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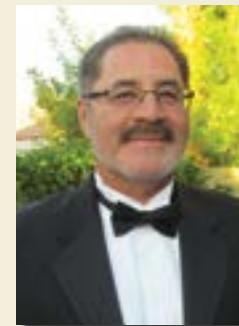


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's our 20th season and we are still "Building a Chorus Like No Other"... oh my...have we changed. In the early years, we started out as a small group of men who were interested in singing and forming a gay men's chorus. Some of the original members are still singing with us, and they have helped to shape the chorus into the vibrant organization we are today.



In our journey through the years, we have evolved into an organization that believes in giving back to our community. When asked, we are there to help and assist those who are less fortunate during times of need.

We strongly believe in being an advocate for students in the Coachella Valley by supporting and giving grants to our Gay/Straight Alliances in the Palm Springs and Desert Sands Unified School Districts through the George Zander Memorial Anti-Bullying Fund. But first and foremost, we are a family. Whenever a chorus member needs assistance, his chorus family is there to give help and to show that we care.

We are grateful that you took the time to support us over the last year, as we present our 2018-2019 concert series. Thank you for attending this performance of **"Men In Tights - A Holiday Spectacular"** and make sure you mark your calendars for **"Quiet No More... A Choral Celebration of Stonewall"** next spring April 24-26, 2019.

With your continued involvement, we look forward to providing the very best men's choral performances for our Coachella Valley and beyond.

Thank you dear friends for being a part of our incredible 20-year journey!

David Sanchez, President  
Palm Springs 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 (2012), *Artistic Director*

Joel Baker (2013), *Principal Accompanist*

### TENOR I

Steve Baker (2010)  
Paul Brawner (2014)  
James Clossin (2012)  
Asa DeMatteo (2015)  
Simeon Den (2015)  
Frank Duncan (2017)  
Charles Gallagher (2016)  
Jim Kingslan (2018)  
Jeff Kopasz +(2016)  
Alan McPhail (2012)  
David Sanchez \*(2012)  
Ernie Santora (1998)  
JB (2015)  
Tim Vincent (2018)  
Erik Zellers (2013)

### TENOR II

Andrew Bird (2016)  
Les Brown (2017)  
Matt Burkholz (2014)  
Bill Butler (2011)  
Jerry Chism #(1998)  
Joe Dahman (2006)  
Mark Davis (2018)  
John Devereaux-Crockett, Jr (2013)  
Henry Doering #(2016)  
Tommy Estrada (2016)  
Ted Fox (2015)  
Jeff Hocker (2013)  
Stephen Hockett #(2015)  
Bob Hogg (2012)  
Ben Irvin (2017)  
Bruce Kenyon (2011)  
Skip Lang (2013)  
Alan Lawrence (2017)  
Jim Lawrence #(2007)  
Philip Martin (2002)  
Rick Mauery \*(2014)  
Robert McCourry (2013)  
David McFadden # (2016)  
Michael McKeehen # (2014)  
Al Meritt (2010)  
Joe Musser (2016)  
Dennis Pearce (2017)

Sheldon Safir (2017)  
Douglas Ware (2018)  
Mark Wilson (2015)  
Dan Witko (2017)  
Ted Zepeda (2016)

### BARITONE

Neil Badham (2012)  
William Bordonaro (2016)  
Paul D. Cain (2012)  
Iain Campbell # (2014)  
Mike Clough (2016)  
Gary Conway (2018)  
Vincent D'Anna (2014)  
Jon Fernald (2015)  
Scott Foreman (2018)  
Dr. Lawrence Frost (2003)  
Peter Gordon # (2016)  
Kurt Jacobowitz-Cain (2012)  
Ken Kuchma (2017)  
Andrea Laguni \*(2015)  
Tom Laurita (2016)  
Dale Matlock (2015)  
Charles McClendon # (2014)  
J. T. Miller (2014)  
Peter Nash (2018)  
David Neglia (2018)  
Joe Nelson (2016)  
Bobby Orr (2018)  
Bob Patnode (2018)  
Antonio Rico (2013)  
Steven Shuman (2017)  
Carl Stevens (2018)  
Ray Stimson (2018)  
John Whearty (2009)  
Marc Wing (2017)

