



North Valley Chorale presents

American Showcase

**North Valley Chorale
Eleanor Johnson, Director**

Shannon Barrett, Choreographer

**Memorial Hall
Steele Indian School Park
Phoenix, Arizona**

May 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm

May 8, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Video recording and flash photography are strictly prohibited

American Showcase

Act I

It's A Grand Night for Singing

From "State Fair"

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by Richard Rodgers

Arr. By Kirby Shaw

**Smith Graham, Carolyn Nyland,
Stephen Schermitzler, Sarah Smith**



Highlights from Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs, Set 2"

Zions Walls

Revivalist Song

Adapted by Aaron Copland

Arr. by Glenn Koponen

The Little Horses

Lullaby

Adapted by Aaron Copland

Arr. by R. Wilding White

Ching-A-Ring-Chaw

Minstrel Song

Adapted by Aaron Copland

Arr. by Irving Fine



Jazz standard from the "Great American Songbook"

Love Is Here to Stay

Arr. By Michael Frassetto, NVC Composer-in-Residence

Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin

Arr. By Mark Hayes

**Clifton Gray, Michelle Nettle,
Steve Sugihara, Linda Williamson**



American Folk Songs

Shenandoah

From early settlers as they crossed "the wide Missouri" river

Arr. by James Erb

Smith Graham, Sarah Smith, Eric Thomson

Simple Gifts

Traditional Shaker Hymn

Adapted by Aaron Copland

American "Art Song" – classic poetry set to classical music

Annabel Lee

From "Five Songs on Poems by Edgar Allan Poe"

Music by Michael Frassetto, NVC Composer-in-Residence

Vince Lane



Popular Ballads

Over the Rainbow

From "The Wizard of Oz"

Words by E.Y. Harburg

Music by Harold Arlen

Arr. By Mark Hayes

**Shannon Barrett, Kelley Jean Bagby, Pam Fischer,
Dawn Forkenbrock, Katherine Gleason, Carolyn Nyland,
Angela Schermitzler, Randy Weiss**

And So It Goes

Words and Music by Billy Joel

Arr. By Bob Chilcott

Stephen Schermitzler



American Spirituals

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit

Arr. By Moses Hogan

Stephen Schermitzler

Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child

Arr. by Jay Althouse

Eric Thomson

Joshua (Fit the Battle of Jericho)

Adapted and Arranged by Kirby Shaw

Vince Lane

Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton



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June 30 – July 16, 2016

The Chorale's first International tour is this summer, June 30 to July 16. Over 40 singers, family and friends will tour Munich, Germany, Salzburg, Austria (home of Mozart), and take a trip along the Danube to Vienna. The Chorale will join other choirs from around the world in the 3-day "Sing Mit" festival, performing the Mozart Requiem, which NVC performed for their 2016 Spring Concert. The tour concludes in Prague, Czech Republic.

We still have a few open spaces for you to join NVC members, family and friends on this escorted trip to Europe. Enjoy concerts, sightseeing, a trip on the Danube, and an evening dinner cruise on the Vltava. Hear NVC perform in the classic venues of Europe and see cathedrals, museums, medieval towns, and gorgeous scenery along the way.

For a brochure, questions or to register for the trip, please contact NVC Europe 2016 Tour Leader and Board of Directors member, Graham Johnson (gajphx@gmail.com).

American Showcase

Act II

One

From "A Chorus Line"

Music by Marvin Hamlisch

Lyrics by Edward Kleban

We're All In This Together

From "High School Musical"

Words and Music by M. Gerrard & Robbie Nevil

Arr. By Alan Billingsley

Choreography by Maddie Barrett

Angela Barrett, Maddie Barrett, Samantha Barrett

Ava Digati, Sophia Digati, Melanie Nyland

Give Me a Choral Medley

Irreverent Broadway mash-up featuring the Men of NVC

Words and Music by Andy Beck

Smith Graham, Clifton Gray, Vince Lane,

Stephen Schermitzler, Eric Thomson

You Can't Stop the Beat

From "Hairspray"

Lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman

Music by Marc Shaiman

Arr. by Ed Lojeski

West Side Story

Choral Highlights

Arr. By Michael Frasseti. NVC Composer-in-Residence

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Tonight

I Feel Pretty

Maria

Vince Lane

America

One Hand, One Heart

Kelly Johnson, Eric Thomson (Sat)

Phil Digati, Carolyn Nyland (Sun)

Somewhere

Seize The Day

From "Newsies"

Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Arranged by Roger Emerson

Music by Alan Menken

Wicked

Choral Highlights

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Arr. by Mark Brymer

No One Mourns the Wicked

The Wizard and I

Popular

**Kelley Jean Bagby, Maddie Barrett, Shannon Barrett,
Pam Fischer, Dawn Forkenbrock, Katherine Gleason,
Kelly Johnson, Catherine Le, Michelle Nettle,
Carolyn Nyland, Carol Rosales, Julie Rose,
Sarah Smith, Randy Weiss, Linda Williamson**

One Short Day

For Good

Shannon Barrett, Smith Graham

Defying Gravity

Finale



North Valley Chorale

Eleanor Johnson, Director *

Soprano

Kelley Jean Bagby
Mary Ellen Brooks
Pam Fischer
Barbara Hoehne *
Mary Ann Iagulli
Kelly Johnson *
Catherine Le
Margaret McCarthy +
Anita Murcko *
Margaret Neno * +
Michelle Nettle
Carolyn Nyland
Michelle Rorvig
Carol Rosales *
Julie Rose
Angela Schermitzler
Amberly Smith
Sarah Smith
Diane Sullivan +
Valarie Vousden

Tenor

Grant Deger +
Phil Digati
Clifton Gray
Joe Johnson
Vince Lane
Peter Lourie
Peter McLaughlin +
Gervais Neno +
Herbert Schatell
Eric Thomson

Alto

Shannon Barrett
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Christine Dermanelian +
Traci Esposito +
Dawn Forkenbrock
Jennifer Gibson
Katherine Gleason
Mary Neuman
Terry Palmer +
Paula Shepard +
Janus Torres
Randy Weiss
Linda Williamson

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Ralph Dumovic
Smith Graham
Charles Hudson * +
Graham Johnson *
Craig Metzger
Jim Nicol +
John Prosek *
Stephen Schermitzler
Steven Sugihara
Gary Thomson *
Mark Wallace *

Pianist

Stephen Schermitzler

* North Valley Chorale Board Member

+ Not performing this concert

Singing Dance Team

Shannon Barrett, Choreographer

Kelley Jean Bagby
Maddie Barrett
Pam Fischer
Dawn Forkenbrock
Katherine Gleason
Smith Graham
Joe Johnson
Vince Lane

Kelly Johnson
Catherine Le
Michelle Nettle
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Message from the Director

This has been a challenging show to put together because it serves two purposes—our “Broadway” show as well as a preview for our European tour this summer. The title “American Showcase” was chosen for this tour since our goal is to expose European audiences to the folksongs, ballads, spirituals and Broadway music that are uniquely American.

We’ve had exactly two months to prepare for this weekend and my heart is bursting with thanksgiving and pride for this group who have put their “all” into providing you with the best they have to offer.

To the Chorale Members--you’re amazing and I absolutely love working with you and watching you go from—

Week 1 -- “there’s no way I can do this” phase to

Week 4 -- “I’ll never be ready for this show,” followed by

Week 7 -- “I think I almost had that right,” culminating in

Week 8 -- “I nailed it! Now if I can just repeat it!”

What happened in between was work, work and more work, with a bit of laughter tossed in and new friendships forged. Thanks for giving so freely of your time and talent and thanks to your families who support you in this venture.

Special Thanks

Anita Murcko—our president- for her guidance, attention to detail and inspired leadership

Shannon Barrett—our choreographer--for stretching (in more ways than one), the group and challenging us with such creative, fast paced movement. She definitely took it up a notch—and then some!

The Chorale Board—did any one of you realize when you said yes, that it would involve so much work? Thanks for your servant leadership.

