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Welcome to Sparkle, Twinkle, Jingle! – our first public mainstage performance in two years!

Goodness, it is so nice to be back singing together for you in this lovely venue, bringing you a holiday spectacular like only the fabulous men of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus can!

We weren't idle during our time away from the stage. Many of you saw our two virtual performances, which kept our voices warmed up and kept you connected to us. Besides singing, we were also busy during the pandemic assisting our community in a variety of ways. We produced over 1,000 masks for front line workers affiliated with the Eisenhower Health System, collected toys for Martha's Village and Kitchen Christmas, and donated two vanloads of school supplies for students at two elementary schools in the valley.

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is excited to welcome our new Artistic Director, Jerry Soria-Foust, to our 23rd Season. After an extensive national search, Jerry comes to us with exceptional talent and experience in both music and theatre directing, as well as a passion for teaching. Rehearsals have been robust and exciting and you will experience the joy that we all feel in making music together under Jerry's leadership. If you caught our performance on the Pride mainstage, you know exactly what I mean!

"Sparkle Twinkle Jingle" begins our new season with the sounds of the holidays with old favorites like Oh, Holy Night and Let It Snow, as well as new favorites like Love is Christmas, and We are Lights by Stephen Schwartz. We celebrate our tradition of sharing music from different cultures and languages with the song A La Nanita Nana and Siyahamba.

If you would like to join the fun on stage, auditions for new singers will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00. Please visit our website if you would like more information.

We also invite you to join us again here in the Annenberg Theatre on April 8, 9, and 10, 2022 as we continue our theme of joyful singing with "Razzle Dazzle Shine!," a collection of Pride- and equality-themed music from movies and musicals. Tickets are on sale now, and we will sell out early!

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Alan McPhail, President
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Steve Baker (2010)
Thomas Benner (2021)
Trey Campbell# (2019)
James Clossin (2012)
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Jim Kingslan# (2018)

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Alan McPhail (2012)
Chip Prince (2021)
Santiago Rodriguez (2021)
Dave Sanchez (2021)
David Sanchez (2012)

Ernie Santora (1998)
Kyle Taylor (2019)
Kenneth H. Ugarte (2021)
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Les Brown# (2017)
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Jerry Chism (1998)
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Henry Doering* (2016)
Landyn Endo (2021)
Tommy Estrada# (2016)
Ted Fox (2015)
Jeff Hocker (2013)

Dale Hutchinson (2019)
Ben Irvin# (2017)
Paul Krajieski (2021)
Skip Lang (2013)
Thompson Lange (2021)
Philip Martin# (2002)
Marcio Matias (2021)
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BIOGRAPHIES



Jerry R. Soria-Foust is a professional music educator and arts leader, with a career spanning more than 25 years. At the age of 19, Jerry had his first GALA choruses experience, performing in the inaugural season of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. That experience was transformational, and he credits participation in a number of GALA organizations for the fulfilling life he leads as a teacher, leader, artist, husband, dad and grandpa.

From 2005-2009, Jerry served as Artistic Director for the San Diego Men's Chorus, where he led the chorus through a number of milestones, including performing as main stage entertainment on an ocean liner for RSVP cruises, singing the national anthem for the San Diego Padres, and becoming the resident choral ensemble in the newly renovated Balboa Theatre in downtown San Diego. During his time with SDMC, the Chorus

collaborated with a number of award-winning artists, including Tony-nominated Sharon McNight, Broadway & American Idol star Frenchie Davis, Olympic legend Greg Louganis, playwright Del Shores, Grammy-nominated Westwind Brass, the San Diego Women's Drum Circle, and more.

Jerry was the Founding Director of Opus Q – A Men's Vocal Ensemble, a select ensemble specializing in diverse repertoire performed in intimate settings in the Bay Area. He also served briefly as the Artistic Director for the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco, where the chorus collaborated with luminaries like Sharon Gless and Sir Ian McKellen, as well as the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

As a professional theatre director and producer, Jerry has been involved in over 100-ticketed productions. As Executive Director and Director of Education of Berkeley Playhouse, he led expansion of the organizations programs, ticket sales, subscribers and budget by 400%. From 2011-2019, Jerry founded and served as Artistic Director of Windy City Performs, an all-ages professional theatre and conservatory in Chicago, where he created after-school and pre-professional training programs in music, dance and theatre. WCP was nominated for multiple Broadway World Chicago awards over the years; and was named Chicago Magazine's Readers' Choice award for Best Theatre in 2016.

