



PASSPORT TO THE HOLIDAYS,

2014, is the 43rd annual production of Holiday Tapestry. As creators and directors of Galena Street East our musical celebration is a collection of Christmas moments designed to give the thousands of young singers and dancers since 1972, an opportunity to share what we love most about the holidays.

For over 43 years, we have traveled around the world representing our city and state sharing our talents and gaining wisdom from all of our new friends around the world.

This past summer we performed in Florida at DisneyWorld and at the Orlando Veteran's Center and Children's Hospital. Our lives are forever changed by the strength and courage of all those we were able to serve. Tonight we will take you to countries around the world honoring their customs and traditions. Tonight Holiday traditions from around the world will be shared in song and dance by our young performers. This season of year fills our hearts with gratitude for our performers past and present, and their wonderful parents who give so unselfishly as does our artistic, administrative and technical staff. We give accolades to our Holiday Tapestry Chairperson, Kelli Bertagnini (a former Galena member) for her organizational skills, talents and love that she shares with us to help create a successful production. It is with such joy that we watch our performers grow and develop in their wisdom and talents and then share them with the world.

We say "BROVO" to Ron Cisneros, our head choreographer, for his genius and willingness to share his great talents. It has been so thrilling to have former Galena members return as teaching staff, group leader, heads of committees and parents of present performers. It is our prayer that harmony, love and good will towards other will fill your heart as you rejoice with us with passport in hand to night filled with music and love.

May God bless you and your family, as we celebrate the joy of the season and the birth of the Savior of the World.

Jeri & Richard Clinger Creators & Directors, Galena Street East

THE MISSION of Galena Street
East is to serve the community
through entertainment presented
by professional trained young
performers to provide uplifting
programs that educate and
inspire. The hard work and
dedication put forth by our young
performers is evident in their skill
and grace as they take the stage
for each performance.





PASSPORT to the HOLIDAYS

Artistic Directors:

Richard & Jeri Clinger Choreographer:

Ron Cisneros

Holiday Tapestry Chair & Assistant to Directors: Kelli Bertagnini Clogging Specialist & International Specialist: Clay Merrill International Specialist:

Alexandria Beach Shadle

Assistants to Choreographer:

Aley Bertagnini

David Muncy

Sydney Allen Tovar

Children's Chorus Ballet Assistant:

Technical Director/FOH Engineer:

Erica Carruth

Christopher Sant

Group Leaders:

Kristina Gustafson Allegro/East Street Gang Nancy Muncy Galena Sonya Bates Allegro/East Street Gang

Chris Chavez Clogging Team Kristi & Chris Chavez Children's Chorus

Board of Directors:

Jeri Clinger

Richard Clinger

Perri Ann Allen

Holiday Tapestry Committee:

Sonya Bates, Jennifer Benton, John Benton, Kelli Bertagnini, April Bonar, Alison Busch, Anne Cardosa, Michael Carruth, Chris Chavez, Kristi Chavez, Barbara Cortopassi, Mark Day, Sydney Day, Laurie Espinoza, Natalie Gessell, Diane Gilmore, Cori Grimsman, Kristina Gustafson, Marnie Hill, Keith Hill, Angela Karren, Tony LaPlaca, Clay Merrill, Nancy Muncy, Claralyn Sant, Kristen Smith, Howard Sant, Mary Warass

Galena Street East Would Like to Thank the Following:

Pam Wertz for "decking our halls" with wonderful decor; River City Theater Company for their continued support; Kelly Moore Paints for the donation of paint for our set; Angela Karren, Head Costume Designer, & past seamstresses whose beautiful designs are still part of our productions today; and our devoted & dedicated Galena Parents & Families.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Artistic & Musical Directors

