

# COMING SOON!

**Celebrating America !!**  
*"The Song of America"*

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6/30 7PM

7/2 7PM

7/3 3PM

7/4 3PM



Upcoming Calendar of Shows

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6/30 7PM

*"The Song of America"*

7/2 7PM

*"The Song of America"*

7/3 3PM

*"The Song of America"*

7/4 3PM

*"The Song of America"*

8/3 3PM

Virtual CD Concert of the

Voz Vaqueros

*"The Singing Men of Las Cruces"*

*"1976 Bicentennial Show"*

8/15 7 PM

*"Gee 'n Ess & 'I'"*

8/16 3 PM

*"Gee 'n Ess & 'I'"*

8/19 7 PM

*"Gee 'n Ess & 'I'"*

Voz Vaqueros *"Songs We Like to Sing"* Virtual Concert

9/6 2PM

9/13 7PM

More shows in October to December

See Attached Booklet

*"Peter and the Wolf"*

*"Voz Vaqueros Christmas Music"*

*"Laudate Dominum"*

*"Be! Productions Dance Show"*

*"A Session With Gordon Butler"*

*"The Animals' Christmas"*

*"Musical Musings of Christmas"*

*"Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla"*

*"Script-ing' With David Edwards"*

**Venue: All Shows at**

3100 Karen Dr.

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Reservations: Page 13

\$15 - \$25 Family

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Deductible

**4/Arts Productions, Inc.**



Since 2004

come to our shows  
be a Patron

# 4/Arts Productions, Inc.



2025-26 SEASONS

sponsor a student  
be in a show !

## "What Americans Know & Celebrate" — in Story, Song & Dance 2025-2026

15 different shows --- 75 performances!

15 different shows in **Story, Song & Dance** featuring Americans' "received culture" from the **Greeks**, **Romans**, the **Church**, the **Spanish**, 100 years of "**pop culture**," great **Poets** and **Authors**, classical figures, and **holidays lore**

You can help !

### 4/Arts Student Honorarium Program,

For creation of Art, Music, Dance, and Narration (see page 9 and 12)

Show #

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### Show #1 "Gee 'n Ess & 'I'" (Page 2)

Featuring  
the remarkable artistic  
characterizations by  
Flo Hosa Dougherty



Costumes by Terri Hubert

Choreography by Brandi Losada Johnston



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Special showings --- Show #7 see page 9  
July 2025 & July 2026  
Just in time !!

The 2026 Semiquincentennial

## "The Song of America"

by George Jarden

founding history through the Civil War !

— in Stories & Songs —

- ★ The Founders ★ Big Events
- ★ Revolution ★ Black Heroes & Heroines
- ★ Abolitionist Heroes & Heroines
- ★ Abraham Lincoln



4/Arts productions, Inc, a 501(c)(3) corporation "dedicated to the promotion of the Arts in southern New Mexico and schools.

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# Show #1 – "Gee 'n Ess & 'I'"



## The "Gee!"... & "Ess!"ence!... of Gilbert & Sullivan

George Jarden as "I" --- at George's home living room stage venue (see page 3)  
"Live" Show --- & Virtual – Projected from the Show's DVD on-screen

The 2025 – 2026 shows will be a mix of "live" bits by George, projected Vignettes of the original production

### Show Dates 2025

Fri 8/15 7 PM  
Sat 8/16 3 PM  
Tue 8/19 7 PM

by  
George Jarden

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Fri 8/14 7 PM  
Sat 8/15 3 PM  
Tue 8/18 7 PM

In today's performance, "I" will - sometimes - play live, along with projected video & sound of his "other selves" (from the 2010 show) – and also –we'll see & hear him projected from other parts of the DVD of the original show.

### History

#### 2010 PR Release:

**Gee 'n Ess & "I"** is a one-man musical show **five years** in the making that highlights 11 of the light comic operas of W.S. Gilbert ("Gee") and Arthur Sullivan ("Ess") including: The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S. Pinafore. The show is a culmination of community talent, years of planning and a deep appreciation for Gilbert and Sullivan and the *impact* they had on the **Arts** (all "4" of them!).

