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Admission free, donations accepted.

A message from the President

Welcome Everyone!

Thank you for joining us tonight as we highlight the wonderful work being done in our communities by TLCS, Inc. We first heard about TLCS from one of our former RSVP singers, Mindy Edwards, who currently works for their organization. It was the perfect opportunity for RSVP to acknowledge that some of the most forgotten people are those suffering from often-unseen mental health issues. TLCS is dedicated to providing ongoing mental health, supportive housing, and many other services in an effort to support people on a path to self-sufficiency.

Tonight, we're also excited to have Mindy Edwards back with us to reprise her beautiful solo on *A Thousand Beautiful Things*. You can even take this song home with you tonight, complete with Mindy's original solo. You'll find it on RSVP's CD *The Road Home*, available at the RSVP table at the back of the concert hall.

As always, if you love RSVP's mission and music we'd love to have you as a part of our own support family. We're on the lookout for people who can assist with clerical work, help out at concerts, provide fundraising support, and distribute concert posters. If you'd like to volunteer on a regular or occasional basis, please let us know.

As always, thank you for your continued support of RSVP and the charitable organizations we present, and for making our community a better place.

Sincerely,



Grant Mulligan
President, RSVP

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Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. No flash photography or recording of any kind is permitted. RSVP Recycles! If you do not wish to keep your program, please place it in the box in the lobby. Thank you!

*“Like a feather falling from the wing,
Fragile as a human voice,
Alive to love, we sing as love,
Afraid, uncertain, yet our flight begins as song.”*

~Euan Tait

Hope

The concert will be performed without an intermission.

Lonesome Traveler (excerpt) arr. Gwyneth Walker
Soloists: Jordan Thomas Rose, Allison Kanemoto, Grant Mulligan,
Monica Crumley
Flute: Dr. Cathie Apple

~ no applause ~

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen arr. Norman Luboff

A Thousand Beautiful Things Words and Music: Annie Lennox
Soloist: Special Guest Mindy Edwards arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Sleep Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri, Music: Eric Whitacre

Autumn Words: Thomas Hood, Music: Kevin A. Memley
Soloist: Sheri Peifer

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► Introduction: TLCS, Inc.

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► Guest Performers: The Responders

After You Greg Glazner

Gravity John Mayer

You've Gotta Know Greg Glazner

Without You David Saul Lee and Derek Hui

Throw Out A Line Greg Glazner

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Il Pleut Sur La Ville Gilbert Dojat

Percussion: Tim Stephenson

Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing Stevie Wonder, arr. Kerry Marsh

Soloists: Keir MacMillan, Jodi Serrano, Karen Percy

Vocal Percussion: Tim Stephenson

Flight Song Words: Euan Tait, Music: Kim André Arnesen



RSVP Singers

Jennifer Reason
Artistic Director

Noreen Barnett
Monica Crumley
Aaron Gardner
Sarah Haynes
Jeremiah Jacks
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Jeremy Kauffman
Keir MacMillan
Grant Mulligan
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Sheri Peifer
Karen Percy
Lara Pucik Johnson
Joshua Ray
Allison Kanemoto
Eric Rosander
Jodi Serrano
Tim Stephenson
Jordan Thomas Rose

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Artistic Director

Jennifer Reason is a long-time singer with RSVP. She has extensive experience in the choral field and is an accomplished pianist and performer. Ms. Reason recently made her international conducting debut in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, as part of the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood. She previously oversaw the founding of the

choral arts program at George Washington Carver School of the Arts in Sacramento, and was also a five year member of the artistic staff with the Sacramento Children's Chorus.

Other notable previous choral positions include being a founding member of Sacramento State's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, C-Sus. (Downbeat Award: Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble, US/Canada.) Ms. Reason is currently working with the 9 award winning choirs at Monte Vista High School in Danville CA, and is the newest addition to the CSUS Opera Theater as well.

A widely versatile performer, Ms. Reason has shared the stage with many diverse acts including classical heavyweights Hope Briggs (San Francisco Opera), Steven Mackey (Composer in Residence, Princeton) and Holly Stell ("Little Pavarotti"); Broadway stars Faith Prince (Tony Award), Eugene Brancoveanu (Tony Award) and Jason Graae; rockers Jonathan Cain (Journey), Michael Carabello (Santana) and Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone); and popular personalities such as Billy Bob Thornton, baseball's Tony La Russa and Gov. Jerry Brown. She has also appeared in solo and ensemble performances throughout Europe, the United States and Canada. Recent engagements include the Schlern International Music Festival in Italy, the Inter-Harmony International Music Festival in Germany, the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy, and appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Liszt Academy in Hungary.