### BASS

Jack Alexander (2015)  
Dan Carlentine \*(2015)  
Steffan Endres (2017)  
Bill Eyler (2016)  
Robert Henry (2013)  
Antonio Jackman (2015)  
Rusty Kaplan # (2016)

Kurt Kelley +(2018)  
Russ Learn (2013)  
Oleg Liebowitz (2001)  
Todd A. Lobato-Wright (2014)

John Malo (2009)  
Noel Martinez (2018)  
Chuck Marx #(2000)  
Jim Monahan (2016)  
George Rockel (2017)  
Ray Rosenberg #(2004)  
Robert Rotman (2015)  
Tom Shannon (2013)  
Hal Stradley (2013)  
Raul Valenzuela (2014)  
Mark Wienand (2018)

### GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

Steve Baker  
Mike Clough  
Joe Dahman  
Frank Duncan  
Ted Fox  
Antonio Jackman  
Jim Kingslan  
Andrea Laguni  
Al Meritt  
Joe Nelson  
Robert Rotman  
David Sanchez  
JB  
Raul Valenzuela

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Joel Baker, Principal  
Accompanist  
Kurt Jordan, Accompanist  
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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Douglas C. Wilson – Artistic Director



Douglas 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 use his musical skills as an accompanist for musical theater in the Coachella Valley. He has worked as musical director for shows at Desert Rose Playhouse, including, "Dirty Little Show Tunes", "Marry Me A Little" and "Southern Baptist Sissies". Doug is the Director of Music at Hope Lutheran Church.

### Joel Baker – Principal Accompanist



Joel Baker is a native of the Seattle area, and received his Bachelor's degree from The University of Washington School of Music, where he studied under international concert pianist Robin McCabe. While in Seattle, Joel played piano for Nordstrom for fifteen years before moving to the desert in 2003. Currently, Joel is pianist for "The Judy Show," starring Michael Holmes, at The Purple Room, and for the local musical revue, "Palm Springs JUMP!" He can also be found playing at Stacy's at Palm Springs, for Open Mic at Frankie's Old World Italian Bakery, for Cabaret on the Green at AJ's, or on the lobby piano at Desert Regional Medical Center. In addition, Joel is on the faculty of Midsummer Musical Retreat in Walla Walla, WA and is an accompanist at College Of The Desert. Joel lives in Palm Springs with his husband, Don Vasconcelos 2013. [www.misterpiano.com](http://www.misterpiano.com)

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### Bruce Kenyon – Director, The Arrangement



At age 16, Bruce became the youngest member ever to be selected to sing with the Oakland Symphony Chorus, and achieved another "first" by singing with the Chorus' "All-Star" ensemble. He was introduced to barbershop music at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he sang Tenor in the USNA Barbershop Quartet for four years. His "high point" of 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 with the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, where he proudly serves as Second Tenor Section Leader, and as founder and conductor of "The Arrangement", PSGMC's select Barbershop Chorale.

### 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.

### 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 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 PSGMC!"



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### In Memoriam

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

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## The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Endowment Fund

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**The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus** is building long-term endowment support through a comprehensive planned giving program. The Endowment Fund is at the heart of this program to secure our financial future and to ensure that there will always be a gay men's choral group performing in the Coachella Valley.

Planned giving is typically done in conjunction with estate planning, and is a viable option for donors of all income levels. Depending on how a planned gift is set up, it may also let you receive a stream of income for life, earn higher investment yield or reduce your capital gains or estate tax.

Forever in Song honors all PSGMC donors, living and deceased, who make gifts through a will, trust, life insurance or other types of estate plans. This type of generous support helps to ensure the future of the organization and our ability to entertain, enrich and serve the community.

For more information about making a planned gift to PSGMC, please contact Rick Mauery at [development@psgmc.com](mailto:development@psgmc.com).

