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## Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Presents: "Easter Parade"

## **Special Appearance by Ann Hampton Callaway**

(Palm Springs, CA) – March 18, 2021... The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC) is proud to continue its 22<sup>nd</sup> Season with "Easter Parade Drive-In Edition," Saturday, April 10 at 7:00p.m. Palm Springs Cultural Center, 2300 East Baristo Road. In a creative departure from the Chorus' usual spring performance, Ethylina Canne will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for a combination LIVE and VIRTUAL Easter spectacular featuring Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. Purchase your tickets 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.

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!

"We are ecstatic to have Ann Hampton Callaway in the Easter 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 in 2019 as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising," said Douglas Wilson, Artistic Director, PSGMC.

Tickets for "Easter Parade Drive-In Edition," Saturday, April 10 are only \$30.00 for the socially distanced and mandatory masked show, auction and screening of Irving Berlin's Easter Parade 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 6:00p.m. and show begins at 7:00p.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, Palm Springs Disposal Service, Channel Q 103.1 FM, KGAY 106.1 FM, Desert Daily Guide, IHUB Radio, Gay Desert Guide, The Center, Korbel, Jägermeister, The Standard, Desert Sun 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 <a href="www.PSGMC.com">www.PSGMC.com</a> Press inquiries should be directed to Jeff Hocker, Hocker Productions at 760-409-1530 or <a href="jeffhocker1@gmail.com">jeffhocker1@gmail.com</a>.