Jerry's passions include inspiring people of all ages to love the performing arts, creating access to life-changing performing arts opportunities for children of all backgrounds, and exploring how the arts can answer some of today's most difficult challenges. Jerry is a graduate of Butler University and San Diego State University. In addition to serving as the proud director of PSGMC, Jerry currently teaches instrumental and choral music in Riverside County.



Joel Baker is a native of the Seattle area. He moved to the Desert in 2003 and has busy as a pianist and music director ever since. Currently, he can be found playing for The Judy Show, starring Michael Holmes, and for the musical revue Palm Springs Jump!, at the Purple Room.

Joel serves on the faculty of Midsummer Musical Retreat in Walla Walla, WA, and on the accompanist staff for Musical Theater University in Rancho Mirage. He also plays for various cabaret artists in the area, and has won two Desert Theatre League awards for his work. Among local theaters where Joel has taken on the title of Music Director are: Palm Canyon Theatre, Desert Theatreworks, Desert Rose, and Desert Ensemble Theatre Company. Joel and his husband, Don Vasconcelos, are the authors of the song "Christmas In Palm Springs."

Joel graduated from the University Of Washington School Of Music, where he studied with international concert pianist Robin McCabe. www.misterpiano.com

BIOGRAPHIES



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 ASL Interpreter

Martin has found his way to be a physical artist through sign language, since his body quit being able to dance as it once did. To ours and the Deaf community's benefit, he has crafted his skill to show us what the songs look like while conveying all the power a large group can produce, as well as, the subtle details and emotion music can bring. This year was Martin's first year of coordinating and managing all the 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 nine years and look forward to more years to come.



**The Board of Directors
of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Welcomes
Jerry R. Soria-Foust
and Congratulates him on his Inaugural Season.**

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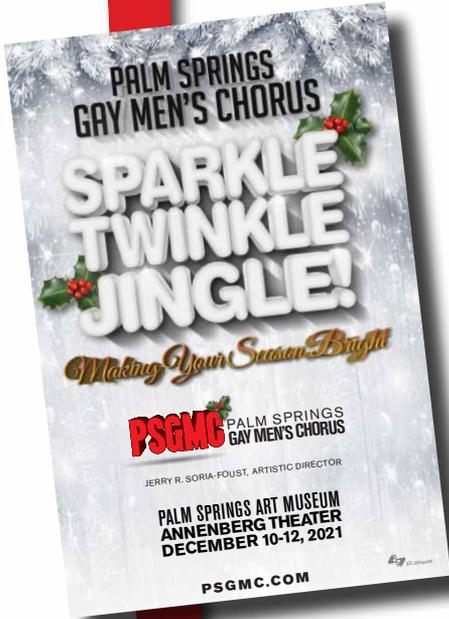
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Featuring Joel Baker & Kurt Jordan on four-hand piano

There Is A Santa Claus (from *Elf the Musical*)

Beguelin/Sklar, arr. Andy Beck (revoiced by Chip Prince)

Kenneth Ugarte - soloist

Glow

Eric Whitacre

You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch

Albert Hague, lyrics by Dr. Seuss, arr. Jeff Funk

Performed by members of Bruce Kenyon's

The Arrangement & Gentlemen's Agreement

Let It Ring, Let It Swing, Let It Snow, A Snow Medley

Arr. Mac Huff

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! (Styne/Cahn)

A Marshmallow World (DeRose/Sigman)

Frosty the Snowman (Nelson/Rollins)

Ted Warkentin, David Sanchez, Ted Fox - soloists

Love Is Christmas

Sara Bareilles/arr. Tim Sarsany

Dale Hutchinson - soloist

A La Nanita Nana

arr. Dan Davison

Featuring violist John Scanlon & Guitarist John Zurek

The Christmas Song

Mel Tormé & Robert Wells

Performed by guest artist, Michele McConnell

A Hand for Mrs. Claus

Robert & Kristen Anderson-Lopez

Performed by guest artist, Michele McConnell

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with a word from our Chorus Leadership