- see full description of the whole show and pictures at [GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-photos](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-photos)

★★★

You can see a trailer of "Gee 'n Ess & 'I'" by going to  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-video-trailer](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-video-trailer)

### History

#### More 2010 Press:

"Gee 'n Ess & 'I'" is unique in its delivery. The live, on-stage "I" (that is, George Jarden) (who wrote the show along with director David Edwards), sings, dances, acts and interacts with himself in pre-videoed musical and dramatic vignettes (played by himself) projected above the stage. Also on video are a variety of still-art cartoons and caricatures by Flo Hosa Dougherty, and text titles and notes identifying songs and moments, complementing the on stage and moving video action. "Gee 'n Ess & 'I'" features portions of some 70 G&S songs and acting bits, and a like number of roles!



30 costume  
changes by  
"I"

"I have a song to sing, o!"  
The Jester  
"The Yeomen of the Guard"

Over Easter and Mother's Day weeks, 2010, "I" and 4/Arts Productions - a nonprofit corporation - dedicated to fostering the Arts among youth, presented 10 performances, including **two free shows for area schoolchildren**, at the historic Rio Grande Theatre, on the Downtown Mall, Las Cruces. See all about the 2004 show at

[GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-photos](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/4-arts-photos)



"I am the captain of the Pinafore"  
"H.M.S. Pinafore, or  
The Lass That Loved a Sailor"



"I'm called Little Buttercup"  
"H.M.S. Pinafore, or  
The Lass That Loved a Sailor"



British Dragoon  
"...is not this ridiculous!"  
"Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride"

**Director** – David Edwards

**Costumes** – Terri Hubert

**Video** – Ben La Marca

Rajeev Khandan

**Choreography** – Brandi Lozada Johnston, Studio Be!

**Audio Recording / Video Projection** – David Wheeler, Studio 603

**IT** – Alex Sainz, Alex Tech Support



## Show #2 – “Twice Told Tunes & Tellings”



Yak yak!



& more yak!

### What is "Twice-Told Tunes and Tellings"?

Our "Received Culture"  
Songs, Events, Stories, Poems, Narrations, Speeches  
The gay, the lovely, the sad, the poignant, the powerful -  
Bad and happy-times – war and peace times  
*All in one show.*

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### Talk about “received culture“!??

- **Senior citizen?** Relive “the things of the olden days.”
- **Gen x?** Hear what your grandparents and (?) Parents have sung about and talked about!
- **Gen Alpha?** Hear some really cool stuff that probably even your parents haven’t heard!

See the "*Stump George List*" of over 200 stories, poems, songs, events, etc.  
- which you can request George to perform  
at [GeorgeJardenShows.com](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com)

In the casual comfort of his home Living Room Stage,  
89 y/o George Jarden sings and narrates his way through  
- - - "a world of remembrances" - - -

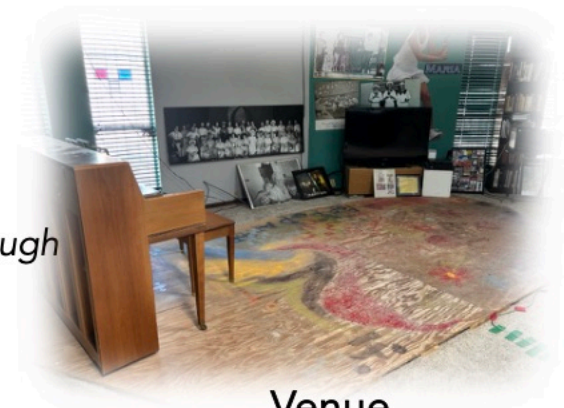
Songs and Choruses and Writings and People  
he and the world have admired and loved  
Pop tunes and Ballads and stories of three centuries!

- Marches and Symphonies (yes, he sings songs without words!)
- Famous Quotes and Narrations from 1700s through the 2000s.

**\*\* a lively journey through the old and new \*\***

### Jarden Says

"This is not a flashy stage show, with lively dancing, showy costumes, flashing lights, striking singing and brilliant acting! - - but it's not a lecture! And don't think I think I'm a singer! I "recall" songs. (See my note on this at <https://GeorgeJardenShows.com/george-on-george>)



### Venue

All Shows  
3100 Karen Dr.  
University Estates  
Seats 35

### Show Dates **2025**

Thu 6/19 7 PM  
Sat 6/21 3 PM

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3100 Karen Dr.  
Reservations: Page 13  
\$15 - \$25 Family  
Donation Tax  
Deductible

### Show Dates **2026**

Thu 6/18 7 PM  
Sat 6/20 3 PM

# Show #3 – "Romancing The Shade"



Who... ? 'd-ja  
ever hear that  
before ?!!

