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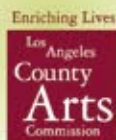
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Entertainment on the Plaza

Orphean Circus
National In-Choir

Each hour will feature a celebrity host performance.

*first time on Holiday Celebration

Program subject to change.

All times approximate.

3:00 p.m. **Host: Neil Sedaka**
Neil Sedaka

WINTER WONDERLAND

3:05 p.m.
Mariachi Divas

Cindy Shea-Carballo, Director and Trumpet/Percussion

Keiko Okamoto, Flute

Mona Seda, Trumpet

Nelly Cortez, Guitarrón

Mayra Martinez, Vihuela

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Rosalie Rodriguez, Violin

Leticia Sierra, Violin

Catherine Baeza, Violin

The ensemble includes women of Mexican, Cuban, Costa Rican, Panamanian, Japanese, Swiss and Anglo descent.

LAS POSADAS Traditional

DALE DALE DALE Traditional

LOS PECES EN EL RIO Traditional

VEN A MI CASA ESTA NAVIDAD Traditional

CAMPANA SOBRE, CAMPANA Traditional

FELIZ NAVIDAD Jose Feliciano

AÑO VIEJO Traditional

3:10 p.m.
South Bay Children's Choir

Diane Simons, Artistic Director

Sherry Reed, Piano

Last year they performed twice in Royce Hall, in *Lotus Steps*, a highly acclaimed annual Chinese cultural dance production, and in the Mahler 3rd Symphony.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH 16th Century French Carol, arr. B. Wayne

Bisbee, English Lyrics: G.R. Woodward

Chime soloists: Sydney Lubin, Jennifer Lung, Ashley Jakubczyk,

Zoe Petersen, Rachael Peters, Rosie Rice

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN Steve Nelson/Jack Rollins

3:20 p.m.

Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company

Arlene Kennedy, Director

The company has performed for such tap greats as the Nicholas Brothers and Gregory Hines and appeared in *42nd Street* and *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk*.

SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS EVE

Choreography: Chester "King of Swing" Whitmore

"Traffic Jam" Music: Artie Shaw & Teddy Mcrae

"Taxi War Dance" Music: William Count Basie & Lester Young

3:25 p.m.

Orquesta Charangoa

Fay Roberts, Musical Director and Flute

Luis Alba, Congas, Tumbadoras

Marco Tabory, Timbales, Pilas

Jon Pintoff, String Bass

Pablo Mendez Jr., Violin

Pablo Mendez Sr., Violin

Fermin Sifontes, Piano

Luis Alvarez, Guiro, Bell, Clave

The L.A.-based Cuban dance orchestra, founded in 1997, has performed in the city's top venues including the The Palladium, the Palace and the Conga Room.

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS Hugh Martin

PREPARATE PARA AÑO NEUVO Gerardo Gonzales

3:30 p.m.

Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy

Kim Eung Hwa, Director and Choreographer

The dancers are all second generation Korean Americans. They recently gave a critically acclaimed performance at the Ford Amphitheatre with the internationally known percussion group Samulnori.

HOURGLASS DRUM DANCE (CHANG-GO DANCE)

"Han Kang Soo" Music: Traditional

3:35 p.m.

Gospel Music Workshop of America of the Antelope Valley*

John P. Crocker, Jr., Conductor

Richard Cole, Saxophone

Jeffrey Gray, Piano

Tim Woods, Trumpet

David Martin, Bass

Xavier T. Musgrove, Drums

The group creates a learning environment for gospel, sacred, classical and other music traditions.

HALLELUJAH HANDEL'S MESSIAH-A SOULFUL CELEBRATION

arr. Mervyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson and Mark Kibble

Vocal Soloist: Marion Coleman

3:45 p.m.

San Gabriel Mexican Folk & Aztec Dance Company*

Julio Valpuesta, Director and Choreographer

The group's purpose is to educate its young members about the rich Mexican culture through music and dance.

