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We also continue to connect with the Gay/Straight Alliances in area schools and fund programs through our Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus George Zander Memorial Anti-Bullying Fund. We spearheaded the Toy Drive during the holidays for Martha's Village and Kitchen and a very successful School Supplies Drive for two valley elementary schools in the Desert Sands and Palm Springs Unified School Districts. Along with the help of supporters like you, these extra areas of outreach help to make us "**A Chorus Like No Other**."

Do you like to sing? Would you like to join us on Tuesday evenings for a joy-filled three hours of music making each week? Auditions for next season will be held on Tuesday, August 29. For more information as the date gets close, please go to PSGMC.com.

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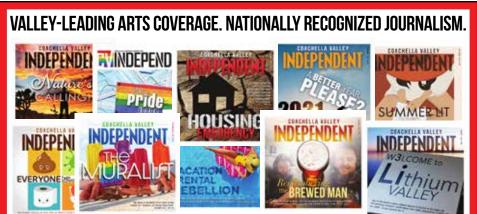


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BIOGRAPHIES



Jerry R. Soria-Foust Artistic Director & Conductor

Jerry 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 Principal Accompanist

Joel is a native of the Seattle area and a graduate of the University of Washington School of Music. 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".



Martin Coogan ASL Interpreter

Martin is delighted to be in his eleventh year with PSGMC. Dance has been the favorite part of his musical theater journey until sign language came along. That is when he knew he had to follow that path. Taking ASL in college, Martin has been able to bridge the gap between the Deaf and hearing communities, in many different ways. Although, music is the place for him to shine. We are glad to have him as part of our program.





Chip Prince Barbershop Director/Music Arranger/Rehearsal Pianist

Chip is thrilled to be involved with PSGMC after a 22-year absence from Palm Springs. While living in New York City he sang in and accompanied the NYC Gay Men's Chorus, under Dr. Charles Beale. Chip has had over 30 years of experience playing piano and conducting Broadway shows and tours. He served as Associate Conductor on the National Tour of *Newsies* and can be heard playing piano in the Broadway HD movie.

New York and National Tour keyboard and/or conducting credits include Les Misérables, Sunset Boulevard, Miss Saigon, Mary Poppins, Ragtime, The Fantasticks, and A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. Back in the desert since

2020, Chip currently keeps busy accompanying local cabaret shows (PSCC's *Razzle Dazzle* and *Movie Magic*) and assisting in the music theatre department at ldyllwild Academy of the Arts. He can currently be found at the piano in performances of Nunzio Sisto's new musical *Why Can't the Trains Run on Time*? at the Palm Springs Cultural Center.



Jeff Kopasz Music & Rehearsal Assistant

Tenor Section Leader, joined PSGMC in 2016. He is in his 13th year teaching Music in schools, the past 7 of which are here locally with Palm Springs Unified School District. He has also music-directed several full-scale and "Broadway Junior" musicals at his schools. Jeff is an active member of the Palm Springs Teachers Association and serves as one of their CTA State Council reps. A graduate of Chapman University's Conservatory of Music (B.M. Music Education; Conducting), he is currently studying for a Masters degree at CSU San Bernardino.



Doug Nagel Resident Vocal Coach

Montana native Doug Nagel sang over 80 operatic baritone roles including Count, Scarpia, Dracula, Dutchman, Figaro, and Germont. Doug returns to Billings in March to sing John the Baptist and direct Rimrock Opera's production of *Salome*.

Doug premiered the role of Theseus in Roumanis' *Phaedra*, broadcast on PBS. International attention came when he created the role of de Santander in the Virginia Opera world premiere of Musgrave's *Simon Bolivar*, later singing the production at the Royal Albert Hall, London, broadcast on the BBC. Mr. Nagel is heard on Albany Records in *Nosferatu* as the title role of Orlock (Dracula).

Nagel was the Artistic Director of Rimrock Opera, where he guided 26 productions including Aïda, Così, *Traviata, Butterfly, Crucible, Barber, Merry Widow, Bohème, Figaro, Girl of the Golden West, Elixir, Tosca, Carmen.* Doug has judged the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and sat on the NEA Opera Grant Committee.