## George Jarden Romancing the SHADE

Wow! Maybe I'm  
almost there !!



TELLINGS  
&  
TUNES

Orpheus  
Eurydice

"Master of My Fate!"  
"INVICTUS"  
I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE

### Show Dates 2025

Sun 6/22 3 PM  
Mon 6/23 7 PM  
Sat 11/1 7 PM  
Sun 11/2 3 PM  
Sat 2/7 7 PM  
Sun 2/8 3 PM

Venue: All Shows at  
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### Show Dates 2026

Sat 1/3 3 PM  
Sun 1/4 7 PM  
Wed 3/4 7 PM  
Wed 3/11 7 PM

Art  
Opera

Here's More "Received Culture"

A WORLD OF WONDERMENT OF WHAT COMES NEXT !!??

"OLD MAN RIVER"  
"BILLY BUDD"  
...God bless Captain Vere

Beyond The Sunset

"Eleanor Rigby"  
Chopin "Funeral March"

"Old Man River" ...pull dat rope until your dead...

...?NON COGITO?

Homer/underworld/Odyssens/Hades

Hades

Pascal – "when the universe is crushing him"

"Here's a howdy -do" ...let the bitter tears I'm shedding...

...Cyrano/Roxane...Rostand...

"My Grandfather's Clock" ...and it stopped! Short! When the old man died!

"When they ring those Golden Bells  
for you and me"

"Ho-jotoho!!" - The Valkyries' Ride

Dia dz los Muzrtos



"The King Must Die"  
Elton John

The Last Rose of  
Summer

"Out, out, brief candle"

~THE STYX~

"The Burial of Sir John Moore"

"Killing Me Softly..."

Tuonela - Strauss

"He's got a little list...and they'll none of 'em be missed!"

Nirvana Valkyries- "Ho-jotoho!"

~THE SIRENS~

~THE LORELEI~  
Shipwrecks

"T'it Willow"

"How Do I Love Thee" ...even more after Death...

Centuries of "The Inevitable"

"THE DIVINE COMEDY" • "PARADISE LOST"  
THANATOLOGY OF THE AGES  
"THANATOPSIS"

"Then I Submit...let it be done..." John Brown -  
his speech before hanging for treason



## Show #4 – “The Animals’ Christmas”

### MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES

To the beautiful music of **Jimmy Webb**, played by the **London Symphony Orchestra**, and sung by the **4/Arts productions’ Cast of characters** we hear

- Saint Luke: the annunciation, the angel Gabriel, “Hail! Thou who are favored among woman!” • “The Creatures of the Field” comforting Mary; “...the owl said ‘Whoo?’” • the cricket’s “Simple Little Tune” (played on his violin)

Through the fetching, touching, whimsical offerings of a dozen other animals about Jesus’ manger scene: - - and

- the Wise Men and their camels • the *terrible* king Herod! • and on to “**The Wild Geese**” guiding Joseph, Mary, and the newborn child to safety in Egypt!

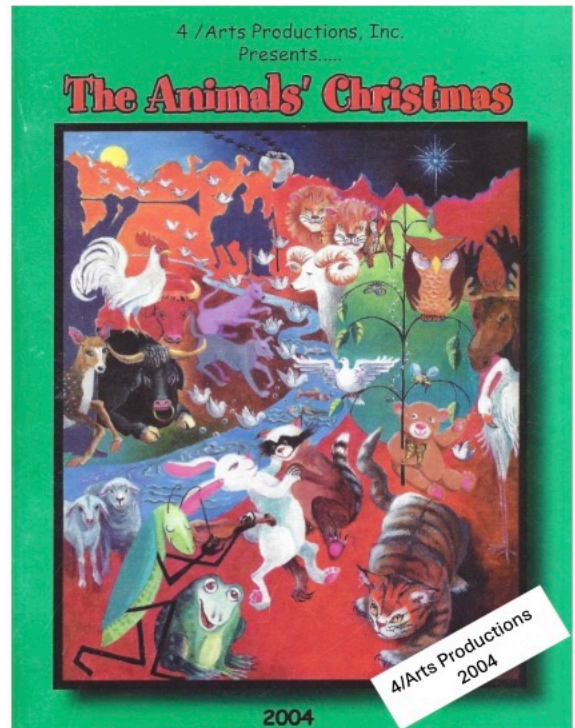
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Sun 12/7 3 PM  
Mon 12/8 7 PM  
Fri 12/12 7 PM  
Sat 12/13 3 PM  
Mon 12/15 7 PM  
Tue 12/16 7 PM

