Nugent-Patten, Horn Solo
- Audience Sing-along, "White Christmas" (1940) Irving Berlin  
Guest Conductors – Randy Doney, Saturday; A.J. Solis, Sunday
- Silver Bells (1950) Jay Livingston and Ray Evans, arranged by Kevin Robison
- Twelve Days to Christmas from "She Loves Me" (1963) Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick

~ Intermission ~

## A MID-CENTURY MODERN HOLIDAY

- Twelve Days of Christmas (traditional) arranged by Richard Gregory and Dan Ponce  
Sung by Vocal Harmonics
- A Song of Santa arranged by Mac Huff  
The Man with the Bag (1950) Irving Taylor and Dudley Brooks  
Mister Santa (1954) Pat Ballard  
Santa Baby (1953) Joan Javits and Phillip Springer  
Little Saint Nick (1963) Brian Wilson and Mike Love  
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (1952) Tommie Connor  
I'd Like to Hitch a Ride With Santa Claus (1950) Johnny Burke  
arranged by Mark Austin  
Sung by Vocal Harmonics
- Hanerot Halalu (1961) arranged by Blanche Chass
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas (1944) Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane;  
arranged by Lloyd Erickson and Bruce Kenyon  
Sung by The Arrangement
- Mele Kalikimaka (1949) Robert Alex Anderson; arranged by Jay Althouse  
Dancers choreographed by Simeon Den  
Ukeleles led by Tom Reinberg
- An Elvis Christmas arranged by Roger Emerson  
Santa, Bring My Baby Back (1957) Claude DeMetrius and Aaron Schroeder  
Santa Claus Is Back in Town (1957) Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller  
Blue Christmas (1948) Billy Hayes and Jay Johnson
- Audience Sing-along, "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer" (1949) Johnny Marks  
Guest Conductors – Randy Doney, Saturday; A.J. Solis, Sunday
- The Twelve Days After Christmas (1968) Frederick Silver
- A Christmas Carol from "Scrooge" (1970) Leslie Bricusse  
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### Sing-along

#### White Christmas

##### *Men of the Chorus:*

The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway.  
There's never been such a day in Palm Springs, C.A.  
But it's December the twenty-fourth, and I am longing to be up North.

##### *Audience:*

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white.

#### Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer

##### *Men of the Chorus:*

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen  
But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?

##### *Audience:*

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it, you would even say, it glows.  
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say,  
Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?  
Then all the reindeer loved him, and they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph, the red-nosed Reindeer you'll go down in history.



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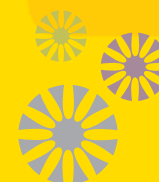
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