Richard & Jeri Clinger are the Artistic and Musical Directors as well as the founders, directors and driving forces behind Galena Street East. Entering their forty-third year of Galena Street East, they create the artistic concepts, musical arrangements and then develop the talent for this highly energetic group of young performers. The Clingers have distinguished musical and theatrical careers and bring years of professional experience to Galena. With degrees in Music and Special Therapy, they both have received honors for outstanding work in their respective fields. As educators they enjoy teaching at Sacramento City College. Together they recently were awarded the prestigious "Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge Award" for fostering patriotism in youth for over forty years. In July 2012, they received the lifetime service award for community service from the President of the United States. The Clingers have appeared in concert in Europe, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, the Caribbean and across the United States. Their performances in Los Angeles were with Lawrence Welk and Disney. Jeri has an extensive background in theater, music, and ballet. Richard has appeared several times as a guest piano soloist with the Utah Symphony and on national radio in a tribute concert to Chopin. They directed the children's chorus for the Sacramento Opera company for over ten years. The Clingers believe in giving back to their community and have directed the productions for the opening of the Sacramento Railroad Museum, the Sacramento Community Center, the Pony Express Monument, and the reopening of Old Eagle Theater. They have worked for Sacramento Music Circus over a span of fifteen years. Their students have gone on to professional careers on Broadway, television, communications, as attorneys, teachers and leaders in their communities. They feel their greatest accomplishments are reflected in the lives of their children and grandchildren.

Choreographer

Ron Cisneros is the owner and director of the Cisneros Studios of Dance. He is a veteran of Broadway musicals, Hollywood films, Disney productions and Sacramento professional community theater. He has received many Elly award nominations and numerous wins for his work as a director and choreographer, and is the very first recipient of SARTA's Lifetime Achievement Elly Award (2011). Ron is the resident choreographer of Galena Street East, an instructor at Natomas Charter School, Performing and Fine Arts Academy, and a guest lecturer at the University of California, Davis. He is also the director and choreographer for the Cisneros Studios of Dance Summer Musical Theater Workshops for Children.

American Sign Language Instructor

Melody Clinger Winchester, American Sign Language Specialist, is the sign language instructor for Galena Street East. Over the years, Melody has performed with the Music Circus as well as the Sacramento Opera and Ballet Companies, and served as Miss Sacramento County in 1995. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University, and earned her Master's Degree in Child Development from the University of Utah.

Clogging Instructor & Choreographer

Clay Merrill began performing at a young age, and while as a student at Brigham Young University learned the art of American and Irish Step Dancing by distinguished instructors in the University's Department of Dance. Merrill performed with the BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble for four years, learning the various styles of folk dance while touring both domestically and internationally. Merrill graduated from BYU with a degree in Communications, and a minor in Folk Dane. While living in Atlanta, GA and beginning his career in Public Relations, Merrill competed in local and Southeastem US regional Irish Step Dancing competitions, earning first and sixth place honors respectively. His most memorable experience was while performing as a cast member for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games under the direction of renowned choreographer and film director, Kenny Ortega (Newsies, High School Musical).

Guest Choreographers

Alexandra Beach Shadle is a Sacramento native, Galena Alumni, and a graduate of Brigham Young University where she studied French, ballet, ballroom, and jazz, as well as many ethnic dance disciplines from nations such as Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, India, Ireland and Ukraine. Alex is a BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble Alumnus.

Gary Larsen received his Masters of Arts Degree at UCLA, as well as his Doctorate of International Folk Dance and Theatre Dance. He is currently a faculty member of the Department of Dance at Brigham Young University-Idaho. Gary has traveled nationally and internationally, learning folk dances in their country of origin.

Samantha Day is a Sacramento native and Galena Alumni. She is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in dance, with plans to graduate this Spring. Samantha has been a member of BYU-Idaho's Collegiate World Dance team for the past three years and is a current choreographer for the Collegiate Dancers.

Sydney Allen Tovar has participated with Galena for the past 16 years, beginning her career in front row of Children's Chorus. She studied dance at Deane Dance Studio for 8 years. Sydney has sung in the Messiah and for a Gubernatorial Inauguration. She has traveled with Galena to Disneyland, Disney World, China, Washington D.C., New York and Canada. For the past three years, Sydney has worked with Ron and the Clingers as Galena's assistant choreographer. She has enjoyed lifting spirits with her infectious smile and warm personality throughout the world and now enjoys helping others do the same.

