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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 Unified School District, Desert Sands Unified School District and the Coachella Valley Unified School District 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.

Thank you for attending the west coast premier of **Quiet No More—A Choral Celebration of Stonewall**. It's a brand new choral music suite commissioned by New York City Gay Men's Chorus, Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles along with 17 other choruses. This piece will be performed nationwide in 2019, the largest collaboration in the history of LGBTQIA+ choruses. **Quiet No More** celebrates the legacy and worldwide changes that started from the events in June 1969. The protests at Stonewall lit the fire for PRIDE, the effects of which are still as vital today as they were 50 years ago. On June 27, 2019, over 500 singers from across the country will sing on the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. We're particularly excited that 20 of our chorus members will be part of that historical event.

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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Joel Baker (2013), *Principal Accompanist*

TENOR I

Steve Baker (2010)
Paul Brawner (2014)
Trey Campbell (2019)
James Clossin # (2012)
Asa DeMatteo (2015)
Simeon Den# (2015)
Frank Duncan (2017)
Charles Gallagher (2016)
Jim Kingslan (2018)
Jeff Kopasz +(2016)
Jacob Martin (2019)
Alan McPhail (2012)
David Sanchez *(2012)
Ernie Santora (1998)
Jim Stake (2019)
Kyle Taylor (2019)
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)
Marvin Morrow (2019)
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)
Tim Edmondson (2019)
Jon Fernald (2015)
Scott Foreman (2018)
Dr. Lawrence Frost (2003)
Ernest Gerke (2015)
Paul Green (2019)
Sam Henry (2019)
Kurt Jacobowitz-Cain (2012)
Ken Kuchma (2017)
Andrea Laguni *(2015)
Tom Laurita (2016)
Jessay Martin (2014)
Charles McClendon
#(2014)
J. T. Miller (2014)
Peter Joseph 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)
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Jason Duncan (2012)
Steffan Endres (2017)
Bill Eyer (2016)
Richard Fluechling (2019)
Robert Henry (2013)
Antonio Jackman (2015)
David Jansing (2016)
Rusty Kaplan #(2016)
Kurt Kelley +(2018)
Benjamin Lander (2019)
Russ Learn (2013)
Oleg Liebowitz (2001)
Todd A. Lobato-Wright
3(2014)
John Malo (2009)
Noel Martinez (2018)
Chuck Marx #(2000)
Jim Monahan (2016)
John Prince (2019)
George Rockel (2017)
Ray Rosenberg #(2004)
Robert Rotman (2015)
Tom Shannon #(2013)
Hal Stradley (2013)
Raul Valenzuela #(2014)
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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

Section 5 Volunteers

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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 piano after seeing Phantom of the Opera at age 10. Under the guidance of Joann Algier in middle and high school, he discovered a love of music using multiple pianos and he furthered his passion at Azusa Pacific University studying with Dr. Robert Sage.

Kurt performed several recitals of material he arranged for 2 and 3 pianos, the recordings received radio play in LA, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Boston, Austin, and Beirut. In 2009, Kurt performed the West Coast premiere of Alvin Curran's 7.5 hour piano song cycle, Inner Cities 1-13, along with the U.S. premiere of movement 14 at Burning Man in 2013. Kurt is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University with a BA in Music Theory and Composition. He is the accompanist for PSGMC's The Arrangement, Cathedral High School Chamber Singers, College of the Desert, and Songshine, a non-profit organization that teaches speech therapy through music for people with Parkinson's and strokes. Kurt is also the Principal Accompanist for A Cabbello, Modern Men, The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert, and Desert Outreach Synagogue. Kurt has composing a 12-movement piano cycle based on the 12 houses of astrology, which premieres in May.

Martin Coogan – Sign Language Interpreter



Martin is such a unique and authentic individual. Growing up in the northwest, Martin has a great love of the environment and arguing to convince people to accept diversity. He has been instrumental in organizing and maintaining youth groups, entertainment teams, political demonstrations and dealing with city councils. This show is special to Martin because he worked a year, two doors down from Stonewall Inn and hung out there a lot in 1991-92. He has heard the stories and has been involved with the movement started by that significant week. Martin will always fight for our right to love who we want and to be fabulous without negative consequence!

