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Benefit Concert for Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus and Palm Canyon Theatre

(Palm Springs, CA) August 30, 2018... For one incredible evening, join a spectacular ensemble of re-known singers for a fundraising concert to benefit Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC) and Palm Canyon Theatre (PCT), **Sunday, September 30 at 7:00p.m.** This stellar cast for the "Best of Rodgers and Hammerstein" includes two-time Emmy® nominated actress and singer Bobbie Eakes along with the impressive vocal talents of Theresa Jewett, Charles Herrera and Keisha D, who will perform numbers written and composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Members of the Palm Canyon Theatre Company will sing selections from *Oklahoma!* and from the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus "There is Nothing Like a Dame" from *South Pacific*, "We Kiss in a Shadow" from *The King and I* and "Boys and Girls Like You and Me" from *State Fair*. Following the music, included with your ticket purchase, enjoy a beautiful reception under the stars in the PCT courtyard with a Smirnoff hosted bar & Dairy Queen hosted Ice Cream Social.

Tickets are only \$65 and available online www.PalmCanyonTheatre.org by phone or in person through the Palm Canyon Theatre Box Office 760-323-5123 at 538 North Palm Canyon Drive, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00p.m. Special thanks to the PCT crew including artistic director Jaci Davis, Leslie Barclay with Smirnoff Vodka and Dairy Queen Palm Springs. "The Best of Rodgers and Hammerstein" is a Hocker Productions event.

Bobbie Eakes

A former Miss Georgia, Bobbie Eakes is a two time Emmy® nominated actress and double platinum recording artist in Europe.

Bobbie created the role of Macy on *The Bold and The Beautiful* thus adding to her numerous credits in primetime TV on shows like *Cheers*, *Full House*, *The Wonder Years* and *JAG*. In 2003, she moved to New York to portray Krystal on *All My Children*. This role won her two Emmy® nominations for Lead Actress. While in NY, Bobbie recorded a smooth jazz CD entitled "Something Beautiful" which debuted at number 21 on the Billboard® Smooth Jazz charts.

Bobbie enjoys hosting a radio show "Pop City" on iHub Radio with friend and colleague Melissa Neiderman. Bobbie and her husband of 26 years, actor and writer David Steen, reside full-time here in Palm Springs.

Keisha D

She started singing at the age of 13 and never looked back. In addition to performing for National Church Conventions, she toured the U.S. with her parents, thrilling audiences throughout the United States and Canada and as far away as the Virgin Islands with her beautiful voice. Keisha studied at Azusa Pacific University on a full scholarship. She also studied at California Baptist University, where her portrayal of Cio Cio San in *Madame Butterfly* won her rave reviews.

She has worked with gospel, jazz and blues recording artists, giving them a voice to remember. She continues to perform as a featured soloist in many venues in and around Palm Springs. In 2008, she won "Best Vocals" at the McCallum Theatre Open Call. In 2013, she was given the

Shiny Apple Award by the Palm Springs Unified School District, honoring her work as a Board Member of the Palm Springs High School Art Institute for her work mentoring vocal students and her work with the Dance Team and its yearly Dance Shows. For performance information, follow her on Facebook (Keisha D Sings).

Charles Herrera

Singer, actor, and cabaret artist, Charles Herrera has appeared throughout the United States and abroad in musicals, operettas, cabaret shows and theatrical productions. He has performed and produced his own critically acclaimed one-man shows in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Palm Springs. Charles is the recipient of three Desert Star Awards from the Desert Theatre League, all in the cabaret/variety show category.

Charles can be seen in the successful musical tribute show PALM SPRINGS JUMP!

The Purple Room Supper Club show also features local cabaret entertainers, Michael Holmes, Darci Daniels and Joel Baker, PSGMC's principal accompanist.

Theresa Jewett

As an award-winning singer and actress, Theresa Jewett's career in Musical Theatre, Opera, Classical Theatre, Cabaret and Concert Events has spanned over 20 years on stages across the United States. After receiving her education from the University of South Carolina, School of Music, Theresa was invited by famed Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, Mignon Dunn, to study at the prestigious Manhattan School of Music's Summer Voice Festival.

Notable performances this year include Desert Ensemble Theatre Company's fundraising concert gala, "*Here's to the Ladies*," and being cast with Broadway legend Davis Gaines in "*Light in the Piazza*," with the students of David Green's Musical Theatre University. As an actress, she received rave reviews for her work in DeZart Performs 2018 production of "*Motherhood Out Loud*." Theresa's performances have been nominated by Broadwayworld.com and by the Desert Theatre League.

Winning the Desert Star Award twice in 2017, she has again been nominated in 3 separate categories by the DTL in 2018. As an in-demand soloist, concert performances include hi-profile events and charitable fundraisers, along with performances of our nation's National Anthem at major sporting and public events on both the East and West Coasts.

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Palm Canyon Theatre:

The Palm Canyon Theatre is a nonprofit, 501©3 organization dedicated to the education of live stage production and the enrichment of the greater Palm Springs community and its visitors. The regional repertory theater company operates primarily with volunteers and produces about 13 Broadway musicals and classic plays each year, plus offers a children's theatre camp and production. The theatre opened its doors in 1997 when Dr. William "Bill" Layne and his family renovated the historic Frances S. Stevens School located at the corner of Palm Canyon Drive and Alejo Road in Palm Springs, CA. Visit www.palmcanyontheatre.org/

Palm Spring Gay Men's Chorus:

Since 1999, the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC), a 501©3 has given back to its community through Gay/Straight Alliance anti-bullying grants for the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School Districts.

Additionally, the chorus performs regularly for a variety of large-scale and community events including: Andy Warhol exhibit at Palm Springs Art Museum, La Quinta Arts Festival, Indio Woman's Club, Cathedral City LGBT Days, Halloween Palm Springs, Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, Sunday Sounds at Palm Desert Community Center and this summer sang in a joint concert with the Tucson and Phoenix choruses with over 300 voices on stage.

In November 2016, Greater Palm Springs Pride recognized PSGMC as Organization of the Year. In 2018, Mayor Robert Moon gave the Chorus the recognition, as the Official Gay Men's Chorus of the City of Palm Springs and April 8 was declared Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Day. The PSGMC is under the Artistic Direction of Douglas Wilson with Principal Accompanist Joel Baker. Visit www.PSGMC.com.

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