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Verde Valley
Voices inc.

Holiday Concert

*“Get a
Handel”
on Christmas*

December 17, 2017



Verde Valley Voices

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Verde Valley Voices expresses its gratitude to the people of the Verde Valley who enthusiastically support our 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 rehearsals and this concert
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- ◆ Cottonwood Village for use of their auditorium for our summer classes
- ◆ The folks like you who attend our concerts—Thank you!

And for sharing their talents with us, special thanks to:

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DEDICATION

This concert is dedicated to Ray Haggard. Ray was a founding member of the Verde Valley Voices and worked very hard over the years to make sure the VVV was successful. He was a soloist and an announcer and a wonderful human being. We are honored to have known him and miss him very much.

*The Verde Valley Voices
wish you*






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The Verde Valley Voices

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Joy Simons

Accompanist
Nancy Bright

Sopranos

Aspeitia, Cindy
Benjamin, Gayle
Bernhardt, Marilyn
Bianco, Ginny
Bolton, Kim
Clark, Patricia
Duncan, Cecilia
Dwyer, Elaine
Emmett, Cindy
Fisher, Carolyn
Green, Chris
Harakal, Lori
Larson, Susie
McBride, Colleen
McDowell, Desiree
Osher, Barbara
Pryer, Diana
Raburn, Helene
Reed, Barbara
Rothrock, Kristen
Russell, Donna
Schenholm, Sandi
Schick, Willie
Smith, Julie
Sperger, Dottie
Steinmetz, Carol
Turner, Ruth
Waak, Marianna
Warren, Linda
Webb, Phyllis
Wise, Evelyn
Witcher, Carolyn
Zuercher, Marny

Tenors

Baker, Jake
Braithwaite, Georgia
Eidson, David
Lemire, Countess
Manzenberger, Neil
McCulloch, Donald
Minnick, Mary Ann
Ragle, Susan
Roberts, Deb
Schick, Terry
Schnack, Theresa
Trumble, Jo Anne
Westling, Casey

Altos

Canther, Kristi
Cornish, Jackie
Cowan, Judy
DuPont, Therese
Eder, Mary
Follett, Kristine
Gemmill, Dinah
Gogna, Sandy
Haney, Judy
Henry, Becky
Hill, Eunice
James, Kathleen
Jarvis, Pat
O'Connor, Rita
Vogel, Linda
Walsh, Bobbie
West, Rosie
Westcott, Roberta
Wilson, Kathleen
Wood, Trish

Basses

Fullerton, Kent
Griesenbeck, Richard
Hartley, Dennis
Hose, Jim
Kavet, Alex
Meschan, Bill
Pinckney, Charles
Reed, Thomas
Rees, Fred
Rosenfeld, Paul
Trumble, Rodney



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 recorded several CDs and directed and sang in several small community groups. She also 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!"

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

Get a "Handel" on Christmas

- "Nutcracker Jingles" Pierpont, Tchaikovsky/Arr. Bridwell
"There is Faint Music" Buckley/Forrest
"Ose Shalom" Arr. Leavitt
Kevin McQuaid—Cello
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The Noteables:

- "O Harken Ye" Alfred Burt
"Betlehemu" Olatunji, Whalum/Arr. Brooks
Kevin McQuaid—Percussion
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- "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" John Rutter
Julie Smith—Flute
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Belle Voce:

- "Rocking" Czech Carol/Arr. Simons
"Coventry Carol" Arr. Johnson
Barbara Osher—Soloist, Mary Eder—Flute
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- "Various Themes on 'Fa-la-la'" Arr. Bridwell
Kevin McQuaid—Cannon

- "Nativity Lullaby" Joy Simons

- "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Arr. Forres
Nancy Bright, Pat Jarvis—Piano Four Hands

Concert Program

Excerpts from "Messiah" - George F. Handel

- "Comfort Ye" Soloist David Eidson
"And the Glory of the Lord" Choir
"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings" Mary Eder
"The People that Walked in Darkness" Soloist Dennis Hartley
"For Unto Us a Child is Born" Choir
"Recitatives (The Shepherd's story)" Soloist Gayle Benjamin
"Glory to God" Choir
"Rejoice Greatly" Soloist Julie Smith
"He Shall Feed His Flock"
Trio Gayle Benjamin, Patricia Clark & Trish Wood
"Hallelujah" Choir

The Verde Valley Voices

The Verde Valley Voices present two concerts each year; one during the holiday season, and the other in late spring. We perform at various events including Verde River Day and Christmas caroling. The Notables and Bella Voce also perform separate concerts throughout the Verde Valley. We will begin practice for the spring semester on January 2, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Come join us for great music and even more FUN!

Visit our website www.verdevalleyvoices.org