## North Valley Chorale

**Eleanor Johnson, Director** 



## Behold!

Church of the Beatitudes 555 W. Glendale Avenue Phoenix, Arizona

December 9, 2017 3:00PM

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## North Valley Chorale About Us

The North Valley Chorale (NVC) is a voluntary, nonprofit **501(c)(3)** organization established in 2008. NVC is dedicated to the cultural, musical, and social enrichment of metropolitan Phoenix and surrounding communities.

The NVC serves the community by providing **affordable and accessible** performances of **choral music** from many traditions, eras, and cultures. Our repertoire ranges from classical to pop, patriotic and Broadway and we have released two CDs.

We are proud to be known as "**the choir that cares.**" Throughout the year we share our gifts of music, companionship and goods with the needy, ill and homeless. We have partnered with many local organizations including St. Mary's Food Bank, Lost Our Home, Feed My Starving Children, UMOM shelters, the Banner Alzheimer Institute (BAI), St. Matthew's School, Duet and senior living communities.

The NVC performs 3 main concerts per year and tours annually. We have performed at the **Kennedy Center** (Washington, DC), **Carnegie Hall** and **Radio City Music Hall** (New Your City, NY), and the **Herberger Theater** and **Orpheum Theater** (Phoenix, AZ). In 2016 we completed NVC's **first international tour**, covering Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Love to sing? Think about joining us for in the new year. We rehearse most Wednesday evenings at the Phoenix Boys Choir, 1131 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix. Next year is our  $10^{\rm th}$  Anniversary Season...so stay tuned for exciting events.

Visit us on the web for more information, to schedule an audition or to donate.

#### Save these Dates for the 2018 season

#### Lux Aeterna

Featuring John Rutter's **Requiem** and the American premier of **Lux**, a commissioned work by Ola Gjeilo Church of the Beatitudes, Phoenix, AZ, February 25, 2018

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#### North Valley Chorale

#### Eleanor Johnson, Director\*

#### Soprano

**Mary Ellen Brooks Patricia Dumovic** Pam Fischer \* **Dinah Gans** Paula Ginkel **Barbara Hoehne** Mary Ann Iagulli \* **Kelly Johnson** Catherine Le Jane Ludlow Aimee Maddeford Anita Murcko \* Michelle Nettle Carolyn Nyland Anna Prassa Michelle Rorvia Carol Rosales \* Julie Rose **Angie Schermitzler Michelle Serries** Sarah Smith **Nicole Speece** Valarie Vousden Jan Wieneke **Bev Zduniak** 

#### **Tenor**

Philip Digati Joe Johnson Peter Lafford Vince Lane Peter Lourie Gervais Neno

#### Alto

Shannon Barrett \* Joyce Brossart **Christine Dermanelian** Katherine Gleason **Kate Krietor Barbara Lafford** Claudia Navarrete Margaret Neno \* **Mary Neuman Terry Palmer** Della Riedel Natalie Rivosecchi **Mara Sevig** Amberly Smith **Janus Torres** Randy Weiss Linda Williamson

#### **Bass**

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Charles Hudson \*
Graham Johnson \*
Craig Metzger
Jim Nicol
Jim Pourchot
John Prosek \*
Stephen Schermitzler
Steven Sugihara
Gary Thomson \*
Mark Wallace \*

**Brad Doebbeling** 

#### \*NVC Board of Directors



Eleanor Johnson is the founding director of the North Valley Chorale (NVC). For over 25 years, Mrs. Johnson has played an important role in Arizona's music community. A testimony to her leadership, NVC has grown from it 2008 start with 12 singers of sacred music to over 60 singers with a repertoire including Broadway, pop, classical and patriotic music. This season, Mrs. Johnson prepared the NVC for the Chorale's

Handel's Messiah performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City and led to group for "ten minutes of fame" on the Radio City Music Hall stage prior to the Rockette's Christmas Spectacular. When not teaching or directing, Eleanor enjoys hiking, gardening, crossword puzzles and travelling with Graham, her love of over 40 years.





## Michelle Nettle, soprano Claudia Navarrete, alto Vince Lane, tenor Stephen Schermitzler, bass

(Please hold applause until the conclusion)

Orchestra

**Overture** 

Comfort Ye my people	Tenor
Ev'ry valley shall be exalted	Tenor
And the glory of the Lord	Chorus
Thus saith the Lord	Bass
But who may abide the day of His coming?	Bass
And He shall purify	Chorus
Behold, a virgin shall conceive	Alto
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion	Chorus
For unto us a Child is born	Chorus
Pastoral Symphony	Orchestra
There were shepherds abiding in the field	Soprano
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them	Soprano
And the angel said unto them	Soprano
And suddenly there was with the angel	Soprano
Glory to God	Chorus
His yoke is easy, and His burden is light	Chorus
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain	Chorus
Amen Chorus	Chorus
Hallelujah	Chorus

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#### Pat-a-Pan Salsa

Traditional Burgundian Carol

Additional Words, Music and Arrangement: Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi Choreography: Steve Sugihara

Shannon Barrett, Steve Sugihara



#### **Away In A Manger**

Anonymous

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick Arr: Mack Wilberg

#### We invite everyone to sing verses 1 and 2 with us.

The Chorale will conclude with verse 3.