#### Show Dates **2026**

Sun 12/6 3 PM  
Mon 12/7 7 PM  
Fri 12/11 7 PM  
Sat 12/12 3 PM  
Mon 12/14 7 PM  
Tue 12/15 7 PM

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Painting 2010 by Las Cruces Artist Flo Hosa  
Dougherty for 4/Arts Productions

## The 4/Arts Productions Children's Chorus -- Community Singers And Actors --

### Back by popular Request!

- 4/Arts production of “The Animals’ Christmas” by Jimmy Webb.
- First world-premiered by 4/Arts Productions in Las Cruces in 2004 at NMSU
- As a musical cantata created by Jimmy Webb, it existed only musically, starring Art Garfunkel and Amy Grant, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the Kings College, Cambridge England Children's Choir
- until George received permission from Jimmy Webb to produce it as a stage show in 2004

Grade school and high school students and - adults - are invited to be a part of this production

- as singers/players, and costumers, scenery makers.

Rehearsals will begin mid- September, 2025

**A first organizational meeting** will be held **Sunday, September 7, 2025, 2:00 PM**

- see return postcard for “sign up” to be notified of first meeting for participants and organizers.
- And for notification of dates of auditions in September 2025

{ The Cantata “The Animals' Christmas” can be heard by  
going to “**YouTube, The Animals’ Christmas Jimmy Webb**” }

It was for the 2004 Production of “The Animals' Christmas” that community members formed  
4/Arts Productions, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) non-profit  
to foster the Arts in Southern New Mexico – for “students of all ages.”



## Show #5 – “The Bicentennial” - 1976

### VIRTUAL CONCERT – from the CD

In 1976, Voz Vaqueros, *The Singing Men of Las Cruces*, spearheaded Southern New Mexico's **American Bicentennial Celebration!**

- The story, photos, at [www.GeorgeJardenShows.com/Voz-Vaqueros](http://www.GeorgeJardenShows.com/Voz-Vaqueros) •

- The men recorded 38 songs about Americana ••

- Come, **listen**, and (if you like) **sing along** with the men •

(we 'll supply you the **actual music the men used!**)

As we play these timeless songs, celebrating America and Americana, including “America The Beautiful,” “Paul Revere’s Ride,” “This Land Is Your Land,”

“Home On The Range,” “We Shall Overcome,” **dozens of folk and country western songs** and “Where In The World But in America!”

For “all about” the history and activities of Voz Vaqueros, *The Singing Men of Las Cruces* go to [www.Georgejardenshows.com/Voz-Vaqueros](http://www.Georgejardenshows.com/Voz-Vaqueros) - - **many photos there also!**

#### Show Dates **2025**

Wed 6/25 7 PM

Fri 6/27 7 PM

Sun 8/3 3 PM

On the  
Downtown  
Mall July 4,  
1976

**Venue: All Shows at 3100**  
Karen Dr.  
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••• children joining in •••

#### Show Dates **2026**

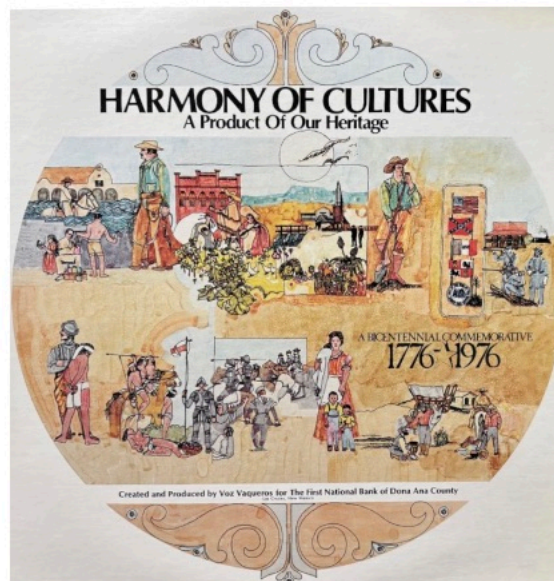
Wed 6/10 7 PM

Fri 6/26 7 PM

Sun 8/2 3 PM

It's a Small World  
Your Land And My Land  
Rock-a My Soul / O Mary Don't You Weep  
Joy To The World  
Paul Revere's Ride & Concord Hymn  
Home On The Range  
Wagon Wheels  
God Bless America  
When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again  
Battle Hymn of the Republic  
The Star-Spangled Banner  
How Great Thou Art  
Eres Tu  
Medley Of Country Favorites  
Little Arrows  
This Land is Your Land