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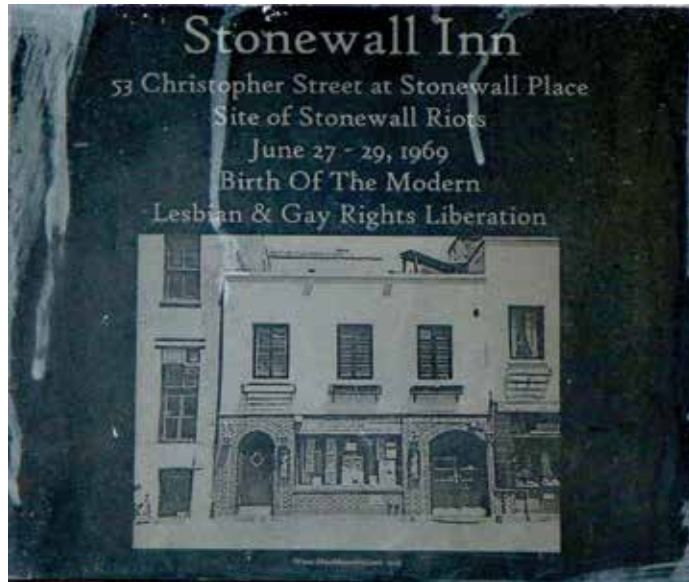
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Quiet No More - A Choral Celebration of Stonewall West Coast Premier

- I Prologue - It Was The Day Michael Shaieb
Date: Now
- II The Only Place That You Can Dance Michael Shaieb
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 1969 - 3 days before
- III Glorious Beauties Our Lady J
Date: Same night
- IV Gotta Get Down to Downtown Michael Shaieb
Date: Friday, June 27, 1969 and days following
- V And We Walked Julian Hornik
Jeffrey Kopasz, soloist
Date: The uprising and forward to today. Including
1970's - Openly gay LGBT candidates running for office
1980's - AIDS activism starting with ACT UP protest at
St. Patrick's Cathedral on December 10
1990's - Same sex couples becoming parents
2010's - Rise and legalization of marriage equality. Visibility of trans
youth at schools
- VI We Are A Celebration Michael McElroy
Lyrics Jason Cannon and Michael McElroy
Date: Now. Celebrating the many voices of the LGBTQIA community
that can be heard as a result of the Stonewall Uprising
- VII What If Truth Is All We Have Ann Hampton Callaway
Charles Gallagher, soloist
Date: Now. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising
- VIII Speak Out! Jane Ramseyer Miller
Jeffrey Kopasz and Charles Gallagher, soloists
Date: Now. How we move forward with all we've learned since
June 28, 1969

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Act II The Fight For Freedom and Equality

- Seize the Day Alan Mencken
arranged by Aaron Dale; adapted by Bruce Kenyon
The Arrangement
- Anthem Holly Near/traditional; arranged by Craig Carnahan
Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus
- Forgive Me Milton Ager, Lyrics by Jack Yellen
The Arrangement
- Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor Irving Berlin; arranged by Roy Ringwald
- Find the Cost of Freedom Stephen Stills; edited by Nick Page
- Harriet Tubman Music by Rollo Dilworth; Lyrics by Eloise Greenfield
- The March of the Women Music by Ethel Smith; Lyrics by Cicely Hamilton
- De Colores Traditional; arranged for PSGMC by David Maddux
- Equality Music by Mark Hayes; Lyrics by Maya Angelou
Paul Green, soloist
- Something Inside So Strong Labi Siffre
- Glory (from SELMA) John Stephens, Lonnie Lynn and Che Smith
arranged by Eugene Rogers
Jessay Martin and Bill Butler, soloists
- Lift Every Voice and Sing J. Rosamond Johnson
arranged by Craig Courtney
- We Shall Be Free Stephanie A Davis, Garth Brooks
arranged by David Volpe
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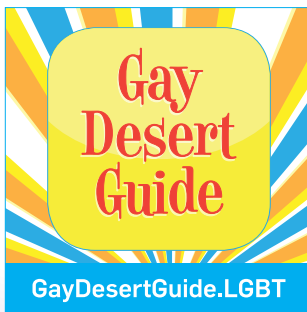