EL PESCADOR/LA BRUJA

Music: Traditional

ZAPATEADO VERACRUZANO

3:50 p.m.

Neil Sedaka

LOVE IS SPREADING OVER THE WORLD

4:00 p.m.

Host: Debbie Allen

Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus

Barbara Allen, Director

Steve Allen, Pianoforte

The chorus represented the State of California for two consecutive years at the International Children's Choir Festival in Cambridge, England.

GONNA CATCH THAT SANTA MAN Andy Beck & Brian Fisher

JUST A SINGLE VOICE Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse

Vocal Soloists: Nathan Kirchhoff, Ericka Beceria, Janie Bustin, Kaylie Bustin, Jackie Delatorre, Chloe Ledbetter, Naomi Lin, Camrie Lucey, Lily Mocharnuk

4:10 p.m.

Activities for Retarded Children & Adults (ARC) Handbell Choir

Dixie Henrikson, Director

Jane Sarture, Keyboard

The bell choir, founded in 1985, has performed hundreds of times in a wide variety of venues including Anaheim Stadium, the Special Olympics opening ceremonies and several television shows.

JINGLE BELLS James Pierpont

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS Traditional

SILENT NIGHT J. Mohr/F. Gruber

The audience is invited to sing along on "Silent Night."

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.

4:15 p.m.

3 of A Kind*

Anthony Francisco, Vocalist

Lara Avengoza, Vocalist

Edward Granadosin, Vocalist

The dynamic Filipino a cappella trio has captivated audiences all over Asia and North America.

MALAMIG ANG SIMOY NG HANGIN M. Suarez & L. Celerio

HALINA, HALINA M. Suarez & L. Celerio

NOCHE BUENA M. Suarez & L. Celerio

4:20 p.m.

Debbie Allen Dance Academy

Debbie Allen, Artistic Director

The academy is a cultural center committed to making dance a meaningful experience for all individuals, providing training for young dancers, artistic development for professional dancers and youth-focused outreach and education initiatives.

I LIKE THE GIRLS

Choreographers: Debbie Allen in association with Dion Watson

"I Like the Girls" Music: Debbie Allen

4:25 p.m.

Antelope Valley High School Vocal-Music Travel Ensemble

John P. Crocker Jr., Vocal Music Director

Carol Selmser, Piano

This select group made its debut in New York's Carnegie Hall in June 2003.

MARY, DID YOU KNOW? Mark Lowery & Buddy Greene, arr: Mac Huff

Vocal Soloist: Kristina Guillermo

ALABANZA TOTAL A TI/TOTAL PRAISE Richard Smallwood

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR? Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne, arr: Mac Huff

Vocal Soloists: Stephanie Sandfrey, Patrice Davis, Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, Harold Vasquez

4:35 p.m.

Manoochehr Sadeghi Ensemble

Manoochehr Sadeghi, Director and Santur

Mehrdad Arabifard, Tombak

John Bilezikjian, Oud

Peyman Vessal, Violin

Adam del Monte, Spanish Guitar

Mr. Sadeghi is the greatest master of the Persian santur (hammered dulcimer) living in the U.S. and the first person of Persian background to receive the NEA's National Heritage Award, the country's highest honor in folk and traditional arts. This ensemble fuses Persian, Arabic and Spanish traditions with a little jazz.

PARVANEH Manoochehr Sadeghi

*first time on Holiday Celebration

4:45 p.m.

Le Lycee Français de Los Angeles

Pierre Leloup, Choir Director

Kae Matsumoto, Piano

Pierre Derycz, Cello

The choir has accompanied Julie Andrews in the musical *Darling Lily* by Henri Mancini and sung for Ronald Reagan, Donald Sutherland and Michael Jackson.

HABANERA: L'AMOUR EST UN OISEAU REBELLE Music: Bizet,

Lyrics: Meilhac & Halevy

VOIS SUR TON CHEMIN Music: Bruno Coulais, Lyrics: Christopher Barratier

4:50 p.m.