See list of all 34 songs at  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com)



The 3-Record Bicentennial Album



# VOZ VAQUEROS

*The Singing Men of Las Cruces*

## Virtual Concerts

- Through 40 years - 1971 to 2001 - Voz ("voice of") Vaqueros ("Cowboys") formed by George Jarden in 1971 and conducted by him, gave hundreds of performances to packed houses in Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico
- Included in their 15 CDs over the years are hundreds of likable songs of all types
- **love songs** • **ballads** • **specialty solo acts** • **sacred music** • **country** • **"glee club" songs**

### Show #6 – "Voz Vaqueros Christmas Music"

*Virtual Concert - Listen, and (if you like) sing along*  
you will be supplied with the **actual music the Men used**  
as we play these timeless Christmas Classics

including • "O Come, All Ye Faithful" • "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" • "The Little Drummer Boy" • "Jingle Bells"

• "The Hallelujah Chorus" and so many other classics,  
including • "Feliz Navidad!"

• "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" ... and

• "Ven a Mi Casa Esta Navidad" (Come To My House This Christmas) • "Ave Maria" • "O Sanctissima"

We'll try to honor **requests** if we can!

Show Dates **2025**

Fri 12/18 7 PM

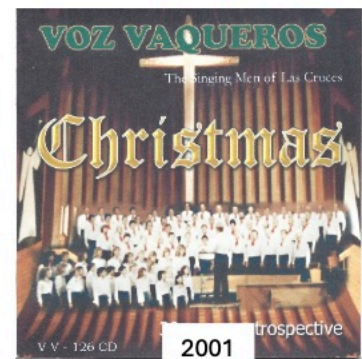
Sat 12/19 2 PM

Show Dates **2026**

Fri 12/18 7 PM

Sat 12/19 2 PM

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### Show #7 – "Laudate Dominum" – Virtual Concert

**Voz Vaqueros Sing**

**"Greatest Hits of the Latin Liturgy"**

-- and other church music --

*Virtual Concert - Listen, and (if you like) sing along*  
(you will be supplied with the **actual music the Men used**)

as we play these timeless Catholic, liturgical classics  
recorded by Voz Vaqueros, including • "Kyrie Eleison,"

• "Adoramus Te Christe" • "Ave Maria," (3 versions)

• "O Sanctissima," • other church music

Show Dates **2025**

Mon 11/3 7 PM

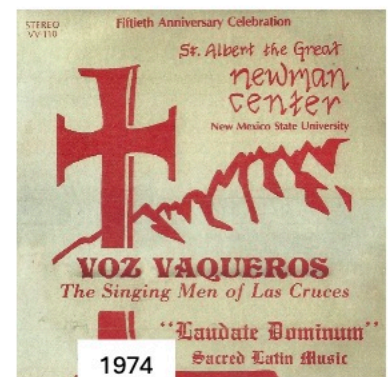
Tue 11/4 7 PM

Show Dates **2026**

Mon 11/2 7 PM

Tue 11/3 7 PM

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# More Virtual Voz Vaqueros Concerts

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## Show #8 – “Songs We Like To Sing”

– From the CD –  
*Virtual Concert*

**{ Listen, and (if you like) sing along  
you will be supplied with the  
actual music the Men used }**

Show Dates **2025**

Sat 9/6 2 PM  
Sat 9/13 7 PM

Show Dates **2026**

Sat 9/5 2 PM  
Sat 9/12 7 PM

The show Voz Vaqueros, *The Singing Men of Las Cruces*, were  
**famous for!**

Dozens of songs dating back from the 1980s to old, old beloved  
treasures. Serious and Classical, Country, Western, Vaudeville,  
Patriotic, Americana, songs Americans have always  
**LOVINGLY SUNG!**

Full list of Voz Vaqueros “Songs We Like To Sing” CDs at  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com/voz-vaqueros](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/voz-vaqueros).

## Show #9 – “Easter Sunrise Service in Song”

Show Dates **2026**

Fri 4/3 7 PM  
Easter Sun 4/5 6:50 AM  
**SUNRISE!**

Re-creating 40 years of Voz Vaqueros Easter  
Sunrise Services-in-Song at Young Park, Las Cruces.

