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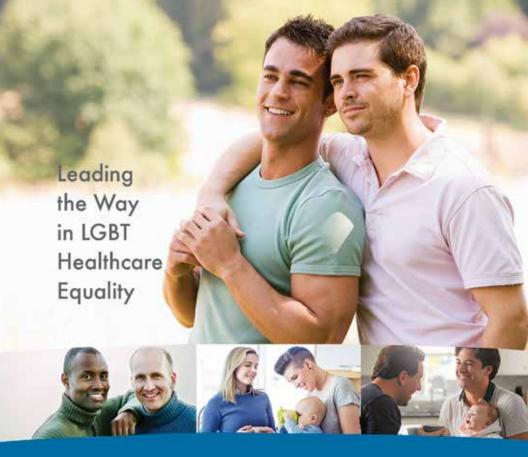


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Thank you for attending our performances of "A Modern Family Holiday" recognizing that we are family in many different ways. Some of us grew up in what would be called a traditional family setting, while others...not so traditional. There are quite a few of us that were raised by a single parent, or adopted into a forever family, or as is the case of one of members, he was raised as a young child in a foster family all the way up to adulthood. Today, it is not unusual to be raised by two moms or two dads. And like many of us in the chorus...we are a family to each other.

The chorus wanted to recognize family and the various ways we celebrate the holidays through our music and dance. It is our hope that you will recognize a song that will take you back to your childhood, family dynamics and how you celebrated the holidays.

The first half of our season has been very productive and quite busy. Our chorus raised over \$15,000 for this year's Desert AIDS Walk supporting D.A.P. programs, we proudly marched in the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade and the Festival of Lights Parade. We were honored with the recognition as the Grand Marshal for the Cathedral City High School Homecoming Parade (not sure of how many gay men's choruses are given that honor), and we continue to support our local Gay/Straight Alliances in all three school districts in the Coachella Valley.

On November 25, the chorus lost a member of our family. We were saddened at the passing of our brother Bruce Kenyon who was the founding member of our barbershop-style ensemble "The Arrangement."

He was an active member of our board of directors and many sub committees. We are eternally grateful for his many contributions and the legacy that he leaves with us. It is with great pride that we have decided to keep his legacy alive by renaming the group to "Bruce Kenyon's...The Arrangement." We want to thank his husband Bill W. Taylor for supporting Bruce's desire to be an active and involved member of our chorus.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Chorus, we would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. We look forward to entertaining you April 24-26, 2020, when we premiere "Cassini," commissioned work by Joe Giarrusso and Joe Dahman.

David Sanchez, President Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus



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## PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS

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#### **TENOR 1**

Steve Baker (2010) Jay Baumgartner (2019) Trey Campbell (2019) James Clossin<sup>#</sup> (2012) Asa DeMatteo<sup>#</sup> (2015) Simeon Den (2015) Frank Duncan (2017) Charles Gallagher (2016) Jim Kingslan<sup>\*</sup> (2016) Alan McPhail (2012) David Sanchez (2012) Ernie Santora (1998) Kyle Taylor (2019) Erik Zellers (2013)

#### **TENOR II**

Andrew Bird (2016) Paul Brawner (2014) Les Brown (2017) Bill Butler (2011) Nick Clark<sup>#</sup> (2017) Jerry Chism (1998) Joe Dahman (2006) Mark Davis (2018) John Devereaux-Crockett Jr. (2013) Henry Doering\* (2016) Jim Early (2019) Tommy Estrada (2016) Ted Fox (2015) Jeff Hocker (2013)



\* Section Manager +Section Leader # Leave of Absence Bob Hogg# (2012) Dale Hutchinson (2019) Ben Irvin (2017) Skip Lang (2013) Avner Lapovsky (2019) Alan Lawrence (2017) Jacob Martin (2019) Philip Martin (2002) Rick Mauery# (2014) David McFadden (2016) Al Meritt (2010) Joe Musser (2016) Dennis Pearce (2017) Brodi Petitt (2019) Tom Shoon (2019) Douglas Ware (2018) Mark Wilson (2015) Dan Witko (2017) Ted Zepeda (2016)

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#### DOUGLAS C. WILSON Artistic Director

Doug was named Artistic Director of the PSGMC in the fall of 2013. This is his seventh holiday concert with the chorus. Doug enjoyed working for 30 years as a music teacher and school administrator in Las Vegas. He retired and moved to Palm Springs where he continues to be active in many different aspects of music. He is the Director of Music at Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, where he directs children's choirs, bell choirs and the adult choir as well as serving as organist. He has been musical director for productions at Desert Rose Playhouse and Desert Theatre Works. He was recently nominated for two awards for Musical Direction by the Desert Theater League for work on "Shrek, the Musical" at Indio High School and "Some Enchanted Evening" at Desert Theater Works. Doug is a proud alum of Interlochen Arts Academy and Michigan State University.