Nagel recently retired as Associate Professor from MSU Billings. Residing in the Coachella Valley with his husband, Steve Baker, a longtime member of PSGMC and former board president. Nagel has a voice studio and directs the troupe of professional singers "Coachella Valley Classical Voices". Doug proudly serves as the Vocal Coach for PSGMC.

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ACT I

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DANCING THROUGH LIFE

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9 to 5

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RAZZLE DAZZLE & ALL THAT JAZZ

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I NEVER DO ANYTHING TWICE

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim Performed by Special Guest, **Sharon McNight**

GUILTY

Music & Lyrics by Randy Newman Performed by Special Guest, **Sharon McNight**

DANCING QUEEN

from *Mamma Mia* Music & Lyrics by B. Anderson, B. Alvaeus & S. Anderson, Arranged by David Maddux

HOME

from *The Wiz* Music & Lyrics by Charlie Smalls, Arranged by Dr. Kathleen McGuire **Marc Copfer**, soloist

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ACT II

INTO THE WOODS ACT I MEDLEY

from *Into the Woods* Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim Performed by **Gentlemen's Agreement** *Refer to Page 25 for Cast and Characters*

YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT

from *Hairspray* Music by Marc Shaiman, Lyrics by Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman Arranged by Tim Sarsany

Gregory Fear, Ryan Bernis & Kevin Allen, soloists

I KNOW WHERE I'VE BEEN

from *Hairspray* Music by Marc Shaiman Lyrics by Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman Arranged by Kathleen McGuire **Jessay Martin**, soloist

POOR, UNFORTUNATE SOULS

from The Little Mermaid

Choral Arrangement by Chip Prince Performed by Special Guest, Sharon McNight with Gentlemen's Agreement & The Arrangement

CRYING

by Roy Orbison & Joe Melson Performed by Special Guest, **Sharon McNight** with the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus

QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

from Mozart's **The Magic Flute** and **The Bodyguard** Arranged by David Maddux Featuring Guest Dancers Choreography by **Michael Nickerson-Rossi**

XANADU

from *Xanadu* Music & Lyrics by Jeff Lynne, Arranged by David Maddux Special Appearance by **Zac Bohannon & Friends**

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BEING ALIVE!

from **COMPANY** Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Arranged by Mac Huff **Dave Sanchez**, soloist

RAISE YOU UP/JUST BE

from *Kinky Boots* Music & Lyrics by Cynthia Lauper, Arranged by Tim Sarsany **Patrick Wallace** & **Joseph Neal**, soloists

GUEST ARTIST



Sharon McNight

Sharon McNight began her career in San Francisco and made her Broadway debut in 1989 in *Starmites,* creating the role of Diva. She received a Tony[®] nomination as "Best Leading Actress in a Musical" for her performance and is the recipient of the coveted Theatre World Award for "Outstanding Broadway Debut" and a Hirschfeld drawing of her character.

She has six solo recordings to her credit, and has played from Moose Hall to Carnegie Hall, from Los Angeles to Berlin. She has won two Lifetime Achievement awards, a Bistro award, a New York Nightlife award, and six San Francisco Cabaret Gold awards. Her eclectic repertoire ranges from blues to country to good old-fashioned entertainment.

The Los Angeles Times called her "one of the great wonders of the musical stage." She is most noted for her movie

reenactment of *The Wizard of OZ* and for being one of the few real women to impersonate Bette Davis. Ms. McNight received her Master of Arts degree in direction from San Francisco State University and was a master teacher on the faculty of the Cabaret Conference at Yale University.



Michael Nickerson-Rossi, Choreographer

Michael Nickerson-Rossi's choreography and educational impact is vastly valuable and is nationally and internationally renowned.

Michael launched and founded his dance company, "Nickerson-Rossi Dance," in 2011. His firm belief in charitable and educational benefits propelled Michael to incorporate his company into a non-profit 501c3. The non-profit mission of Nickerson-Rossi Dance is to provide dance programs

to youth, young adults and adults that focus on dance education, dance as a therapeutic value, and access to professional performances.