#### (All Ladies)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

#### (All Men)

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

(Chorale Only)

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee there.



#### Some Children See Him

Words: Wihla Hutson

Music: Alfred Burt Arr. Joseph Martin

Kelly Johnson

#### See Amid the Winter's Snow

Words: Edward Caswall Music: John Goss Arr. Dan Forrest

#### **Holiday Jazz Interlude**

(Please hold your applause until the end of Jingle Bell Rock)



#### The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Words and Music: Eddie Pola and George Wyle Arr. Kirby Shaw

Choreography: Shannon Barrett

#### I'll Be Home for Christmas

Words: Kim Gannon Music: Walter Kent Arr: Michele Weir

#### **Jingle Bell Rock**

Words and Music: Joe Beal and Jim Boothe

Choreography: Shannon Barrett

Arr: Michele Weir

Music: Lindsay Lafford

#### Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day\*

English Traditional Carol

Orchestra Arrangement: Peter Lafford

#### Dinah Gans, Katherine Gleason, Peter Lafford, Mark Wallace

Composer Note: Dr. Lindsay Lafford (1912-2014) was a professor, recitalist, conductor and composer who moved to Arizona in 1988 where he wrote music till his death at age 101. To honor his father's memory, NVC tenor Peter Lafford created the orchestration, sponsored the bassoonist and is a featured singer.

#### Variations on "Jingle Bells"

Words and Music: John Pierpont Additional Lyrics and Arr: Mark Hayes

Choreography: Shannon Barrett

#### Sarah Smith



#### **Orchestra**



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Melanie Garcia

Kate Krietor<sup>5</sup> Catherine Le

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Karen and Gary Thomson

Flute

Angie Schermitzler Steve Sugihara

Mary Neuman

Percussion

Mary Anne Kremer-Ames Elizabeth Donovan

> Christine Dermanelian Jane and John Prosek Beverly Zduniak<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In memory of Mary Wallace

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#### In Appreciation

**Wardrobe** Mary Ann Iagulli, Barbara Hoehne,

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#### **Message from the Director**

As I write this message, two days before we embark on our New York City tour, I realize just how much I have for which to be thankful.

#### On a professional level:

- The NVC will be performing the Messiah at Carnegie Hall and singing onstage at Radio City before the Rockette's Christmas Spectacular Show.
- The NVC was invited to be the chorus (Townspeople) for 5 performances of the Music Man at our own Orpheum Theatre.
- The Chorale's Broadway Blast had 2 sold-out performances at the Herberger Theatre in May.
- The Chorale has performed multiple times on the FOX morning show.
- The NVC was asked to provide entertainment for Duet annual Poinsettia Tea Dec 10.

#### On a personal level:

- The Chorale Board under Dr. Anita Murcko's leadership continues to amaze me with their passion and commitment. Our charter states that to be a Chorale board member, one must be willing to put in at least 10 hours of extra time a month, but I think that for most of them, it's more like 10 or more hours a week—not including rehearsals.
- I was blessed to have amazing friends help with directing the chorale in my absence this past summer and early Fall. Thanks to Smith Graham, Angie Schermitzler, Stephen Schermitzler and Paul Yoder who just stepped in and did a fantastic job helping to prepare the Chorale for this concert.
- I get to share my love of music with some of the kindest, most talented and certainly most dedicated choristers anywhere. I am truly blessed!

Eleanor Johnson



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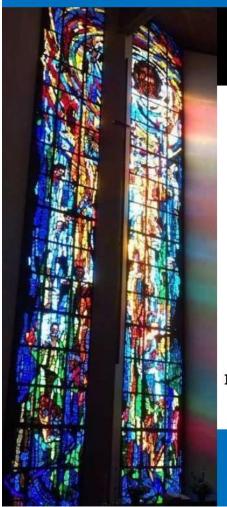
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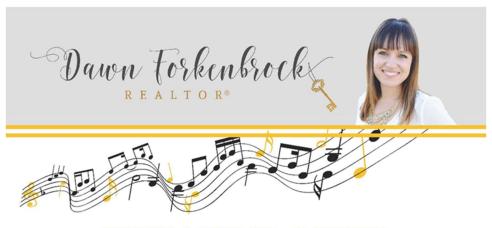
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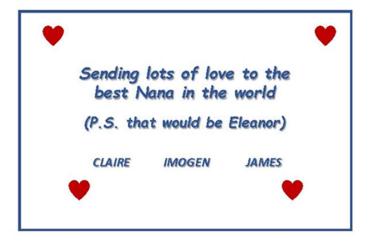
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of all our fathers who have passed on.
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who gifted their love of music to us.
Donald H. Potter
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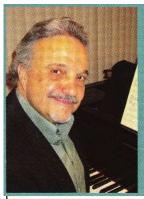
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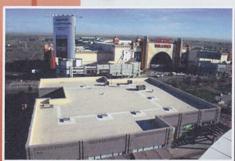
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