Viver Brasil Dance Company*

Linda Yudin, Co-Artistic Director

Luiz Badaró, Co-Artistic Director and Repinique

Kevin Moore II, Surdo

Mario Pallais, Snare and Repinique

Te'Amir Sweeney, Timbau

Vania Amaral, Vocalist

The multi-award-winning company creates passionate Brazilian dance that explores ancient and contemporary art forms and spiritual strengths of Brazilian culture.

CARNIVAL QUEENS

Choreographers: Luiz Badaró and Rosangela Silvestre

"Muzenza Passa" Music: Bloco Afro Muzenza

4:55 p.m.

Debbie Allen

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

5:00 p.m.

Host: Mark Walberg

Mariachi Cielo Nuevo

Juan Cuevas, Director

This youth mariachi ensemble from Middleton Street School in Huntington Park played at the 2005 Mariachi USA festival at Hollywood Bowl. Their name means "New Sky" and represents endless potential and new horizons.

EL GAVILANCILLO Traditional, arr. Ruben Fuentes

Vocal Soloist: Yesenia Martinez

and

Sierra Park Elementary School Folklorico

Felix Salcedo, Artistic Director and Choreographer

This award-winning folklorico troupe has mastered adult versions of the traditional dances of Mexico.

EL GUSTO

Soloist: Marta Diaz

Music: Silvestre Vargas, Ruben Fuentes

LOS MACHETES

Music: Traditional, arr. Ruben Fuentes

LA NEGRA

Music: Silvestre Vargas, Ruben Fuentes

5:10 p.m.

Opera California

Jung Choi, Assistant Director

David Kim, Piano

Yoon Ja Ji, Gayageum

John Chong, Drum

Gilbert Kim, Bass Guitar

The thirteen-year-old choir has performed in operas, at choral festivals and on tour in Uganda and Rwanda.

CAROL OF THE BELLS Music: Ukranian Carol, Lyrics: Ruth Artman

ALL ALONE ON CHRISTMAS Steven Van Zandt

SILVER BELLS Jay Livingston & Ray Evans

SLEIGH RIDE Music: Leroy Anderson, Lyrics: Mitchell Parish

5:15 p.m.

Spring Autumn Dance Ensemble II*

Mandarin Wu, Director and Choreographer

SADE II presents Chinese dance through the eyes of a young and spirited generation of Chinese Americans.

GREEN GREEN GRASSLAND

Music: Traditional Mongolian

5:25 p.m.

Los Angeles Music & Art School Children's Choral Ensemble*

Marisa Rawlins, Choir Director

Steve Lang, Piano

The participants in this group live in East Los Angeles and surrounding communities. The ensemble performs at community events, children's fairs and the school's annual Stars for the Arts Benefit Concert.

CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS Vince Guaraldi

5:30 p.m.

Angahara Dance Ensemble

Ramaa Bharadvaj, Director and Choreographer

They have performed in India and U.S and won critical acclaim for their brilliant dancing abilities. The *Los Angeles Times* wrote, "they whipped up an atmosphere that was as festive as it was aesthetically crystalline."

ANIMATION

Untitled music by the Angahara Musicians

5:35 p.m.

Church of Scientology Choir

Marcia Powell, Conductor

Anoush NeVart, Piano

The choir has performed widely, including appearances with Neil Diamond on his HBO Christmas Special and on "Hello Santa" recorded by the Wilson Sisters.

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS Clement Clark Moore/Ken Darby

Vocal Soloist: Doug Jonsson

*first time on Holiday Celebration

5:40 p.m.

Jazz Tap Ensemble

Lynn Dally, Artistic Director

Jerry Kalaf, Music Director and Drums

Rich Eames, Piano

Brian Scanlon, Saxophone

Chris Conner, Bass

Scott Breadman, Percussion

A leader of the tap revival in the U.S., Jazz Tap is renowned throughout the world for their original creations and extraordinary artistry.