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Christmas in the Cloister	Eric Lane Barnes
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Sing We Now of Christmas	Traditional French Carol Arranged by Jay Althouse
Boar's Head Carol	Traditional English Carol Arranged by Stephen Hatfield
Men in Tights Mel Brooks	Arranged by Jacob Narverud
Gentlemen's Agreement, Dancers; Frank Duncan, Choreography	
Patapan	Traditional French Burgundian Carol Arranged by David Conte
A Winter's Rime	Words by William Shakespeare Music by I. Peter Deutsch Mark Weinand, English Horn
Suzy Snowflake	Roy C. Bennett and Sid Tepper Arranged by David Maddox
Suzy Snowflake, Frank Duncan Gentlemen's Agreement, Dancers; Allan Jensen, Choreography	
The Sleigh (a la Russe)	Richard Kountz Arranged by R. Baldwin
Over The Skies of Yisrael	Words by Robert Espindola Music by Robert Seeley
Matt Burkholz, Soloist <i>Dedicated to the memory of Steve Rappaport</i>	
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day	Traditional English Carol Arranged by Howard Helvey
Gloucestershire Wassail	Traditional English Carol Arranged by Steve Huffines
Jim Monahan and Charles Gallagher, Soloists	
King, John Prince	

— INTERMISSION —

## MEN IN TIGHTS

Up on the Housetop	Music and Lyrics by Benjamin Hardy The Arrangement
Jingle Bell Rock	Words by Joe Beal, Music by Jim Boothe Arranged by Burt Szabo
Joel Baker and Band	
The Long Christmas Dinner - A Cantata	Words by Craig Sturgis Music by Larry Moore
I. "Pass the Turkey, Pass the Zucchini Bread" - Chorus	
II. "So This Is His Family" - Steven and Roger	
III. Recitative - Evangelist	
IV. "For Dessert I'll Try the Key Lime Pie" - Chorus	
V. Recitative - Evangelist	
VI. "Just Who Do You Think You Are?" - Chorus	
VII. Recitative - Evangelist	
VIII. "You Dirty Rat You Fooled Me" - Steven and Roger	
IX. Recitative - Evangelist	
X. "Happy Forever" - Chorus	
Jeffrey Kopasz, Evangelist; Andrew Bird, Steven; Raul Valenzuela, Roger	
Christmas in Palm Springs	Lyrics by Joel Baker and Don Vasconcelos Music by Joel Baker Arranged for PSGMC by Joel Baker JB, Soloist
Kislev Cowboys	Based on "My Dreydl" Words and Music by Eric Lane Barnes Ted Fox, Soloist
Gentlemen's Agreement, Dancers; Raul Valenzuela, Choreography	
Stomp the Halls	Based on "Deck The Halls" Words and Music by Eric Lane Barnes
Sure On This Shining Night	Words by James Agee Music by Morten Lauridsen <i>Dedicated to the memory of Tom Reinberg</i>
Ring Those Christmas Bells	Words by Marvin Fisher Music by Gus Levine Arranged by Ryan Murphy
Host, John Prince	




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### Men In Tights

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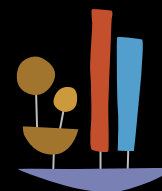


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### In Memoriam



Tom Reinberg, a Michigan native, joined the chorus in 2013. A second tenor, he also worked on the production team. Tom's

creative mind produced "Optimistic Voices", "Mid-Century Modern Holiday", "Fascinating Rhythm" and other shows. Tom created the design for costumes used in "Extrabagatza". He was married to Artistic Director, Douglas Wilson, for 6 years and they were together for over 40 years.

### In Memoriam



Steve Rappaport, graduated from Michigan State University, and spent his working career with AT&T in Washington D.C. He was

a long-time member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C. He moved to Palm Springs and joined PSGMC in 2012. Steve was the GALA Festival 2016 Coordinator, sharing his enthusiasm for this event with all members.

A member of the baritone section, he was the Section Manager and served on the Music Advisory Team, providing helpful song ideas from his long experience with GALA choruses.

