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## Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Brings "Notorious!" to the Annenberg Stage

## **Special Guest Artist Sharon McNight to Perform**

(Palm Springs, CA) March 30, 2023... The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus (PSGMC) is ecstatic to announce their spring concert, "Notorious" The Leading Ladies Who Rock Our Worlds for three incredible shows April 28-30, 2023. Always looking for ways to collaborate, PSGMC has invited legendary singer and cabaret performer Sharon McNight to share the stage at their performance home, the Palm Springs Art Museum Annenberg Theater.

"NOTORIOUS! is a celebration of iconic, strong female characters from stage and screen. Divas, leading ladies and villains, we've got them all, including songs from Hello Dolly, Dreamgirls, Xanadu, Company, Kinky Boots and The Wiz, just to name a few. Our special guest artist, Sharon McNight, is the perfect fit for this show, having been Tony® nominated for her unforgettable role as the Diva in Starmites in 1989. She is truly a living legend, and we are thrilled to partner with her for this concert! We're also excited to have Michael Nickerson-Rossi as our choreographer, producing a mash-up from Chicago. The chorus is sounding better than ever, and with the professional production elements, choreography, small orchestra and the gorgeous setting of the Annenberg Theatre, this is the must-see concert of the Spring," said Jerry R. Soria-Foust, Artistic Director, PSGMC.

Audiences will not want to miss this incredible program with the best scores from Broadway, film and TV. PSGMC concerts do sell out in advance, so we encourage patrons to purchase their tickets early. CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!

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.

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is under the Artistic Direction of Jerry R. Soria-Foust. Joel Baker is the Principal Accompanist and Martin Coogan provides ASL.

## **About Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus:**

Through musical excellence, community outreach, and civic responsibility, the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, seeks to entertain, inspire, and educate 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>.