Tara Cook, BA in Child Development from California State University, Sacramento. Television; Applebee's commercial, National H&R block commercial, A Magazine story, Sierra in Peril. Theatre; NAACP Theater Awards, "Ray Charles Live," Pasadena Playhouse, Beauty and the Beast, MGM Studios, Walt Disney World. Dance: Teacher for United Spirit Association, Sacramento Dance Alliance, Natomas Charter School and Galena Street East. Trained at the Alvin Ailey summer intensive. Tara recently wrote an arts curriculum for 1st through 2nd graders called "Art Saves Lives" that was used by the Inglewood School District. Tara has been a teaching artist for Pasadena Playhouse and the Music Center Performing Arts Centerand is currently a show director for Stiletto Entertainment.

GALENA TOUR COMPANY



(Left to Right) Row 4: Spencer Bertagnini, Ryder Nielson, Bryant Grimsman, Zach Hill, Brady Spence, Christopher Warass. Row 3: Michael Carey, Johnathan Sant, Elizabeth Muncy, Lauren Hasapis, Abby Karren, Emily Grimsman, Andrew Day, Jack Nielson. Row 2: Maddie Bonar, Mary Andelin Bottom Row: Anna Cortopassi, Kaitlynn Gilmore. Missing: Lizzy Carey

GALENA TOUR COMPANY is a group of students from tenth through twelfth grades who perform for conventions, schools, community organizations and social clubs. Tax deductible donations are used to defray costs of production and to develop the talents of Galena Street East members. Our cast members change annually through a process of open auditions which are usually held at the end of May.

ALLEGRO (female) & EAST STREET GANG (male) are a group of singers and dancers between the ages of 13 and 17. These are preparatory groups that lead to auditioning for the touring company known as Galena. Performers in these groups concentrate on developing vocal and dancing ability. Both groups perform at convalescent hospitals and for community functions.

EAST STREET CLOGGERS are a dynamic group of dancers specializing in an Appalachian folk dance called clogging. Cloggers dazzle audiences using music from country to pop and funk, and recently have added Irish clog in the style of "Riverdance." The East Street Cloggers are a highly acclaimed group of authentic Cloggers that excite audiences everywhere.

ALLEGRO & EAST STREET GANG



(Left to Right) Row 4: Rio Bates, Macy Andelin, Lizzy Carey, Sofia Shepard, Bre Nielson. Row 3: Oskar Shepard, Jack Nielson, Johnathan Sant, Brady Spence, Kaitlynn Gilmore. Row 2: Christopher Warass, Hallah Bates, Caeden Sant, Sarah Spano, Alisha Thomas. Row 1: Lauren Giessell, Connor Chavez, Kelly Cardosa, Celine Doan-Thuy

EAST STREET CLOGGERS



(Left to Right) Row 3: Connor Chavez, Ryder Nielson, Jack Nielson, Christopher Warass. Row 2: Zach Hill, Emily Grimsman, Bryant Grimsan, Michael Carey, Maddie Bonar, Spencer Bertagnini. Row 1: Lauren Hasapis, Abby Karren. Missing: Lizzy Carey

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHORUS



(Left to Right) Row 4: Connor Chavez, Julia Carey, Annabella Espinoza, Halie McKinney, Leah Karren, Kelly Cardosa. Row 3: Trevor Busch, Bre Nielson, Alisha Thomas, Hallah Bates, Oskar Shepard, Caeden Sant, Lizzy Carey, Savannah Carruth, Catarina Avis, Jaina Benton. Row 2: Avery LaPlaca, Kristyn Sander, Lierra Eberbach, Kyleen Nguyen, Caroline Warass, Julia Carey, McKay Bertagnini, Carolina Carruth, Lauren Gessell, Lillian Doan-Thuy. Row 1: Madison Gessell, Jordyn LaPlaca, Caleb Farnworth, Emily Sander, Colsen Nguyen, Caymen Parker, Ashleigh La Placa.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHORUS performers wear authentic cultural costumes representing countries all over the world. They sing and dance about world peace and brotherhood as they touch the hearts of all who attend their performances. Sacramento International Children's Chorus performers range in age from 5 to 14. This group often joins Galena Tour Company at conventions, schools, community organizations and social clubs.

