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SATURDAY

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Chanteuses

Ave Maria
Yorkshire Wassail
Twelve Days of Christmas

Artistic License

Baby Come Home for Christmas
Birthday of a King
Silver Bells
We Three Kings

Davis Chorale

Sicut Locutus
O Magnum Mysterium
Weinachten
Alleluia
Ain't A That Good News

Intermission — 15 minutes

Ponderosa HS Chamber Choir

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O Magnum Mysterium
Hannukkah in Santa Monica
Go Tell It On the Mountain

Voices of California

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!
Sing We Noel
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Chanukah is Here
Believe

Finale — Silent Night

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Our Featured Performers

Chanteuses

www.Chanteuses.org

For over twenty years, the ladies of Chanteuses have been entertaining Sacramento with their distinct sound and superb blend of wonderful vocal harmonies. A broad range of repertoire and a long history of music-making excellence continue to make the region's premiere female a cappella ensemble a favorite with audiences.

One of the group's trademarks is exploring a surprisingly diverse collection of choral literature for treble voices, both sacred and secular. The ensemble performs their own concerts twice a year and has collaborated with other outstanding regional arts organizations including Folsom Lake College's Three Stages, the Bear Valley Music Festival, the Camellia Symphony, Sac Sings, and Northern California Children's Chorus.

Chanteuses participated in the International Church Music Festival in Bern, Switzerland, while on a musical tour of both Switzerland and France, and celebrated their 20th Anniversary together with a performance tour of Quebec in 2016.

Chanteuses has produced a professional CD recording of holiday music. You are invited to celebrate the joys of the holidays at our "A Chanteuses Christmas" concert on Saturday, December 15th, 2018 in the Wells Chapel of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert and CD's are available today in the lobby or by contacting us at: www.Chanteuses.org or (916) 234-0289.



Artistic License

www.artisticlicensequartet.com ~ www.facebook.com/ArtisticLicenseQuartet

Artistic License is a Barbershop quartet with a super smooth sound, deep musicality and a lighthearted, professional style that audiences have come to love. They perform songs from a wide range of origins and eras from Tin Pan Alley to the Irish Highlands from Jazz to Disney to contemporary pop or even Christian rock. This wide variety of repertoire style comes from their meticulous process of selecting songs that are meaningful and distinctive. Their preference for these finely crafted melodies and lyrics provide the foundation for a wonderfully entertaining performance.

All four of the guys have challenging, immersive careers - Julian as the head of Operations for a healthcare startup, Rich as Chief Information Officer for a software company, Jason as the new Operator of a Chik-fil-a franchise, Gabe as Controller for a national architectural firm. They're brought together by a love for making music that can touch people and can truly be characterized as "artistic". They laugh and have way too much fun at their rehearsals and work to bring some of that same joy to the stage for their audiences. Artistic License is the 2011 Quartet Champions of the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society, an amazing honor won in their very first District Contest! Over the course of the last several years, they've consistently ranked as one of the Top 10 Quartets in the world, a distinction earned at the International Barbershop Harmony Championships, which includes groups from as far away as Sweden, Spain, England, Australia, and New Zealand.



Our Featured Performers

Davis Chorale

www.davischorale.org

Founded in 1978 by Rachel Kessler, the Davis Chorale has been performing great works of choral literature for 40 years. The Chorale is an auditioned community ensemble, with many different professions represented among its singers. Under the current director, Alison Skinner, the Chorale has grown to become a larger choir, often performing with chamber orchestra. The Chorale's 40th anniversary year has been a full one: the Chorale received the Harmony in Our Lives Award and a proclamation from the City of Davis, in addition to performing two full-length concerts with chamber orchestra. Our 40th Anniversary Holiday concert is December 15 at Davis High School's Richard Brunelle Performance Hall. The Holiday Concert features St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten and Magnificat by JS Bach. Later in December all are welcome at our annual family-friendly concert on December 22 at 10:00 AM, at Davis Community Church, right across from the Davis Farmer's Market. Come get a treat at the market, then listen to some choral music for the holidays and sing along with traditional Christmas carols. And, on December 23, we host a sing-along concert (including orchestra) with selections from Handel's Messiah. Join us in Davis for vocal workshops the day before, on December 22, and then sing with us on December 23 at 4:00 PM. Both days are open to all, free of charge.



Ponderosa High School Chamber Choir and Vocal Jazz

<http://bruinchoir.com/>

The Ponderosa High School Choral Program is under the direction of Lucy Nisbet. Our program includes 135 students in 5 different choirs; General Chorus, Women's Chorus, Concert Choir, Chamber Chorus, and Vocal Jazz. Our Chamber Choir is a select group of musicians focussing on a repertoire of advanced chamber music. Chamber Choir maintains an active performance schedule, appearing at many community events throughout the year as well as various festivals. Vocal Jazz is in their second year at PHS. We are very excited with their progress as they find success in laying a new foundation for jazz at PHS. They also maintain a busy calendar performing several festivals and concerts.

We honor a long history of choral excellence at Ponderosa High School. We believe that all students can become successful musicians and experience joy as we refine and share our music with others.



Our Featured Performers

Voices of California

www.voicesofcalifornia.org ~ www.facebook.com/voicescalifornia/

Formed in January 2010, the Voices of California (VoCal) is a world-class male performing ensemble that has taken barbershop harmony in the Sacramento Valley to new heights. The chorus has a passion to entertain, and our high-energy performances aim to be memorable both vocally and visually. Our primary goal is to put on excellent performances that thrill our audiences.

We are a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. As a magnet chorus attracting committed singers from throughout Northern California, VoCal has been named Northeast Division Champions in competition every year since our formation! VoCal also became the first Sacramento area barbershop chorus to qualify for the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Chorus Contest when we traveled to Toronto, Canada in 2013, and have competed two more times since. We will be competing in the 2019 contest next July when the convention will be held in Salt Lake City.

In addition to sharing our music with others, another great passion of ours is learning about the art of a capella singing. Vocal instruction is a regular part of chorus rehearsals, and a very important component of the chorus experience. We receive coaching several times each year from some of the best clinicians in the Barbershop Harmony Society, who share their expertise in the art of barbershop.



Gabe Caretto
Director

We are excited to launch the holiday season with you today.



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- What animal is the official symbol of the World Wildlife Fund?
a. Polar Bear b. African Elephant c. Aardvark d. Giant Panda
- What was John Lennon's middle name?
a. Winston b. Edward c. Harry d. Prince
- Approximately how many crocus flowers does it take to make a pound of saffron?
a. 10,000-20,000 b. 40,000-50,000 c. 50,000-75,000 d. 31,352 (more or less)
- Who is the only heavyweight boxing champion to finish career (49 fights) without ever having been defeated?
a. Muhammad Ali b. Joe Louis c. Rocky Marciano d. Gabe Caretto
- What is the meaning of "Y" in VIBGYOR?
a. Youth b. Yesteryear c. Yellow d. Yuppie
- Who created the cartoon *Tom and Jerry*?
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