#### JOEL BAKER Principal Accompanist

Joel Baker moved to the desert from Seattle in 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Washington's School of Music, where he studied with international concert pianist Robin McCabe. Joel became the Principal Accompanist for PSGMC in 2013. He also serves on the staff at Musical Theater University and on the faculty of Midsummer Musical Retreat. In addition, Joel is in demand as a music director for local cabaret singers and can be found playing for open mic events in the area. You might also recognize him from "The Judy Show" with Michael Holmes at The Purple Room. Please visit Joel's web site at www.misterpiano.com.



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#### MARK WIENAND Conductor, The Arrangement



Mr. Wienand, a native of Ottawa, IL has studied across the country obtaining a Bachelor of Music in Lower Brass and Oboe Performance from Millikin University, Decatur, IL; a Bachelor of Science in Education from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, a Masters in Music Education from VanderCook College of Music, Chicago IL, and coursework towards a Masters in Wind Band Conducting from University of Central Arkansas, Conway AR.

Most recently, Mr. Wienand studied Wind Band Conducting with Mallory Thompson of Northwestern University. Mr. Wienand has performed as a professional musician on oboe, bassoon, French horn, performed with many choruses and was a finalist for U.S. Army Field Band-Soldiers Chorus.

Currently, Mr. Wienand teaches band at Desert Springs Middle School in Desert Hot Springs, plays French horn with the Desert Winds Freedom Band in Palm Springs and sings with the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus.

#### 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 Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus. 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 Assisted Sign Language Interpreter



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interpreting for PS PRIDE and continues to provide interpretation for many other stage and civic events. With his ability to express sound visually, we are proud to say he has been with our chorus for almost seven years and look forward to more years to come.



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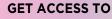
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#### WELCOME David Sanchez

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#### We Need A Little Christmas

Jerry Herman / Arranged by Mark Hayes David Sanchez, Soloist

#### Happy Holidays/Its The Holiday Season

Irving Berlin / Arranged by Adam Scott Bruce Kenyon's The Arrangement Mark Wienand, Conductor In loving memory of Bruce Kenyon, Founder and Director of The Arrangement

#### **Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening**

Randall Thompson Lyrics by Robert Frost

#### I'll Be Home for Christmas

Kim Gannon and Walter Kent / Arranged by Mark Hayes Sean Carson-Hull, Soloist

#### **Our House**

Graham Nash / Arranged by Ed Lojeski

#### All I Want for Christmas is You

Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff / Arranged by Steve Milloy Ted Zepeda, Soloist

#### **Silver Bears**

Arranged by Pax Ressler Parody lyrics by Robert Groves Gentlemen's Agreement with Choreography by Frank Duncan

#### **Chanukah in Santa Monica**

Tim Lehrer / Arranged by Joshua Jacobson Gentlemen's Agreement with Choreography by Alma Lacy

#### A Kwanzaa Litany

Adolphus Hailstork Ted Fox, Soloist

#### The Chanukah Song

Steve Young and Stephen Schwartz / Arranged by Mac Huff Mike Clough, Soloist

#### **Christmas in Palm Springs**

Joel Baker and Don Vasconcelos Charles Gallagher, Soloist

#### Palm Springs Jump

Slim Gaillard / Arranged by David Maddux Gentlemen's Agreement with Choreography by Frank Duncan Commissioned for the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus by Rick Mauery, PSGMC Member

#### Intermission

#### Glow

Eric Whitacre / Adapted by Emily Crocker

#### When There's Love At Home

J. B. McNaughton / Arranged by Mel Knight Bruce Kenyon's The Arrangement Mark Wienand, Conductor In loving memory of Bruce Kenyon, Founder and Director of The Arrangement

#### **Merry Christmas, Darling**

Richard Carpenter and Rank Pooler / Arranged by Eric Knechtges

#### Throw The Yule log On, Uncle John

P.D.Q. Bach / Re-voiced by Kathleen McGuire

#### **Grandma's Feather Bed**

John Denver / Arranged by Douglas Wilson Oleg Liebowitz, Soloist Gentlemen's Agreement with Choreography by Alma Lacy

#### **Brother, Because of You**

Stephen Schwartz and Pamela Stewart Dale Hutchinson and Don Hansen, Soloists

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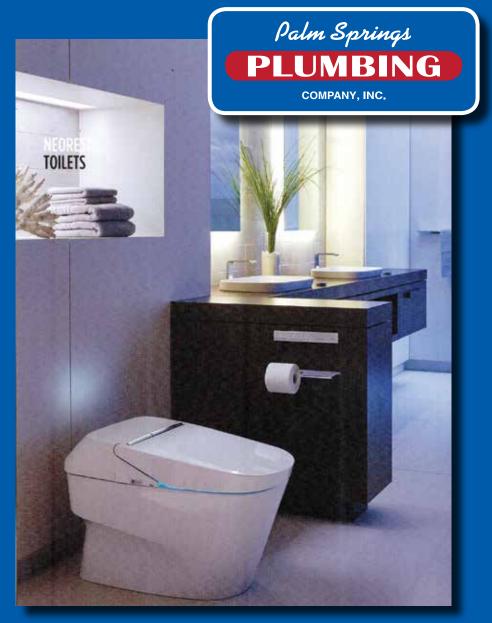
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