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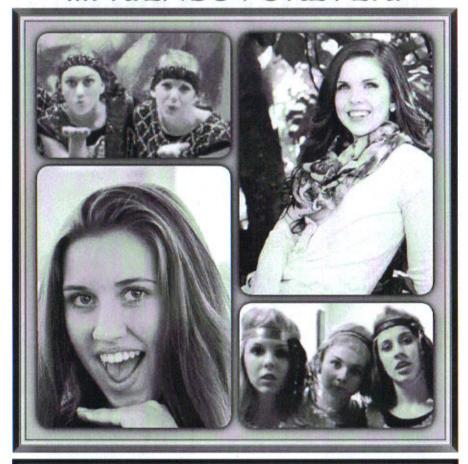
You can dance, You can jive, Having the time of your life! Dancing is a sport no matter how much glitter is involved!

Congratulations! We are so proud of you all & can't wait to see you light up the stage!





Dance brought us together... ...FRIENDS FOREVER!



Lauren & Maddie...

We are so proud of both you beautiful girls! Here's to a great show & making memories!

> Love, Your Families!!



Emerging Stars!

You all shine bright up on stage. We are so proud of your hard work & accomplishments this year. Smile big & break a leg!!!!!

A special "Thank You" to Jeri & Richard Clinger & Ron Cisneros for your patience with the Nielson Kids through the years....

We love you,
Grandma Pam,
Grandpa Andy
Mom, Tom §
the Rest of your
Loving Fans!



Connor Chavez

We both could not be more proud of all the hard work and talent that you bring to the stage. Hoping that you have a great time during all your Holiday Tapestry performances and that everyone enjoys what you do as much as we both do!

We Love You, Nana and Papa





ZACH HILL

Zachary, It is so hard to believe that your time in Galena is coming to a close. We love watching you dance and can't wait to see the amazing things you will do in the years to come! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad & Jessica



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ALISHA THOMAS

Alisha, Congrats on performing in another Holiday Tapestry. We love you! Love Your Family

ANDREW DAY

Ders, Harumbé, Bubba: We're proud of all your hard work! We love and support you always! Your Family



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ANNA CORTOPASSI

We enjoy watching you perform and sing. You have found something you love. Love Mom and Dad

BRADY SPENCE

Brady,
We love to see you shine on stage!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Family





CALEB FARNWORTH

We love to see how much you enjoy doing this! You really light up the stage! Love, Your Family



CATARINA AVIS

Catarina, We are so proud of all your hard work! We love you.

Mom, Dad & family



Caymen, We are so proud of you!

We know you have worked really hard to learn all your dance moves & lyrics. Looks like all that work has paid off. We love you more than the world.

XoXo - Mommy, Daddy, Sisters & Jakers





CONNOR CHAVEZ

We are so proud of all that you do.

You are magic on stage!

Love, Mom & Dad

ELIZABETH MUNCY

We are so proud of you!
You have worked so hard this year!
We love you!
Love, The Muncy Clan





HALIE McKINNEY

We are so happy seeing you having so much fun on stage. Love, Mom, Dad & Harley

JAINA BENTON

Jaina, We are so proud of you! You were born for the stage Love, Mom, Dad, Ian & Logan





JULIA CAREY

You are awesome!
You are growing up so fast.
Watching you makes my heart smile!
Love, Grandma Mary

JULIA HOCK

Everyone in your family is so proud of you & we are happy to see you do what you love!

Go Julia!





KAITLYNN GILLMORE

It's hard to believe you're a freshman in high school. It seems like yesterday you were giving us butterfly kisses. I'm so proud to have you for a daughter. We love you!!!

KELLY CARDOSA

Kelly, You will always be our star! Love Mom, Dad, Gramma Winnie & Gramma Madeline





LIERRA EBERBACH

Darling, we are so thrilled to see you performing! You fill our hearts with joy!

Love you tons!

Mom, Dad, Eli, Gram & Pop



You have always sparkled, Lizzy Loo!