Our Favorite One (Our Favorite Son)

from *Will Rogers' Follies*

Featuring our favorite ones, Santa and his elves

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Bricusse & Newley/arr. Althouse

Featuring members of Bruce Kenyon's
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Siyahamba

Traditional, arr. Henry Leck

This Little Light of Mine

arr. John Leavitt

Dave Sanchez & John Zurek - soloists

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles, arr. David Duncan

Performed by guest artist, Michele McConnell

We Are Lights (The Chanukah Song)

Stephen Schwartz & Steve Young

Paul Cain & Dave Sanchez - soloists

Variations on Jingle Bells

James Pierpont/arr. Mark Hayes

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Night of Silence / Silent Night

Daniel Kantor

with American Sign Language, led by Martin Coogan

Audience Sing-Along

Led by Jerry R. Soria-Foust & Michele McConnell, with the Chorus

Jingle Bell Rock

Chanukah, O Chanukah

ABBA's Happy New Year

I'll Be Home for Christmas

(Words are available in your program book, and on the screen behind the Chorus)

A Brief Pause

with a word from Board President, Alan McPhail

FINALE:

Christmas in Palm Springs

Joel Baker, words by Joel Baker & Don Vasconcelos

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Sparklejollytwinklejingley (from *Elf the Musical*)

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Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring!
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Now the jingle hop has begun!
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock!
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time!
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square...
In the frosty air!

What a bright time, it's the right time,
To rock the night away!
Jingle bell time is a swell time,
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh!

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet!
Jingle around the clock!
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet...
That's the jingle bell rock!

CHANUKAH, O CHANUKAH

Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the menorah!
We'll have a party, we'll all dance the hora!
Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat,
Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat!
And while we are playing,
The candles are burning low.
One for each night, they shed a sweet light,
To remind us of days long ago.
One for each night, they shed a sweet light,
To remind us of days long ago.

HAPPY NEW YEAR (ABBA)

Verse 1: Michele McConnell, soloist only

Then, audience sings Chorus:

Happy new year, happy new year!
May we all have a vision now and then,
Of a world where every neighbour is a friend.
Happy new year, happy new year!
May we all have our hopes, our will to try.
If we don't we might as well lay down and die...
You and I

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I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

I'll be home for Christmas.
You can plan on me.
Please have snow and mistletoe,
and presents by the tree.
Christmas eve will find me,
where the love light gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas...
If only in my dreams.
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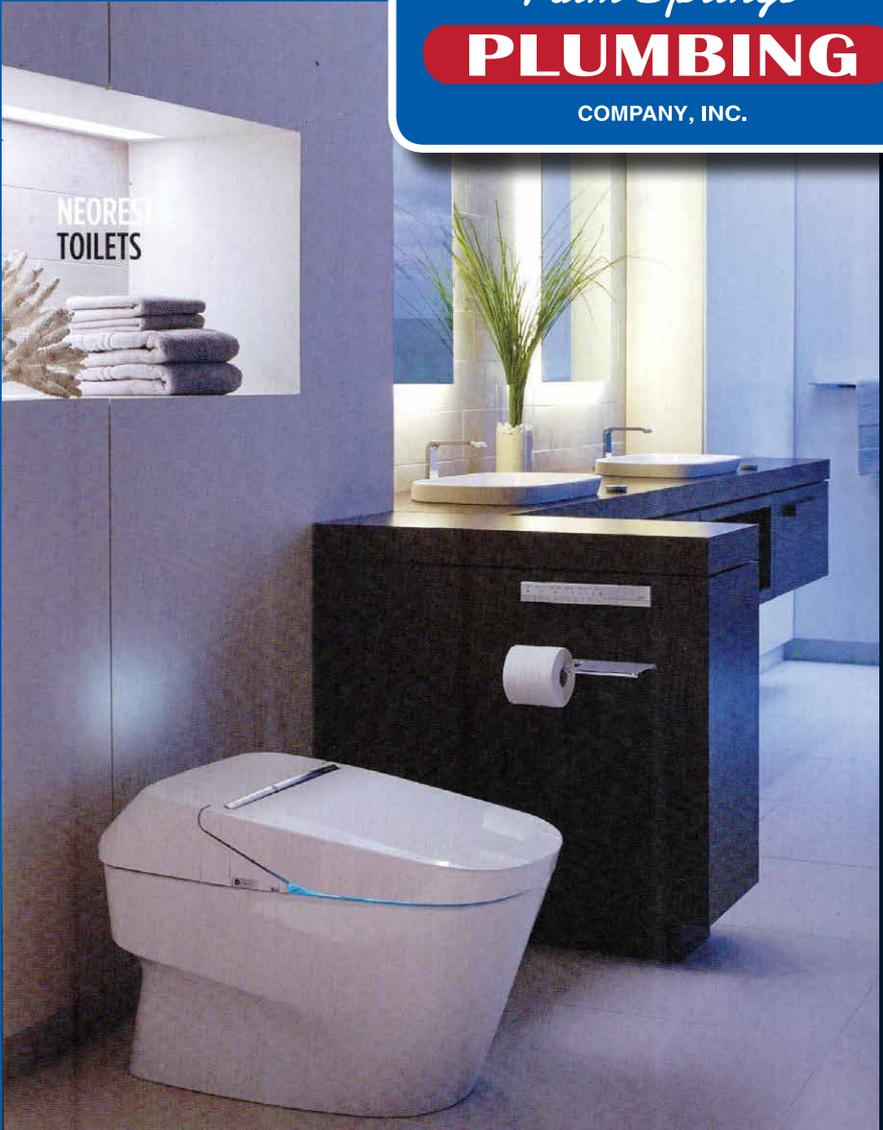