**Listen, and sing** (if you like) with the men  
we will supply you with the **music the men actually used** with this  
virtual Easter Sunrise concert, via samplings from 40 years of CDs !  
• “Christ the Lord is risen today, • “Amazing Grace” “The Palms”  
• “Adoramus Te Christe” • “Christ We Do All Adore Thee”  
• more by Bach, Handel, others.

## Show #10 – “Peter and the Wolf”

For children of all ages!

This classic piece demonstrates many of the  
instruments of the Orchestra, was crafted by  
Russians Natalia Sats, and composer Sergei  
Prokofiev in 1936. The music which will be played  
for this performance was recorded in 1936 (the year George Jarden  
was born and given to him) (an old-fashioned 78 rpm vinyl 2-record  
set) at age 3 and launched his fascination with music and culture!

*Jarden will narrate.  
Come!!— Children of all ages!*

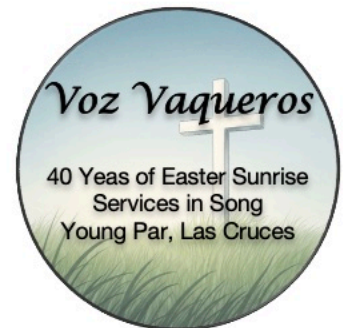
Show Dates **2025**

Sat 10/18 2 PM and 7 PM  
Wed 10/22 7 PM

Show Dates **2026**

Sat 10/17 2 PM and 7 PM  
Wed 10/21 7 PM

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## Show #7 – “The Song of America”



- 2025 - and remember:  
- 2026 is the Semiquincentennial !!

### Our History Sung & Told

From ★ **New World Founding**



★ **Thru the Civil War**

• Songs • Stories • Slides

Set to song are famous poems such as • “Listen My Children and You Shall Hear...”

• “Evangaline” • “O Captain My Captain”

• “Daniel Boone” and 40 others, including • Civil War Songs • Battle Hymn of the Republic

• “Hurrah! For the Bonnie Blue Flag” • Slave Songs • “Go Down Moses” • “Deep River”

You can see a full past program

All About the Show: [GeorgeJardenShows.com/the-song-of-america](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/the-song-of-america)

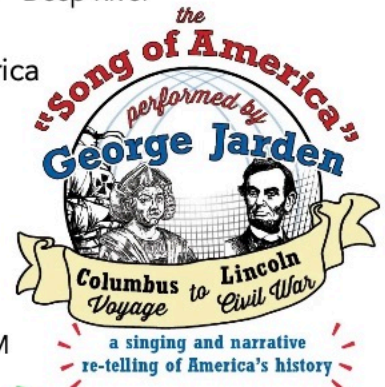
#### Show Dates 2025

Sat 6/28 3 PM  
Mon 6/30 7 PM  
Wed 7/2 7 PM  
Thu 7/3 3 PM  
Fri 7/4 3 PM

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#### Show Dates 2026

Sat 6/27 3 PM  
Sun 6/28 3 PM  
Tue 6/30 7 PM  
Wed 7/1 7 PM  
Thu 7/2 3 PM  
Fri 7/3 7 PM  
Sat 7/4 10 AM and 2 PM



**Included !**

### “The Song of America” 4/Arts Student Honorarium Program

(See Page 12)

**\$25**



**Recite a Poem or Speech**

See Examples at the website !

Or, create **Artwork, Song or Dance**  
or **Original Writing about America**

Selected Honorees will be invited to  
perform – or display – at a  
“The Song of America” Show

**\$25**



SEE • **entry RULES** • Registration at  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com/Honorarium](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/Honorarium)

**Sponsored by 4/Arts Productions**





## Show #12 – “Musical Musing of Christmas”



If you know it! –  
hum it – or sing it  
with me! Don't be  
shy! Your neighbor  
won't mind! - even if  
you mangle the  
words! – it's the  
spirit and joy of the  
season that counts!

See a Sample Program at  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com/music-of-christmastime](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/music-of-christmastime)

### Show Dates **2025**

Sun 12/14 3 PM and 7 PM  
Thu 12/18 2 PM  
Fri 12/19 7 PM  
Sat 12/20 2 PM and 7 PM

### Show Dates **2026**

Sun 12/13 3 PM and 7 PM  
Thu 12/17 2 PM  
Fri 12/18 7 PM  
Sat 12/19 2 PM and 7 PM

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## Show #13 – “Be! Productions Dance & Fitness and Flamenco Class Presentation”

Brandi, about the show:

We are excited to showcase, as part of the 4/Arts Productions, a selection of dances that evolved around Brandi Lozada Johnston Be! Productions dance & fit classes. We will be showcasing a selection of dance pieces that highlight the development, skills, and creativity cultivated in our classes.

