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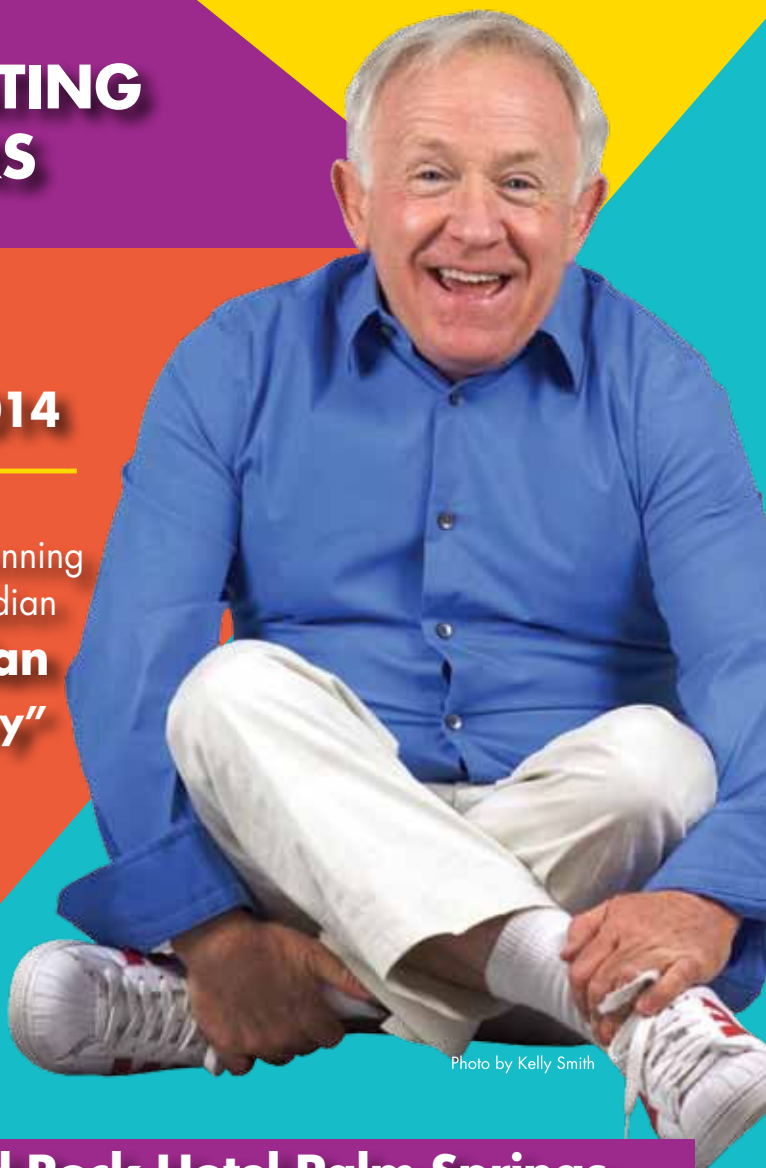


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Welcome

Our 70-member Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus celebrates its fifteenth season as the premiere gay men's chorus in the Coachella Valley. Since 2012 we have increased 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 7 singing members and 8 non-singing members. Each of our board members chairs and supports a working committee. These hard working and dedicated volunteers donate countless hours to ensure that our concerts and membership functions are supported.

We're fortunate to have Doug Wilson as our Artistic Director. Doug is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Choral Music, and a Masters in Music Performance (Organ) from Arizona State University. He is a retired elementary school principal and educator from the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is an accomplished bell ringer and church organist and is active in musical theater in the Coachella Valley.

Our accompanist Joel Baker hails from Seattle. Joel has been in the desert since 2003. He is a graduate from the University of Washington School of Music and started his career as a pianist for Nordstrom in Seattle. Currently he is the principal accompanist for the vocal department at College of the Desert.

In Season, a special ensemble of the chorus under the direction of Mark Duebner, made its

debut performance at our December Holiday concert, and performed for our spring concert "Optimistic Voices." Kudos to Mark for his vision and direction of this ensemble. The members of In Season have performed all over the Coachella Valley since January and are available for special functions. We would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication in representing the Palm Spring Gay Men's Chorus. Kurt Jordan is the accompanist for In Season and a graduate of Azusa Pacific University with a BA in Music Theory and Composition.

We are excited to be celebrating our 15th musical season as a chorus. So much has happened in those 15 years to get us to where we are today. Our chorus is a very vibrant, talented, community-giving group of men who enjoy their passion for singing and sharing it with friends and family in the Coachella Valley. We still have members of the chorus who have been with us from the very beginning, and to them we say Thank You for creating this wonderful organization and for making it a chorus like no other.