Now it is your time to shine.

Have a wonderful show!

Love, Grandma Mary





MICHAEL CAREY

Believe in yourself!
Have a wonderful show!
Create memories and have lots of fun!
Love, Grandma Mary

SARAH SPANO

This is what dreams are made of...
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Lucca





TREVOR BUSCH

Dance along if you feel that's what you want to do... We love you! Dad, Mom, Robby, Heidi, Ryan & Tanner



SPENCER & McKAY BERTAGNINI

We are so proud of your hard work in developing your talents. You definitely light up the stage. We love you always, Mom, Dad, Grant & Aley





CAROLINA & SAVANNAH CARRUTH

Break a leg my sweet girls!
We love you so much & we are so proud when we see you sing & dance.
You make us so happy!





CELINE & LILLIAN DOAN

We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



EMILY & BRYANT GRIMSMAN

Watching you perform together sharing your talents is thrilling to watch!

Love, Mom & Dad





ABBY & LEAH KARREN

It is so fun celebrating the Holidays watching you shine! We love our beautiful girls!

Love, Your Family









ASHLEIGH, AVERY & JORDYN LaPLACA

We are so very proud & love you so much. Love, Dad, Deb, Nana, Papa, Izzy, Mike & Mom



KAYLEEN & COLSEN NGUYEN

Kayleen & Colsen, It's a joy watching you sing and dance so happily.

Love Mommy & Daddy





KRISTYN & EMILY SANDERS

You light up the stage; congrats on your first Holiday Tapestry shows!

Love, Mema & Tepa





CHRIS & CAROLINE WARAAS

May the Holiday Tapestry tradition bring you love and joy! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



Thank you for all you've taught me, and your love and supprt.

Love, Savannah





ANNABELLA ESPINOZA

Our sweet little Bella, you never miss a chance to dance! We are all very proud of you and we are so happy to see you shine on the big stage!

Love.

Mom, Dad, Amelia, Grammy, Grandma, Uncle, Auntie J., Uncle D. & all your adoring fans!



Kristyn & Emily

Congratulations on your first big Holiday Tapestry shows! We know that you'll do a great job and bring so many smiles to everyone watching you on stage!

Love You, Nana & Papa



KAITLYNN GILMORE

It wasn't so long ago that you were three years old and coaxing to sing along with the radio. You have loved music since you were tiny and we love watching you develop your talents. You are an amazing young lady, dear granddaughter.

Love, Gma Betty & Gma Diane





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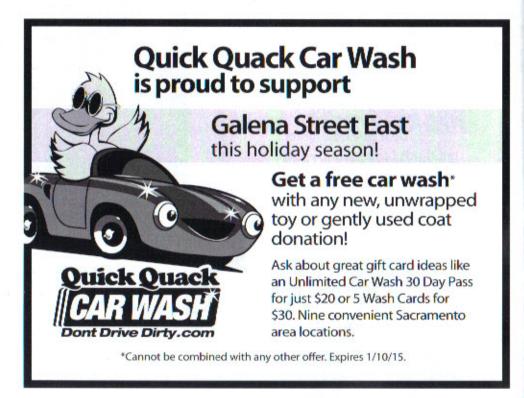
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a GRATEFUL heart to those who continue to help us SHINE!

Former Galena & Fireside Members with Children presently in Galena Street East who still give back by assisting with Production:

Kelli McCoy Bertagnini, April Shouse Bonar, Alison Montgomery Bush, Wendy Young Carey, Michael Carruth, Sydney Montgomery Day, Stephanie Thorpe Farnsworth, Dinae Croft Gilmore, Cori McCormack Grimsman, Tony LaPlaca

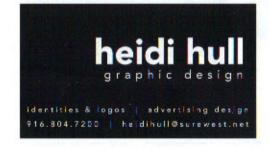
Former Galena Street East Performers who now assist with Teaching, Choreography and Production:

Aley Bertagnini, Alexis Busath, Samantha Day, Bonnie Jones, David Muncy, Christopher Sant, Sydney Allen Tovar, Alexandra Beach Shadle, Melody Clinger Winchester

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