As the renowned dancer Pearl Primus beautifully expressed, "Dance is my quest, Dance has been my vehicle, Dance has been my language, my strength. It has enabled me to navigate both visible and invisible social and economic barriers. Dance is my medicine; instead of becoming twisted like a gnarled tree within myself, I can express my anger and tears through movement. I dance not to entertain, but to help people better understand themselves. Through dance, I have experienced the wordless joy of freedom."

In addition to the performances, we will also present a historical perspective on dance, illustrating its innate evolution and significance. Our classes are designed to enhance strength, endurance, agility, flexibility, and creativity. Over time, we witness the emergence of strong, expressive, confident, and joyful participants that can delight us with the art of dance.

We invite you to join us for this celebration of dance and its universal language

**Mid November, 2025 - Dates TBD**

(ask to be kept posted when dates determined)

(See pages 13/14)



**Venue: To be  
Announced**  
Reservations: Page 13

## Show #14 – “Script-ing’ with David Edwards”





Dave and collaborator Ed Montes are writing a script for a movie called “Six Under” and it’s about two old golfing buddies.

They do a reading of this script.



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a la “Rotten Tomatoes” audience will evaluate Dave and Ed’s reading of their new script, and make comments, i.e., you can rate  or  about the script!

In the final show, Dave and Ed will present the revised script, ready for Hollywood!!

For half a century Dave has been a Las Cruces prominent theatre performer, director, and drama educator.

In Spring, 2025, he was graduated with a Film Script Writing Masters Degree from NMSU Department of drama.

Ed is a local actor and amateur astronomer.

Show Dates **2025**  
TBD

**Venue: All Shows at**  
3100 Karen Dr.  
Reservations: Page 13  
\$15 - \$25 Family  
Donation Tax  
Deductible

## Show #15 – “Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla” Christmas Pageant



Show Dates **2025**  
TBD

Show Dates **2026**  
TBD

Los Pastores Del Valle de Mesilla is a holiday drama (mystery play - i.e., dramatizing The Nativity) that was introduced to the New World in the late 16th century by Spanish missionaries. It has been passed down primarily through oral tradition among families in Mexico and the American Southwest.

In the 1960s, Father Juan de Silva, visiting Las Cruces from a Mission in California, introduced “Los Pastores” to Las Cruces families of Mexican / Spanish heritage, at the Holy Cross Retreat.

These families - and now **the third generation of those families** - have been performing it ever since, every Christmas at the Retreat Center.

Captivating audiences are heartfelt songs in Spanish - (translations provided) - including “Las Posadas” (The Lodgings) – (the traditional Spanish reenactment of Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter before Jesus’ birth); “Token las Ponderatas!” (Bang the Cymbals! Make Noise!) - a jubilant celebration of the birth of Christ! ; and “O Precioso Nino” (O! Precious Child).

A poignant, sometimes comical, raucous, English language tale is enacted, including the conversion of the cynical shepherd, Bartolo - the confrontation with the Devil, Lucifer, and the trek of the shepherds to The Nativity, and jubilant ending!

Non-Spanish-speaking as well as Spanish-speaking Las Cruces have been enthralled by this exciting pageant for generations.



# 4/Arts Student Honorarium Program - \$25

For show #7  
**"The Song of America"**  
 (See Page 9)

All Ages

**Sing a song** about America, or any event in American history,  
 Or

**Memorize/Recite**

- Lincoln's Gettysburg address
- Preamble to the Declaration of Independence
- Preamble to the U.S. Constitution
- "Oh Captain, My Captain"
- John Brown's final speech before he was hanged for "treason."

Full Poems / Speeches & Documents at  
[GeorgeJardenShows.com/honorarium](http://GeorgeJardenShows.com/honorarium)

- Or do a speech or event of your choice
- Or - See Dance, Music, Writing at right →



Write an original  
 song or  
 instrumental piece

Create a Visual artwork;  
 Painting, drawing,  
 Ceramic, Sculpture, or  
 other work.



