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Words from the Chairman



GARRY PREGLER Chairman,

Grand Canyon Performing Arts

Welcome to Let Your Spirit Sparkle—a vibrant celebration of music, joy, and the warmth of the holiday season. As your Board Chair, I'm grateful to share this evening with you and to witness the incredible heart our chorus brings to every performance. Tonight reminds us how powerful it is when music connects us, lifts our spirits, and brings light to our community.

This concert captures the magic and sparkle of the season. Our singers, Artistic Director, and creative team have crafted a show filled with humor, beauty, and moments designed to brighten your night. Your support makes this possible. By being here, you help strengthen our mission and ensure we continue building an inclusive, inspiring space for all.

As we step into a new season, your Board remains focused on thoughtful leadership, steady growth, and expanding opportunities for our performers and programs. Together, we are shaping a future rooted in unity, creativity, and purpose.

Thank you for joining us. May tonight fill your heart with joy—and may your spirit truly sparkle.

Remarks from the Artistic Director

To Our Wonderful Guests,

Welcome to Let Your Spirit Sparkle—our festive celebration of music, joy, and holiday magic. This concert is designed to warm the heart, lift the spirit, and remind us how powerful it is when a community comes together to share light during this beautiful season. From nostalgic classics to playful surprises, we've crafted a show that shines with humor, heart, and the unmistakable energy of the Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication and artistry of our singers, volunteers, musicians, and creative team. Every person involved has poured their time, talent, and love into bringing this production to life. It is a privilege to stand beside them and witness their passion illuminate the stage.

Thank you for choosing to spend your evening with us. Your presence, your applause, and your support make all the difference. In a world where queer joy and connection matter more than ever, you help keep our voices vibrant and our mission strong.

May this performance fill you with warmth, wonder, and the bright sparkle of the season. Enjoy the show—and may your spirit shine wherever you go.



ANTONIO LOZANO Artistic Director.

Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus

Grand Canyon Performing Arts Presents

LET YOUR SPIRIT SPARKLE

Featuring Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus & Canyon Echoes

Narrator John Hadad

Storytellers

Dougal Reeves BJ Sosinski

(in order of appearance)

August Butler Gennaro Cuozzo Mark Johnson

Brad Andersen

ACT I

PHXGMC, Dance Troupe		
Carol of the Bells Arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky PHXGMC		
Chanukah in Santa Monica Words ℰ Music by Joshua Jacobson PHXGMC		
Christmastime Is Here		
Thirty Second Fa La La		
Baby, It's Cold Outside arr. Kirby Shaw; TTBB ℰ Band arr. Darlene Larkins PHXGMC		
I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas		
The Man With the Bag/Santa Baby arr. Paul Langford; TTBB & Band arr. Darlene Larkins Canyon Echoes		
Deck the Hall Arranged by Chad Weirick PHXGMC		

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Our Favorite Son — Holiday Edition......arr. Cy Coleman; TTBB & Band arr. Darlene Larkins PHXGMC, Dance Troupe River.....arr. Mac Huff; TTBB arr. Darlene Larkins PHXGMC, Cello Soloist: Gary Delin This Christmas Arranged by Paul Langford Canyon Echoes A La Nanita Nana (with Coventry Carol)...... Arranged by Greg Gilpin PHXGMC Ring Those Christmas Bells....... Arranged by Ryan Murphy PHXGMC. Piano Secando: Dr. Burke Frei Canvon Echoes Soloists: Samuel Manluccia & Samuel Turner Love Is Christmas Arranged by Tim Sarsany PHXGMC Soloist: Steven Gantenbein, Cello Solo: Gary Delin Bashana Haba'ah...... Arranged by John Leavitt **PHXGMC** That's Christmas To Me Arranged by Katy & Penny Clark Canyon Echoes Sing We Now of Christmas...... Arranged by Kyle Pederson PHXGMC. Oboe Soloist: Zach Millwood

DJ Play A Christmas Songarr. Allan Billingsley; Band arr. Darlene Larkins
PHXGMC, Dance Troupe

SONG DEDICATIONS

A LA NANITA NANA - JIM BARNETT

I dedicate this beautiful song to my two dearest friends, Tatjana and Dottie. Tatjana has always had my best interests at heart and was instrumental in my joining the Chorus. Dottie, my friend for over forty years, has always been a source of neverending support. Cheers to you both.

CHANUKAH IN SANTA MONICA - GENNARO CUOZZO

Happy Birthday, Erin! Jared told me how much you like his Jewish family holiday traditions and this song is fun and upbeat just like you! Thank you for being here and supporting us!

DJ PLAY A CHRISTMAS SONG - GENNARO CUOZZO

To my Yoga family at the Foundry.... Thank you for the years of love and support!

LOVE IS CHRISTMAS - BILL RICHARD

In honor of my husband, Dr. Kent Carpenter, and in gratitude for his love and his dedication to healthcare.

THAT'S CHRISTMAS TO ME - MAX KRUEGER

I would like to dedicate this song to my Mom, Dad, Maddy, Nicole, and my wonderful fiancé Justin, because being here with them is Christmas to me.



