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## Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Launches 21<sup>st</sup> Season

Palm Springs, CA - October 7, 2019... The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC) is proud to launch its 21<sup>st</sup> Season! "A Modern Family Holiday" will be a showcase of traditional holiday favorites "We Need a Little Christmas" from Mame, "All I Want for Christmas is You" music and lyrics by Mariah Carey, "I'll Be Home for Christmas" music by Walter Kent and lyrics by Kim Gannon and "Merry Christmas Darling" by Richard Carpenter and Frank Pooler.

The concert will also include new music from some of today's most prolific and talented composers and lyricists "Silver Bears" by Johnny Marks, "Chanukah In Santa Monica" by Tom Lehrer, "Glow" from the Walt Disney World show World of Color Winter Dreams with music by Eric Whitacre and lyrics by Edward Esch and "It's Christmas in Palm Springs" with music and lyrics by our very own Principal Accompanist Joel Baker and his husband Don Casconcelos.

This heart-warming holiday concert, "A Modern Family Holiday" is about diversity, acceptance and embracing our new modern families along with the joyous feelings you get during the holidays. Of course, you can always expect a surprise or two and a little humor from PSGMC! Friday, December 20 at 7:00p.m, Saturday, December 21 at 7:00p.m. and Sunday, December 22 at 3:00p.m.

Season tickets are now on sale through the Annenberg Theater Box Office at 101 Museum Drive, Palm Springs or by calling 760.325.4490. Season subscribers can take advantage of a 10% discount on both of our season shows. Ticket prices range from \$25 - \$55. Service charges will apply.

"Cassini" is a brilliant chorale concert of galactic proportions stretching the boundaries of space and time. The program musically tells the phenomenal story of NASA's epic 13-year mission and exploration of Saturn, a voyage that brought unprecedented discoveries of the planet and solar system.

In the first half act, the chorus will sing familiar works portraying the life of stars, planets and alien creatures. In the second act, the Chorus will premiere the specially commissioned work, "Cassini" written and composed by the dynamic creative duo of Joe Giarrusso, whose beautiful score combined with Joe Dahman's poetic libretto along with Robert Poehler's stunning slides and videos meld into a special evening for space lovers and music lovers alike. Take a journey with us as we propel the audience through the Milky Way with "Cassini."

Somewhere on Earth a boy links his life with the amazing Cassini project. We see Cassini's journey, as Jamie grows up with his mechanical hero, emotionally aware of the dangers facing the space probe and reveling in Cassini's successes and dutiful and beautiful images sent back to Earth. Joe Giarrusso's beautiful score with Joe Dahman's poetic libretto and Robert Poehler's stunning slides and videos meld into a special evening for space lovers and music lovers alike. Join us for this unique original work as Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus presents "Cassini" in the spring of 2020. Concerts are Friday, April 24 at 7:00p.m, Saturday, April 25 at 7:00p.m. and Sunday, April 26 at 3:00p.m.



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The chorus is an auditioned, volunteer choral ensemble consisting of male singers age eighteen and older, gay or gay friendly. With a wide range of varying musical training and backgrounds, the chorus is committed to fostering an environment of professionalism, respect, pride and unity. The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is comprised of gay and straight-allied men of all ethnicities. As we grow our membership and continue to build diversity, we encourage the Trans Community, if you identify as a man and sing in the tenor or bass range, to audition for the chorus.

The mission of the PSGMC is 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.

For more information on meeting the requirements and an application form <a href="https://psgmc.com/auditions/">https://psgmc.com/auditions/</a>. For a variety of ways to support the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, visit <a href="https://www.PSGMC.com">www.PSGMC.com</a>

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