The growth of the International Dance Festival inspired Michael to move to Palm Springs full time and establish the Palm Springs Dance Academy. The Academy is the official school of the Nickerson-Rossi Dance Company, where they provide comprehensive dance education for pre-professional dancers and to serve the community with enrichment, outreach, home school and after school dance programs. Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House is Michael's current expanding vision. He is excited to share cultural and diversified dance programming into the Coachell Valley. This dance theater has allowed us to curate sustainable dance and art programming. Michael's current endeavor and vision is Nickerson-Rossi's Dance House, his home venue to curate dance and art programming in Palm Springs, California. NickersonRossiDance.com

INTO THE WOODS ACT I MEDLEY CAST

Narrator
Cinderella
Cinderella's Father
Stepmother
Florinda
Lucinda John O'Connell
Jack Marc Confer
Jack's Mother
Milky-White Mark Wilson
Baker
Baker's Wife
Red Riding Hood Patrick Wallace
WolfJoe Nelson
Witch

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> PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS Jerry R. Soria-Foust, Artistic Director

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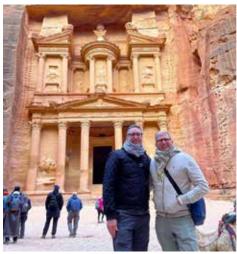






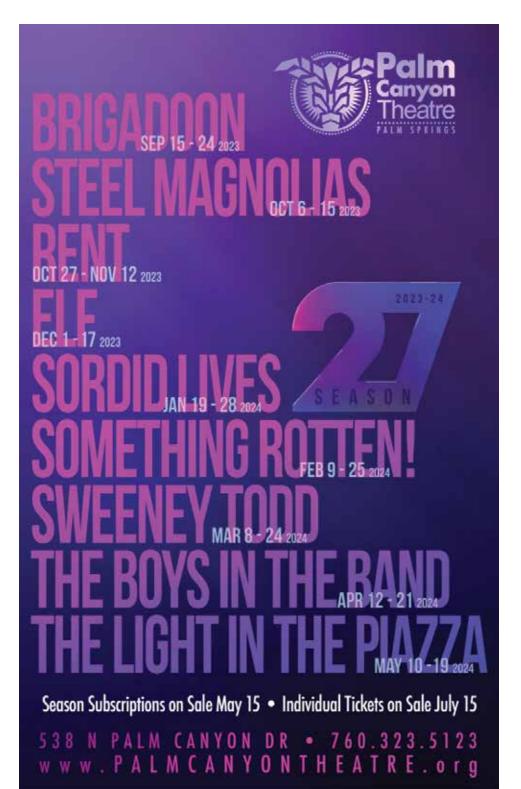
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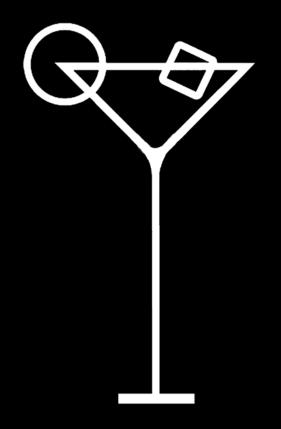




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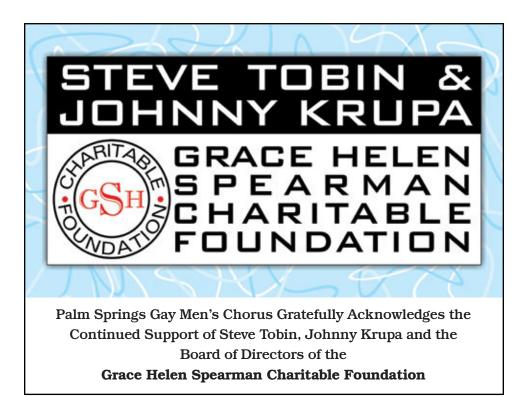
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