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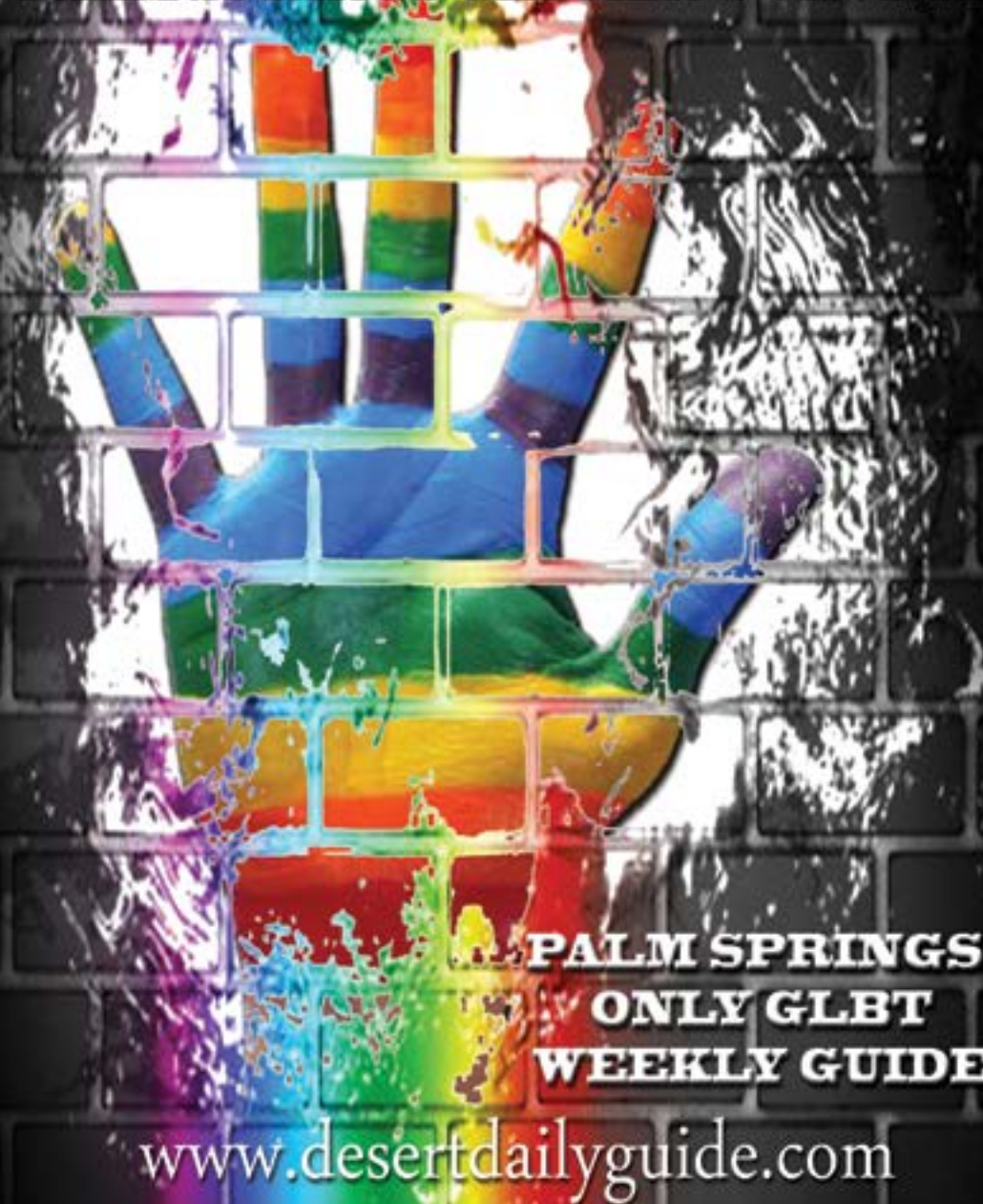
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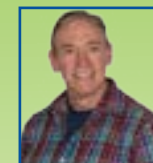
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