Create and perform a dance,  
 performed to music or spoken  
 word, or "silent dance"/mime  
 relative to an event or some  
 concept about the USA.



Original Writing  
 about America

Selected Honorees will be invited  
 to perform - or display - at a  
**"The Song of America" Show**

## Show #16 – "A Session With Gordon Butler"

Featuring Gordon Butler  
 as he characterizes himself

"violinist, song writer, and would-be autobiographer"

Singing alone, *a cappella*, and with fiddle, guitar, & bass fiddle.

**Venue: All Shows at**  
 3100 Karen Dr.  
 Reservations: Page 13  
 \$15 - \$25 Family  
 Donation Tax  
 Deductible

Of himself, he submits:

Gordon has decided that if he ever publishes his memoir, it will be titled: "Jack Baha'i, A Perpetual Private in God's Army."

This title is because at the age of 21, after an eye-opening experience or two, he decided to convert to the Baha'i Faith - one of the world's newer religions - which began in the city of Shiraz, Iran in **1844**. More recently (it is currently 56 years since his conversion), Mr. Butler decided that - just as Mormons who have some bad success trying to uphold the rules of their faith - are sometimes referred to as "Jack Mormons" - he could be regarded as a "Jack Baha'i." Thus did he select the title above as being suitable for his memoir.

He has played the violin since age 10. He started participating in performances led by his father, Oscar Butler, about age 13 - including performances of the then recently established Las Cruces Symphony. At age 16, he accompanied his father on a year-long sabbatical leave to Vienna, Austria, where he began violin studies which continued in Vienna for 3 years and another partial year in Detmold, Germany under the tutelage of German violinist, Lukas David, and further under Mr. David's teacher and mentor, Tibor Varga (originally from Hungary).

Throughout his life, he has made up songs that occasionally (rarely) have been performed in public and have lingered in his memory - so far - for the duration of that life.

**This performance will include a number  
 of these songs and also a description of their origins.**

A sample of some song titles (in the order that they came to him originally):

**Give to C.A.R.E. - The Brand New Queen of England - The Dark Side of the  
 Moon - It's Going to be a Bitch When It Happens - Nothing - Out At El Patio**

Gordon's son, Max - a music minister in California - and his family, will join Gordon for "The Devil Went Down To Georgia," with violin, guitar, percussion, and vocals.

Show Dates **2025**  
 Wed 11/26 2 PM and 7 PM



# 4/Arts Productions Board of Directors



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I am interested in the following shows

Show #

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- #3 "Romancing the Shade" page 4
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For **dates**, see the  
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### Options:

- Detach, place postage, seal and send USPS Mail
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Show #	Date	# of Attendees
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# _____	_____	_____

### I'd like to help!

- ☐ Scenery ☐ Costumes ☐ Make a Donation  
☐ General Help ☐ Organization/Recruitment ☐ House  
Manager at a Show  
☐ Sing/Act/Costumes, or other ---- in "The  
Animals' Christmas"  
☐ I would like to volunteer, lend services or  
advice, or **serve as a board member of**  
**4/Arts Productions.**

### My Contact Info:

Phone/Text: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I know of a student singer for the  
Four Arts production, December, 2025  
**"The Animals' Christmas."** See Page 5

\_\_\_\_ I can help with **"The Animals' Christmas"**  
with:

- \_\_\_\_ costumes.  
\_\_\_\_ scenery.  
\_\_\_\_ general help, organization, recruitment,  
\_\_\_\_ ushering, other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Performing • Singing



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Check out these cool patron opportunities

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- on the Show programs
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### Donate to "Be a Part of" a Show:

"Cultivate" "My Wild Irish Rose" in "Romancing the Shade"  
show #3 - page 4

Call "kitty, kitty" - "Incredible Phat, the Innkeeper's Cat"  
(He led Joseph and Mary to the manger!) show #4 - page 5

Laud "The Wild Geese" in guiding Joseph and Mary and the Christ  
Child to safety in Egypt !! show #4 - page 5

Sponsor his bow !! (the cricket, on his violin) "played a simple little  
tune" - to comfort, Mary. show #4 - page 5

The Lions, the Owl - and 15 other animals !! - they could use our  
help, in this magical story!! show #4 - page 5

Sponsor the "Stump George" bit in "Twice Told Tunes & Tellings"  
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\_\_\_ date, time "The Animals'  
Christmas" Organization  
Meeting, September, 2025

\_\_\_ dates, times, auditions,  
September, 2025

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shows

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