Ms. Reason is a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater—currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at CSUS under the tutelage of Steinway Artist Richard Cionco. Upcoming projects include a 3rd appearance in Carnegie Hall, a return to the Davis Shakespeare Ensemble as Music Director for the summer production of Bells Are Ringing, and a 9th European tour, including a debut appearance in Spain.

For more information, please visit www.jennifer-reason.com.

THE RESPONDERS

Since 2014, The Responders have been playing blues, R&B, gospel, soul, pop, and funk for venues including The Torch Club, Berryessa Brewing Company, and The Tomales Bay Writers' Conference. The band combines deep pockets and stinging solo guitar with the incomparable vocals of David Saul Lee.



Greg Glazner's books of poetry are *From the Iron Chair* and *Singularity*, both published by W.W. Norton. His awards include The Bess Hokin Award, an NEA Fellowship, and The Walt Whitman Award. He plays guitar and writes songs for The Responders in California and The Big River Band in Colorado. He teaches at UC Davis and in the low-residency MFA program at Pacific Lutheran University.



David Saul Lee is a jazz, R&B, and gospel singer from Sacramento, CA. He began singing in church at the age of five. He has since competed in national competitions in contemporary and classical music settings. David is often invited to teach workshops for various choirs in the area especially on gospel-inspired tunes. David sings from the heart and feels that everything you sing should move people.



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Our thanks to the RSVP Auxiliary for their continued support and hands-on help. If you're interested in joining the auxiliary to help at upcoming RSVP concerts or events, please contact the Auxiliary Coordinator, Gina Mulligan, at volunteers@rsvpchoir.org.

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MISSION

Creating Joyful Music to Build a Better World

Founded in 2000 by former Artistic Director Julie Adams, RSVP's mission is bringing people together through the arts and giving back to the community. RSVP nurtures the community with its highly-praised, dynamic concerts while providing concrete, financial contributions that continue to make a difference long after the applause.

Uplifting Audiences with Great Music from Schumann to Sting

The versatile singers of RSVP perform many genres, from classical choral literature and madrigals to contemporary music, freedom songs, folk tunes and jazz. Each creative and artistic concert is tailor-made for the audience and the organization being supported.

Making Tangible Contributions to Local Charities

RSVP has enjoyed collaborating with choirs, storytellers, authors and other musicians to present concerts with fresh ideas and imaginative programs. RSVP continually seeks ways to uplift audiences and support the communities it serves. To this end, all members of RSVP donate their time so that all concert proceeds go to local charitable organizations in need.

More Information

RSVP is available for private parties and special events. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring RSVP during the season, please contact us at (916) 905-7787.

To learn more about RSVP, please visit www.rsvpchoir.org. We invite you to join our email list to find out about future concerts. CDs are on sale following each concert.



Transforming Lives, Cultivating Success

Our Mission:

“Transforming and Empowering the Lives of People with Mental Illness by Supporting Independence and Preventing Homelessness.”

Who We Are:

Since 1981, TLCS has been providing mental health and supportive housing services for people in Sacramento County with mental health challenges. In 2015 we provided intensive case management, permanent supportive housing, life skills education, psychiatric services, therapy, residential support services, opportunities for social connectedness, meaningful activities and crisis intervention for over 3,000 people in our community. Many of our clients are homeless when they begin their TLCS journey. Our 150 dedicated and compassionate staff is committed to culturally sensitive services that support clients on their path to self-sufficiency.

Our services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the clients we serve and are delivered with the kindness and support needed for initial engagement and the continued retention of this often fragile population. Our truth is that when services are provided within a non-judgmental and respectful atmosphere, the potential for life change is not only possible but at times miraculous.

We rely on generosity from government sources, corporations, foundations, and individuals in the community. TLCS strives to create hope for our clients and community, so they can actively contribute to society. We would like you to join us in helping individuals make life changes as they work towards gaining a meaningful and healthy life. All donations are graciously accepted and go directly towards funding our client support programs.

www.tlcssac.org

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www.inallianceinc.com

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www.doctorswithoutborders.org

Adolfo Program and Project HOPE
<http://dhaweb.saccounty.net/homeless/laVerneAdolfo.htm>
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www.wusd.k12.ca.us

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www.crhkids.org

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www.seniorsfirst.org/meals_on_wheels.htm

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www.rebuildingtogethersacramento.org

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www.adoptanelderfoundation.com

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www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx

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www.childcancer.org

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