HOT WINGS

Choreographers: Channing Cook Holmes, Joseph Wiggan, Josette Wiggan

“Ornithology” Music: Charlie Parker

5:50 p.m.

Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers*

Albert McNeil, Artistic Director

With repertory of gospels, music theatre and opera by African-

American composers and arrangers, the group has had 17

European tours and 11 tours of the United States.

AFRICAN NOEL Andre Thomas

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR arr. Jester Hairston

Vocal Soloist: Dianne Wright

IN DAT GREAT GITTIN' UP MORNIN' arr. Jester Hairston

Vocal Soloist: Douglas Griffin

5:55 p.m.

Gloria Loring

YOU MAKE IT CHRISTMAS

6:00 p.m.

Host: Gloria Loring Escuela de Baile Tradicional Peruano*

Walter Almora, Director and Choreographer

The group is devoted to performing the traditional dances of Peru.

HUAYNO

“Valicha” Music: Miguel Angel Hurtado

6:15 p.m.

Harmonies of St. Thomas Girls Choir

Jose Antonio Espinal, Music Director/Founder

Mauricio Centeno, Piano

Leonardo Fonseca, Drums

Erick Infantas, Cajón

This girls' choir, founded in 2002, performed at Our Lady of Los Angeles Cathedral the very next year and then made their first international appearance in Germany.

FESTEJO DE NAVIDAD Herbert Bittrich

EL CHA CHA CHA DE LA NAVIDAD Gutierrez/Collazo/Estivil

Vocal Soloist: Aileen Haro

LOS TRES REYES MAGOS Carlos E. Vega

6:25 p.m.

Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble

Lawrence Rowland, Leader

The group is comprised of students from grades six to eleven in the Acton-Agua Dulce School District. Their selection melds musical virtuosity and sound techniques only handbells can achieve.

CAPRICCIO Kevin McChesney

6:30 p.m.

Long Beach Poly High School Chamber Singers*

Brian Dokko, Director of Choral Activities

Ming Hsieh, Piano

Their program celebrates the culturally rich Long Beach community through performances of a diverse repertoire, representing the backgrounds of all their students.

A PRAYER FOR CHANUKAH Stanley M. Hoffman

Vocal Soloist: Simon Barrad

6:35 p.m.

TRIP Dance Theatre

Monica Favand, Executive/Artistic Director

Founded in 1996 by Monica Favand and music director/composer Charlie Campagna, the company offers cutting-edge, contemporary dance and music performances.

MOONLIGHT ON THE WINTER ICE

Choreographers: Monica Favand in collaboration with Janet Collard, Quiet Rarang

Music: Charlie Campagna

6:40 p.m.

Valley Beth Shalom Choir & members of LA Jewish Symphony

Dr. Noreen Green, Artistic Director

Chris Hardin, Piano

Paul Angers, Drums

Adrian Rosen, Bass

The choir has grown in its reputation as an excellent ensemble that performs for services as well as community events.

HANUKKAH SOLSTICE Linda Hirschhorn

IT'S UP TO US Chris Hardin

Vocal Soloists: Chris Hardin, Jennifer Hardin

S'VIVON Wollli Kaelter, arr. Sharon Farber

Vocal Soloist: Cantor Phil Baron

6:45 p.m.

Jabbawokies Crew*

JABBAWOKIES STORY CHAPTERS 1 & 2

6:50 p.m.

Gloria Loring

LET IT SNOW

*first time on Holiday Celebration

7:00 p.m. **Host: Ronn Lucas**
Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company & Mariachi Nuevo Cuicatlan*

Jose Vences, Director and Choreographer

Sergio Alonso, Vihuela

Lucio Ramirez, Guitarron

Daniel Herrera, Violin

Andrew Santana, Guitar

Steve Manzo, Violin

With careful research, the company's choreographic works are created utilizing regional music and dance to preserve the traditions and customs of Mexico's historic past and present.

