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presents

“Christmas Memories”

December 13, 2015





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Verde Valley Voices expresses its gratitude to the people of the Verde Valley who enthusiastically support its effort to bring quality entertaining choral music to the area.

We want to especially thank:

- ◆ Father David Kelash and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for the use of the church for this concert
- ◆ Mountain View United Methodist Church for the use of it’s church for our weekly rehearsals
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And for sharing their talents with us,

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This concert is dedicated to
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The Verde Valley Voices

The Verde Valley Voices present two concerts each year; one during the holiday season, and the other in late spring. You can hear the Voices performing at various events throughout the year including Verde River Days in September, and Christmas caroling in Sedona and at area nursing homes during the holiday season. The Verde Valley Voices will begin practice for their Spring concert on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Mountain View United Methodist Church. Come join us for great music and even more FUN!

Visit our website www.verdevalleyvoices.org

Verde Valley Voices

Organized in 1997, the Verde Valley Voices is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote artistic self-expression through choral music in a non-audition group for all ages.

It offers the creative process of making music in fellowship, musicianship, and choral performances for the greater Verde Valley community. Our common goal is to grow collectively as a group and individually as choral singers.

This chorale of 75+ singers enralls its audience with a variety of works, ranging from Handel's Messiah, Broadway show tunes, to music from around the world.

Each concert features local musicians, such as the Cottonwood Community Band, other adult and children's choirs, as well as works by local composers.

The Verde Valley Voices could not perform for you, our audience, without the dedication of the following people, who generously provide their time and expertise both in leadership positions and behind the scenes.

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Kristine Follett
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Cynthia Johnson

Joy Simons



Music Director and Conductor

Joy graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education. While she was in college, Joy held a choir director position at Harrisonburg United Methodist Church. She has been involved in music ever since, teaching in public schools, working for churches, and leading community choirs – large and small.

Joy has lived in the Verde Valley since 1988 and has been active in the music community. She has taught at Mingus Union High School and Yavapai College. Additionally, Joy has worked for the Verde Valley Concert Association as Executive Director, and previously held the position of Director of Music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for 25 years. During this time, Joy has recorded several CDs and has directed and sung in several small community groups. Most recently, in 2001, Joy graduated from NAU with a Masters of Music.

Joy currently lives in Cottonwood with two dogs and two cats. “My ‘family’ has learned the secret to happiness at our house – don’t complain when mommy is practicing her music!”

Your support is vital to the continued performances and programs offered to the people of the Verde Valley community.

Your contribution will be acknowledged in the next two concert programs (if desired). The following are *Friends of the Verde Voices* for this concert season:

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*In memory of Founder Mary Johnson

Thank You!

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Donate Now... your tax deductible contribution to *Verde Valley Voices* is greatly appreciated. Just fill out the form below and mail to:

Verde Valley Voices, PO Box 2385, Cottonwood, AZ 86326-2385.

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Thank you. Verde Valley Voices, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, with contributions received tax deductible as allowed by law.

The Verde Valley Voices

Director
Joy Simons

Accompanist
Nancy Bright

Sopranos

Bailey, Kathi
Benjamin, Gayle*
Bolton, Kim
Brennan, Marianne*
Bullock, Laurie
Clark, Patricia
Duncan, Cecilia*
Dwyer, Elaine
Emerson, Beverly
Emmett, Cindy
Johnson, Cynthia
Lacher, Susan
Larson, Susie
McBride, Colleen
Nix, Carol
Osher, Barbara
Raburn, Helene
Ringle, Cindy
Schenholm, Sandi
Schick, Willie
Smith, Julie
Smutterberg, Jude
Sperger, Dottie
Turner, Ruth
Waak, Marianna
Warren, Linda
Webb, Phyllis
Wise, Evelyn
Witcher, Carolyn
Zuercher, Marny*

Altos

Anderson, Leonor
Canteloupe, Marilyn
Canther, Kristi
Drake, Karen
Dumitru, Alma
DuPont, Therese
Farraro, Lois
Follett, Kristine
Gemmill, Dinah
Gerlach, Lorraine
Haggard, Maureen
Harris, Lyn*
Henry, Becky
Hill, Eunice*
Jarvis, Pat
Knoepfle, DeVona
Lemire, Countess
O'Regan, Karen
Packer, LaFaye
Rasmussen, Cathy
Sydow, Eileen
Vogel, Linda
West, Rosie
Wilson, Kathleen
Wood, Trish

*Team Leaders

Tenors

Baker, Jake
Braithwaite, Georgia*
Eidson, David*
Gerlach, Jeff
Minnick, Mary Ann
Roberts, Deb
Roberts, Stan
Schick, Terry
Schnack, Theresa
Trumble, Jo Anne
Vogel, Dell
Westfling, Casey

Basses

Arney, Craig
Fullerton, Kent
Haggard, Ray
Harmon, Joan
Hartley, Dennis
Kavet, Alex
Pinckney, Charles
Rees, Fred*
Rosenfeld, Paul
Trumble, Rodney
Witt, Bill

Nancy Bright



Pianist

Nancy has been the Accompanist for The Verde Valley Voices for many years. Nancy received her music and business degrees from Arizona State University, graduating Cum Laude. Often heard performing or accompanying, she enjoys a wide variety of musical opportunities throughout the Verde Valley.

Currently, Nancy is the Pianist, Organist and Choir Director at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church where she has served for over 20 years. She remains very active in accompanying instrumentalists, vocalists, ensembles and choirs in schools, churches and special programs in the community. She is often called on for her expertise at weddings and memorial services.

Nancy has been the pianist in many productions for several theatre companies, school productions, recitals and fundraising concerts. She has extensive experience as a solo keyboardist and as a collaborating musician.

Concert Program

“Christmas Memories”

“Dona Nobis Pacem” Anonymous
Traditional

“Winter Wonderland ” Arranged by Leo Arnaud
Words by Dick Smith, Music by Felix Bernard

“Velvet Shoes” Composed by Douglas E. Wagner
Text by Elinor Wylie

Vox One:

“The Road Home” Stephen Paulus

“Good News!” Jay Althouse

“I Wish You Christmas” By John Rutter

Alfred Burt Set Arranged by Hawley Ades

“Caroling, Caroling”

“The Star Carol”

“We’ll Dress the House”

Lyrics by Wihla Hutson, Music by Alfred Burt

“Christmas Time is Here” Arranged by Steve Zegree
Words by Lee Mendelson, Music by Vince Guaraldi

Concert Program

Holiday Sing-Along (see program insert)

“Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow” Arranged by Julie Smith
African-American Spiritual

“Ave Maria” Composed by Charles Gounod

Vox Two:

“Scarlet Ribbons” Arranged by Linda Spevacek
Lyrics by Jack Segal, Music by Evelyn Danzig

“Mary, Did You Know?” Arranged by Fred Bock
Words and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” Arranged by John Leavitt
Traditional West Indian Carol

“Carol of the Bells” Arranged by Kirby Shaw
Traditional Music, Words by Kirby Shaw

“It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” Arranged by Mac Huff
By Meredith Willson

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” Arranged by John Leavitt
16th Century French Carol

“Let There Be Peace” By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson