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**Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus**  
***"Christmas in Palm Springs Drive-In Edition"***

**Special Appearance by Ann Hampton Callaway**

**(Palm Springs, CA) – November 23, 2020...** The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC) is proud to continue its 22<sup>nd</sup> Season with ***"Christmas in Palm Springs Drive-In Edition,"*** **Saturday, December 19** at the Palm Springs Cultural Center, 2300 East Baristo Road. In a creative departure from the Chorus' usual December performance, Ethylina Canne will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for a combination LIVE and VIRTUAL holiday spectacular featuring PSGMC's new virtual chorus. Make your reservation NOW for this incredible production, which is sure to be a sell out, call **760-219-2077**.

**Ann Hampton Callaway**, one of the leading champions of the great American Songbook, will join the Chorus in a special musical tribute. Ann has made her mark as a singer, pianist, composer, lyricist, arranger, actress, educator, TV host and producer. Voted recently by Broadwayworld.com, as "Performer of the Year," Ann is a born entertainer. Her unique singing style that blends jazz and traditional pop makes her a mainstay in concert halls, theaters and jazz clubs, recording studio, TV, and in film. She is best known for her Tony®-nominated performance in the hit Broadway musical *Swing!* and for writing and singing the theme song to the hit TV series *The Nanny*. Callaway is a **Platinum Award** winning writer whose songs are featured on seven of Barbra Streisand's recent CD's.

Additionally, PSGMC will be premiering their virtual video renditions of *"Cold Enough to Snow"* and *"Christmas in Palm Springs"* composed by PSGMC's principal accompanist Joel Baker and written by his husband Don Vasconcelos. Santa Claus will make an appearance with his elves and movie theatre ushers.

As a special treat, Lenny Broberg will be doing a LIVE auction providing his services in memory of beloved Chorus member Dave Murdoch. Items consist of: 7 night stay in a condo in Puerto Vallarta, 7-night stay at Desert Vacation Villas and a chance to conduct a future number at a Chorus concert and more!

“PSGMC has been hard at work in their Virtual performances highlighting two crucial elements, their love of singing and coming together as a musical family. Despite isolation, we have discovered we can still make brilliant music to share with the Coachella Valley and through Facebook LIVE. We are ecstatic to have Ann Hampton Callaway in the holiday program, as she wrote “What If Love Is All We Have” for *Quiet No More* a piece the Chorus sang at Carnegie Hall and Walt Disney Hall last year as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising,” said Douglas Wilson, Artistic Director, PSGMC.

Tickets for ***“Christmas in Palm Springs Drive-In Edition,”*** **Saturday, December 19** are only \$20.00 for the socially distanced and mandatory masked show, auction and screening of Irving Berlin’s ***White Christmas*** or for \$60.00, enjoy a VIP experience including: dinner, gift bag, pre-show, auction and film screening. Drive-In theatre parking and socially distanced seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Drive-in theatre opens at 5:00p.m. and show begins at 6:00p.m. Call **760-219-2077** for details!

This event would not be possible without the incredible support of Palm Springs Cultural Center, Town Real Estate, Tanya’s Kitchen, The Bank 420 Dispensary and Lounge, Sarah & Leo Milmet, Channel Q 103.1 FM, KGAY 106.1 FM, IHUB Radio, Gay Desert Guide, The Center, Palm Springs Disposal Service, Korbel, Jägermeister and the PSGMC Board of Directors.

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 a variety of ways to support the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus or to purchase tickets, visit [www.PSGMC.com](http://www.PSGMC.com) Press inquiries should be directed to Jeff Hocker, Hocker Productions at 760-409-1530 or [jeffhocker1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffhocker1@gmail.com).