

SACRAMENTO GAY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS

# LIGHT

— YOUR —

# WORLD

Steven Johnson  
Artistic Director

Kay Hight  
Principal Accompanist



Friday, November 30 | 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 1 | 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 2 | 4:00 p.m.

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# Greetings!

On behalf of the chorus - I would like to welcome you to "Light Your World." I hope that our music will both kindle your nostalgia for Christmas' past, and get you in the spirit for the holiday season that is about to begin. Among many musical treasures, this concert features the world premiere of 'Social Network Christmas', a piece of music that we co-commissioned with the Seattle Men's Chorus, it puts a creative and humorous spin on the social and cultural sides of one of the world's most celebrated holidays. The concert also highlights the launch of 'Boy Howdy', SGMC's new small group ensemble; I think you're going to really enjoy them!

It's an exciting time for me to step into the role of Artistic Director for SGMC. As the new kid on the block, I am eager and excited to help create new opportunities within the chorus and to build stronger connections to the community at large. I see a HUGE amount of potential for SGMC to create a variety of meaningful musical collaborations. The talent within this group has delighted me and we are going to work very hard to keep you both entertained and inspired.

Music has always inspired me. I love playing the piano, and have always had an eclectic taste in musical genres. The choral idiom is one of the most captivating musical forms one can participate in. It engages the mind, connects our hearts to the soul of humanity and engages the spirit to inspire us to transform our lives. I hope that you too, will be inspired by our music today.

As we look to the spring of 2013 and the second half of our 28th season, we are making some BIG plans and look forward to surprising you with some major steps forward. We will be performing "ExtrABBAganza" (Arr. by David Maddux) at the Crest Theater for our spring 2012 show. Yup! You guessed it, a musical review based entirely on the music of ABBA! The infectious fun melodies of the 70's Swedish pop sensation will come to life and we'll recapture the magic of the world's most beloved pop music, all done while wearing iconic 70's garb! It's an ExtrABBAganza you don't want to miss!!

During this season of giving, we invite you to consider making a tax-deductible year-end contribution to support the chorus. By working together we will one day achieve our vision of living in a community where no one is afraid to sing one's own song.

I hope that you are inspired in some way to "Light Your World" and be the change that you would like to see in your community. It all starts right here at home. May this be a season of renewed understanding, health and abundance in love and all things important to you.

Sincerely,

Steven Johnson

**Our Mission:** The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus creates entertaining music that inspires its members and audience by instilling pride in our diversity and common humanity.

**Our Vision:** SGMC will build a community where no one will be afraid to sing one's own song.



Steven Johnson, Artistic Director

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Steven A. Johnson, MA, is a graduate of CSU Sacramento where he studied piano performance and choral conducting with Dr. Frank Wasko and Dr. Donald Kendrick.

Steven is currently Director of Worship and Music at St. John's Lutheran church in downtown Sacramento where he plans, plays and conducts a variety of ensembles and liturgical worship services. In 2011 he wrote a musical setting for baptism, a setting of the Lord's Prayer and a complete mass setting that is receiving accolades from liturgical churches across the country.

In addition to conducting, composing and playing the piano, you'll find Steven engaged in expanding his spiritual awareness, spending time at the family cabin, developing his culinary palate and "cheffing it up" with friends and family.



Kay Hight, Principal Accompanist

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Kay Hight, 25, is happy to be back for her second season with SGMCA. A musician for over 20 years, she fell in love with piano after seeing a live performance at the age of 5 and has been playing ever since - including training with various teachers from around the globe. Currently the musical director for Sacramento Theatre Company's Young Ambassador Program, she has been a rehearsal pianist, orchestra member and conductor with various Sacramento area organizations, and continues to pursue local opportunities to work with fellow performers. Kay attended the American Musical and Dramatics Academy for musical theatre studies, and is working towards her degree in Conducting/Music Education through Chapman University. Having also been a choral student herself, Kay is thrilled to be working with such a wonderful group of gentlemen, and thanks you for supporting the arts!



# Members of the Chorus



## Tenor I

Lisle Baker  
Stens Christensen  
Andy Cook  
Paul Jones  
JR Keith  
Gregg Rasmussen  
Trevor Sugden  
Russ Williamson  
John Wujek

## Tenor II

Antonio Azevedo  
Bruce Balderson  
Dan Blair  
Chris Buttery  
Hal Christy  
Tim Elhard  
Corey Hubert  
Byron Jackson  
Jason Johnson  
Riley Lakos  
Lorenzo Lopez  
Phil Luckscheider  
Kevin Manz  
Rick Marshall  
Tim McGeachy  
Sean O'Brien  
Jordan Reece  
Rick Wennstrom  
Paul Wilkinson

## Baritone

Adrian Arizmendi  
Gerry Arredondo  
Judson Day  
Michael DeGrand  
Chris Huber  
Art Katz  
David Kwong  
Colin Miller  
Luby Mitrovich  
Raymond Prothero  
Philip Rice  
Dennis Riechmann  
Patrick Riordan  
Don Stephenson