Your presence at our GALA 15 is greatly appreciated and we hope that you will continue to support your Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus by attending one or all of our upcoming concerts for 2014-15.



David A. Sanchez
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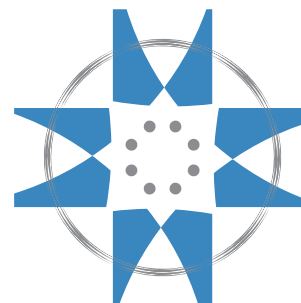
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Leslie Jordan

stepped off a Greyhound bus in 1982 from the hills of Tennessee, said "hello" to Hollywood and has never looked back. With hundreds of television shows, films and commercials to his credit, he has become a familiar face on the entertainment scene. Jordan is the 2006 Emmy Award Winner for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series for his delicious portrayal of "Beverly Leslie" on "Will and Grace." Television audiences will also remember him for his recurring roles on "Boston Legal," "Ugly Betty," "Reba." and most recently, "Desperate Housewives". Feature film audiences will recognize Jordan from his performance as "Brother Boy" in Del Shores' adaptation of his play "Sordid Lives" with Olivia Newton-John, Delta Burke and Beau Bridges. He continued the role in "Sordid Lives... the Series" for the cable network Logo, which starred Rue McClanahan, Caroline Rhea and Bonnie Bedelia. On stage, Mr. Jordan won the Ovation Award, The Garland Award and The Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for his portrayal of "Preston Leroy," the aging, sodden barfly in Del Shores hit play *Southern Baptist Sissies*.



In addition to acting, Mr. Jordan is also an author and writer. His book "My Trip Down the Pink Carpet" for Simon and Schuster formed the basis of a 90-minute one-man show, which had a 45 city book-signing/performance tour and a successful twelve-week Off-Broadway run in 2010. A DVD of

the show shot during performances in Atlanta is now available.

Pink Carpet also enjoyed a ten week engagement at the Apollo Theater in London. Jordan's other autobiographical stage turns include *Like a Dog on Linoleum*, *Full of Gin and Regret*, *From Whence I Came*



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and the current *Stories I Can't Tell Mama*. This past holiday season, he rolled out his latest creation *Deck Them Halls Y'All*, a holiday themed piece created with the intended as a seasonal perennial. Mr. Jordan's play *Hysterical Blindness and Other Southern Tragedies That Have Plagued My Life Thus Far* ran to sold-out houses in Los Angeles and enjoyed a seven month run Off-Broadway at the Playhouse on Van Dam in New York. His screenplay *Lost in the Pershing Point Hotel* won the Los Angeles Independent Film Festival's Production Grant Award, winning the competition from over 600 other scripts. Subsequently, it was made into an independent feature film distributed by Northern Arts Entertainment.

Recent projects include an off-Broadway run of the Nashville-musical romp *LUCKY GUY* (Spring 2011) co-starring drag sensation VARLA JEAN MERMAN and a supporting role in the Academy Award winning blockbuster film version of the New York Times Best Seller sensation *THE HELP* produced by Steven Spielberg. Jordan shared the screen with an all-star line up of film greats, past and present including EMMA STONE, OCTAVIA SPENCER, JESSICA CHASTAIN, VIOLA DAVIS, ALLISON

JANNEY, MARY STEENBURGEN, CECILY TYSON and BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD. In January 2012 Jordan premiered his most recent one man show *FRUIT FLY* to unanimous rave reviews. A national tour of *FRUIT FLY* is occurring throughout 2013 -14.

Summer 2013 marked the debut of Jordan's latest stand up show aptly titled "SHOW PONY", an update of the anecdotal, bizarre and thus hilarious experiences Jordan religiously chronicles in his daily diaries. Jordan spent a month

on location in New Orleans filming a 3 episode arc creating yet another indelible character from his ever growing list of off kilter individuals with his appearance as QUENTIN, the best selling author who just happens to be a 300 year old warlock. The cult success original FX series *AMERICAN HORROR STORY*, just completed it's 3rd

season featuring Academy Award winners JESSICA LANGE and KATHY BATES, Oscar nominees ANGELA BASSETT and Sidibe Gabourey and Emmy Award winning actress FRANCIS CONROY. At press time, Jordan just returned from a 2 week shoot in Spain as the special guest star on the long running British sitcom *BENIDORM* which ended its final season with the guest star spot written specifically for Mr. Jordan.

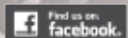


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