Special thanks to Barbara Hoehne –our costume designer who is leaving the board this year and to her daughter, Kelly Johnson, our Outreach coordinator, who is also leaving. You’ve both been with us since Day 1 and have helped build a solid foundation. Your work ethic, kind, loving ways and musical talent have been such an immense blessing to us all. We’ll miss you at the board meetings but are so thankful we’ll still see you each week at rehearsal.

Karen Thomson and all her volunteers—we wouldn’t be able to do these shows without your assistance. Thanks for all the hours spent in preparation, set up & cleanup as well as ticket & raffle sales, table decorations and everything else you do to make these shows not only a performance but an experience.

Mike Frassetto—for “Annabel Lee” –what a gift. You just keep getting better and we’re honored to have you as our “Composer in Residence”.

Stephen Schermitzler—It wasn’t enough that you were asked to sing, dance, and lead sectionals, but then I had the audacity to ask you to accompany the group and how about that hand bell? Thank you for your “yes.” Every group should have such a gift.

Troy Mercer—our sound engineer—I’ve watched you improve with each show you work for us. Thanks for taking time out of your busy life to help us. Please know how much we appreciate you & your hard work.

Eleanor Johnson

In Appreciation

Composer-in-Residence	Michael Frassetti
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Catherine Le

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Carol Rosales
Gary Thomson and Margaret Neno
Drs. Mark Wallace and Anita Murcko (2)
Randy Weiss and Michelle Nettle
Linda Williamson

Sunday

Shannon Barrett
Phil Digati
Pam Fischer
Kelly Johnson
Larson Associates
Peter Lourie

Margaret Neno
Michelle Nettle and Steve Sugihara
John Prosek (2)
Michelle Rorvig
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So many ways to write this poem, I'm not sure where to start.
I thought of using some big words, to make myself sound smart.

So many things I want to say, but oh so little time.
So many things to share with you, and now they have to rhyme.

I know just how I want to sound, and how it all should be,
But the many different ways I tried, none sounded quite like me.

So with that said, I'll take a chance, and do this my own way.
Cause words spoken from the heart, are the truest ones to say.

Mom, you gave us more than life, you taught us how to live.
You gave to us so many hours, when you had so little time to give.

You encouraged us to be ourselves, and let us have our fun.
You let us have our freedom, as long as we were home, before the setting sun.

Sometimes you had to punish us, for doing some strange things
Like making giant spider webs, out of Dad's old fishing strings.

Or like the time we thought it funny, to lock out our little sis,
And yet you still loved us, and forgave us even this.

You could always make a gourmet feast, from whatever you had near.
So many times I've tried the same, but end up with pizza and beer.

You always kept our clothes so clean, and that's no easy chore.
Since one of our favorite things was mud, after a good downpour.

You always let us just be kids, and run and shout and play.
Regardless of the havoc it wreaked, on your own sanity.

You had a sense of humor that we would always test.
Like when we found a snake or bird that had fallen from its nest.

Well today's the day to show you Mom, just how much we really care.
But with all the things you do for us, one day does not seem fair.

So know this mom that though this day comes round just once in May
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Kelly,

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We will miss you both on the Board.

With hugs and best wishes from the NVC Board and

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Spring 2013

Spring 2016

Ava Digati, Angela Barrett, Melanie Nyland, Maddie Barrett, Samantha Barrett, Sophia Digati

**NVC is proud to recognize the members of our Youth
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Melanie, daughter of Carolyn Nyland (NVC soprano)

Ava and Sophia, daughters of Phil Digati (NVC tenor)

**Angela, Maddie, and Samantha, daughters of
Shannon Barrett (NVC alto and choreographer)**

Special recognition goes to **Maddie Barrett who has served NVC the past 4 years as assistant choreographer, dance coach, singer and usher. She is the current and past recipient of the NVC Student Music Scholarship. She graduates this year from Desert Mountain High School and has been accepted to Chapman University Honors College as a Music Composition major in the Hall-Musco Conservatory of Music.**

**Congratulations Graduate!
From your fans and friends at the North Valley Chorale**

North Valley Chorale

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NVC Holiday Concert

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