## Bass

John Cheap  
Dean Copsey  
David Do  
Martin Gonzalez  
Gus Krumm  
Frank Lawler  
Satoshi Okuno  
Jim Parr  
Patrick Paterson  
Brian Rath  
Don ReGester  
Aiden Sanchez  
Sean Savidge  
Chris Smith  
Jack Stehn  
Mike Tentis  
Patrick Van  
Michael Williams

## "Boy Howdy"

Adrian Arizmendi  
John Cheap  
Corey Hubert  
Paul Jones  
Luby Mitrovich  
Patrick Riordan  
Sean Savidge  
Jack Stehn  
Trevor Sugden  
Rick Wennstrom

## Percussionists

Christopher Cook  
Chris Allen  
Elaine Lord

Bass - Dean Chance  
Violin - Vaughn Wolfe  
Flute & Harp - Bill Damian

## St. John's Handbell Choir

Tom & Candace Cox  
Jeffrey Bullock  
Libby Bullock  
Ricky & Kim Maness  
Marian Zamzow  
Sarah Zamzow  
Rick Marshall  
Tim Elhard  
Don ReGester

## Organists

Kevin Manz  
Barry Moenter

## Soloists

David Moorman  
Lauren Parrott  
Ann Roach  
Rudy Gonzales



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# Program



*During the concert, we respectfully request that you hold your applause until the conclusion of each of the sets of music indicated with "\*\*\*\*\*".*

**Solene (Veni Emmanuel)**

Richard Purvis

**Advent**

Craig Courtney

**Ding Dong Merrily On High**

Thoinot Arbeau  
Arranged by: Howard Helvey  
Lyrics: GR Woodward



**The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon**

Johann Pachelbel  
Arranged by: Michael Clawson

*Song sponsored by Kevin Manz, in memory of Margaret Jean Manz*

**Little Drummer Boy**

Someone/Davis/Onorati  
Arranged by: David Maddux

*Song sponsored by Dean Copsy*



**Noel Francias**

Arranged by: Valerie W. Stephenson

**Insubordinate Clause**

Eric Lane Barnes  
Soloists: Lauren Parrot, Boy Howdy

*Song sponsored by Karen Merick,  
in memory of Brad Liszt, Tim "Cheech" Cicinato, and the silenced voices of "Entourage!"*

**Audience Carol Sing**

O Come All Ye Faithful  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Mad Lib 2012!

**PC Christmas**

Eric Lane Barnes  
Soloist: Patrick Van  
Boy Howdy & Patrick Van as Secretary  
Organist: Barry Moenter

*Song sponsored by Jack & Rebecca Gross*

**Intermission**



# Program



## Social Network Christmas

Eric Lane Barnes  
Soloists: Brain Rath and Judson Day



## Fantasy On "I Saw Three Ships"

Arranged by: James Galway



## Whisper, Whisper!

Jay Althouse

## Sure On This Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen  
Lyrics: James Agee

*Song sponsored by Bruce Balderson, in loving memory of George Barber*

## Silent Night

Traditional

*Song sponsored by Luby Mitrovich, in honor of his mom – Lourdes Ordon*

## How Could Anyone? (ASL)

Libby Roderick  
Arranged by: Mac Huff

*Song sponsored by Frank Lawler*

## Go Light Your World

Chris Rice  
Arranged by: Steven Johnson

*Song sponsored by Mike Tentis and Jeff Farley,  
in memory of Steve Mabs and Rick Whitnah*

## We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Organist: Barry Moenter



***Please join us after the show for refreshments and Silent Auction!***

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Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
 Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.  
 Come and behold him, born the king of angels;  
 Oh, come, let us adore him,  
 Oh, come, let us adore him,  
 Oh, come, let us adore him,  
 Christ the Lord.

Hark, the herald angels sing:  
 "Glory to the newborn King!  
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled"  
 Joyful, all ye nations rise  
 Join the triumph of the skies  
 With the angelic host proclaim:  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
 Hark! The herald angels sing:  
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

Feliz Navidad  
 Feliz Navidad  
 Feliz Navidad  
 Prospero Año y Felicidad.  
 I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas I  
 wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
 I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
 From the bottom of my heart.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
 Holy Infant so tender and mild  
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
 Glories stream from heaven afar  
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
 Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born



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Wishing Steven Johnson much success as the new Artistic Director.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year!

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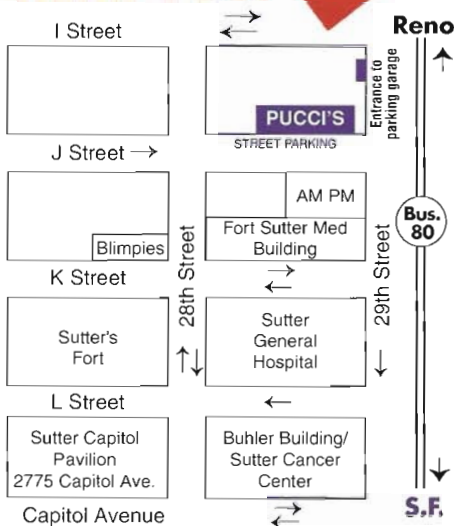


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