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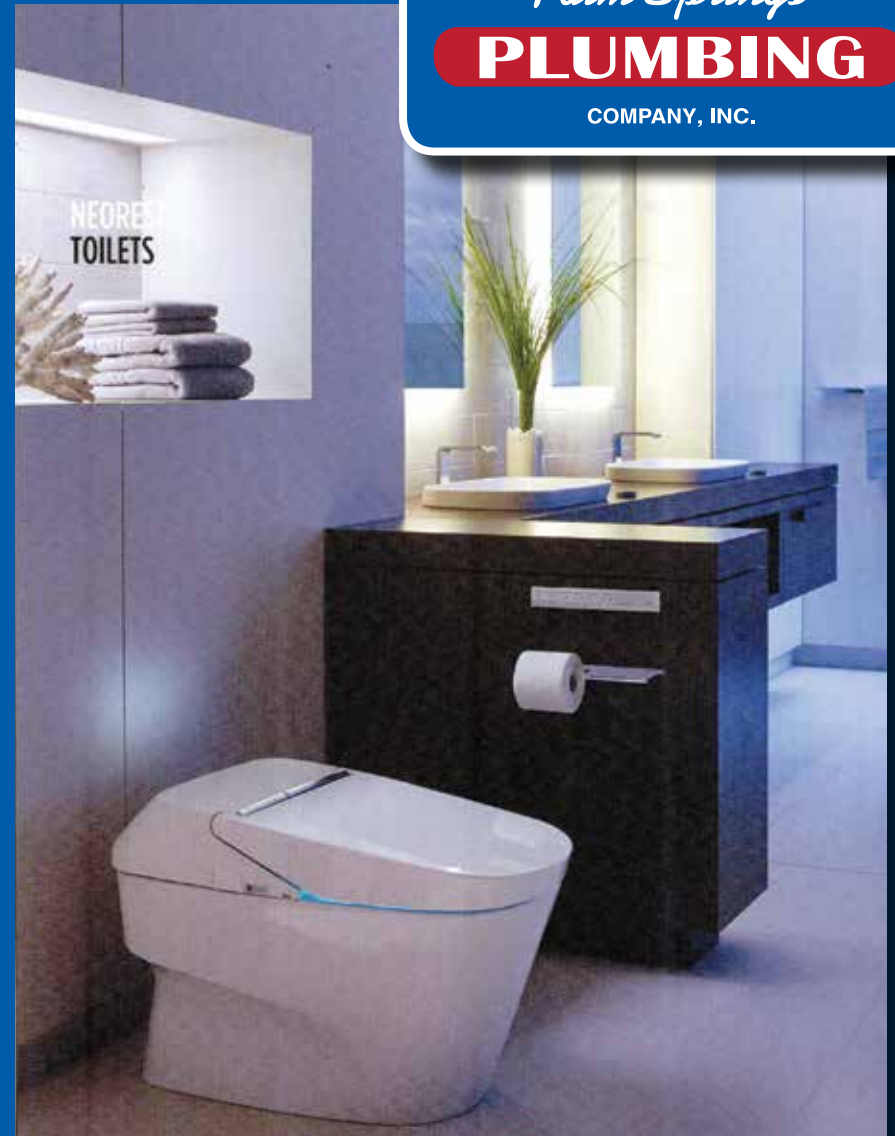
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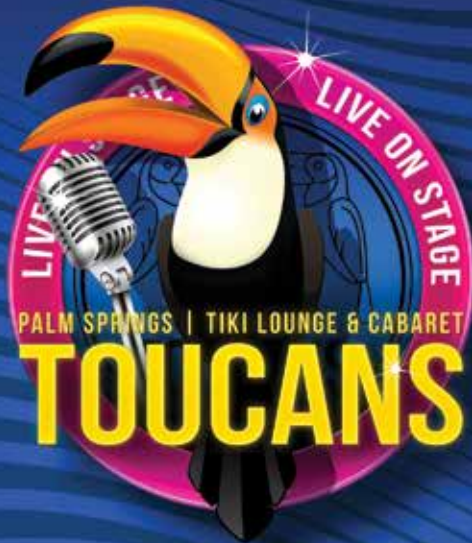
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