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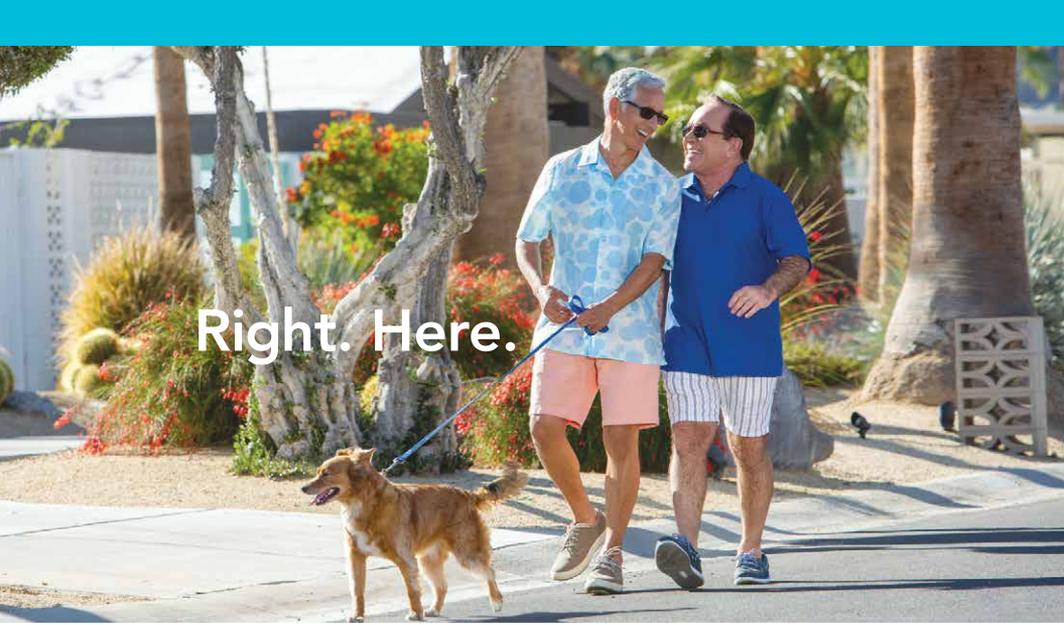


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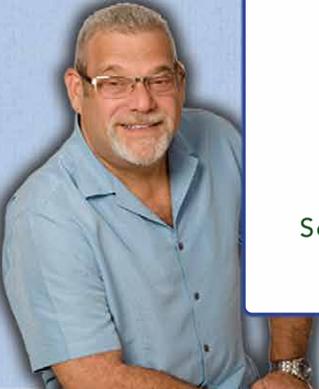


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