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Steven Gantenbein Tanner Cook Tony Ludlum Travis Morris Vincent Cortez Wade Baker Wes Scruggs Zach Soule

TENOR 2

Aaron Magill Aaron Stuart Alex Canez BJ Sosinski* Brian Ogden Caedon Pederson Christopher White Craig Matheny Daniel Ortiz David Howell Derik Mortlock* Dougal Reeves Dylan Tully Felipe Mayorga Gilberto Pereira Imran Malik* Jake Forston* Jacob Backer Jason Petroski Jeffrey Lowe

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John Jadwisiak
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5TH SECTION

Aldo Dominguez Donald Card Dyane Haddock Garrett Whitlock Jon Mobley* Jonathan Silva Matt Dixon Nate Rosen Rashad Hassan Tyler Lofton

*Governance Council

Canyon Echoes (ce)

ARTISTIC STAFF & SUPPORT

Antonio Lozano Artistic Director
Darlene Larkins Principal Accompanist/Asst. Artistic Director
Jon Mobley Production Manager
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Billy Coley, Imran Malik, Scott Hindley & Tony Ludlum Choreographers

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Scott Hindley	Head Choreographer
Billy Coley	Choreographer
Imran Malik	Choreographer
Tony Ludlum	Choreographer
Brandon Lippens	Member
Brian Ogden	Member
Gabriel Martinez	Member
Jake Forston	Member
Jason Petroski	Member
Michael Imburgia	Member
Ronnie Williams	Member
Scooter Kohler	Member
Shawn Duquette	Member
Thad Hambrock	Member
Travis Morris	Member
Wes Scruggs	Member

GUEST ARTISTS

Bass Guitar	Max Klein
Cello	Gary Delin
Clarinet/Tenor Sax	D'Art Richard
Drums	Mark Winans
Flute	Lisa Dektor
Oboe	Zach Millwood
Trombone	Stephen Healy
Trumpet 1	David Torres
Trumpet 2	Kurt Finchum
Violin 1	Matthew Wright
Violin 2	Bernadette Smith

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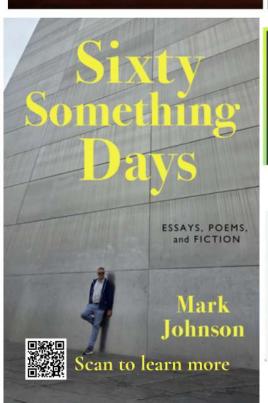
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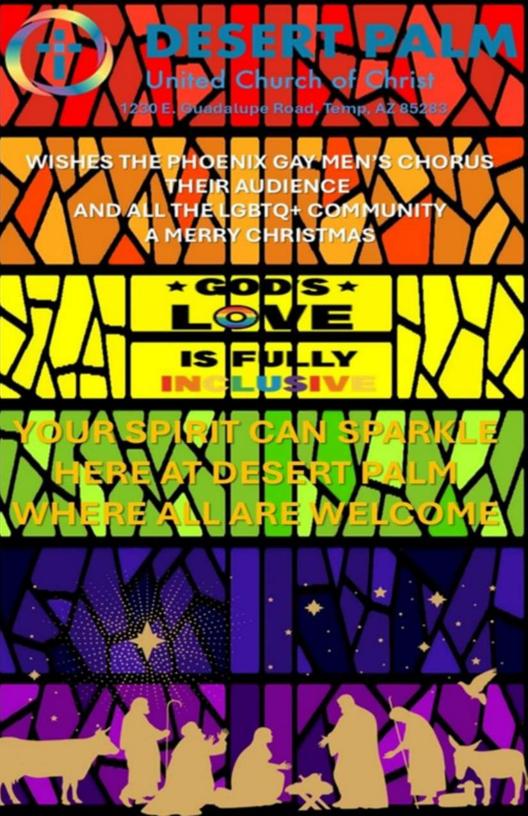
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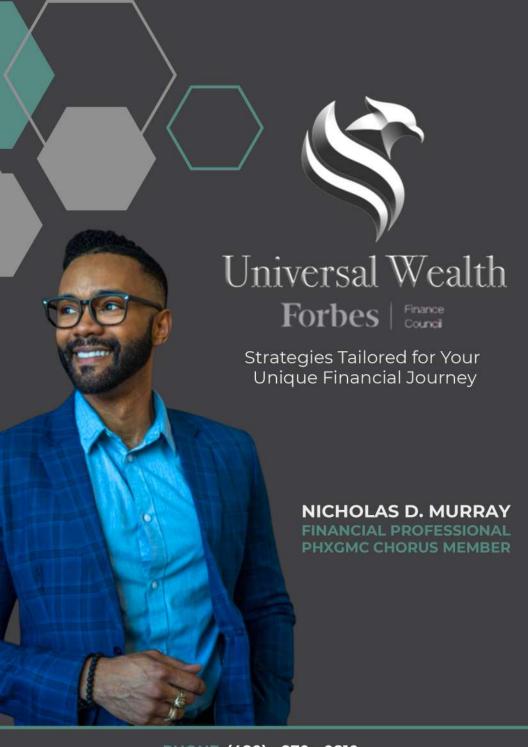
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