EL BUEY

Music: Traditional

EL JARABE NAYARITA

Music: Traditional

7:10 p.m.
San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus

Colleen Kennedy, Music Director

Kathleen Moon, Piano

Irene Cowley, Recorder

The chorus has appeared as the Children's Chorus in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

PEACE IN 12 LANGUAGES Thomas Knight, arr. Craig Palmer

SILENT NIGHT Joseph Mohr, arr. Kirby Shaw

7:20 p.m.
Elvis Schoenberg's Orchestre Surréal*

Ross Wright, Conductor

David Arana, Piano

Ted Falcon, Violin

Phil Feather, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax

John Grab, Trombone

David Hughes, Electric Bass

Terry Landry, Flute, Bari Sax

Tawnee Lillo, French Horn

Frederick Fiddmont, Clarinet, Tenor Sax

Danielle Ondarza, French Horn

Ken Rosser, Electric Guitar

Maria Scherer, Cello

Marda Todd, Viola

Timothy Troy, Percussion

Thomas Vos, Violin

Chris Wabich, Drums

Meet L.A.'s hyper-eclectic ensemble. These musical argonauts blend classical music, rock, jazz, hip-hop and just about every other musical style.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA Ross Wright and John Grab

7:30 p.m.
Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus*

Dave Tautkus, Director

The chorus has won the Southern California West Division Barbershop Competition twelve times.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH 17th Century Traditional French Carol

JINGLE BELLS James Pierpont

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS Traditional

7:35 p.m.
Pennington Dance Group*

John Pennington, Artistic Director and Choreographer

Always looking forward with an eye on the past, the company endeavors to recreate and reconstruct dances of note by modern dance pioneers while continuing to excite audiences with inventive and provocative new work.

OUT OF

Untitled music by Edgar Rothermich

7:45 p.m.
Chinese Classical Music Ensemble

Zhiming Han, Director and Yangqin

Cynthia Hsiang, Zheng (Chinese long zither)

Constance Deeter, Acoustic Bass

Paul Grundman, Percussion

In 2002, this ensemble's performance at Holiday Celebration was featured in the national highlight broadcast on PBS. In 2005, the ensemble performed music for the soundtrack of the X-box video game "Jade Empire."

THUNDERS IN DROUGHT Traditional

HARVEST CELEBRATION Li Zuji

8:00 p.m. **Host: Jim Brickman**
Jim Brickman

MEDLEY

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

JOY TO THE WORLD

8:05 p.m.
The Blind Boys of Alabama*

Ricky Eric McKinnie, Vocals

Jimmy Carter, Vocals

Billie Bowers, Vocals

Tracy Pierce, Bass

Bobby Butler, Rhythm Guitar

Joey Williams, Lead Guitar

Michael Jerome, Drums

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN Traditional, arr. The Blind Boys Of Alabama,

John Chelew And Chris Goldsmith

LAST MONTH OF THE YEAR Traditional, arr. The Blind Boys Of Alabama, John

Chelew And Chris Goldsmith

*first time on Holiday Celebration

8:15 p.m.

Celtic Spring

Elizabeth Wood, Musical Leader and Fiddle

Deirdre Wood, Fiddle

Sean Wood, Fiddle

Patrick Wood, Fiddle

Maire Wood, Fiddle

Greg Wood, Bodhran (Irish drum)

Aidan Wood, Dancer

Called the “von Trapp family of Celtic music,” the six Wood children and their father honor their Irish ancestry with masterful performances across the U.S. and on *Good Morning America*.

GREENSLEEVES Old English Air

DRUMMOND CASTLE Traditional

FAREWELL TO ERIN Traditional

THE FERRET Andy Renwick

FRANK’S REEL John Mckusker

JENNIE DANG THE WEAVER Traditional

JENNIE’S CHICKENS Traditional

DINKIE DORIAN’S Francie Byrne

8:20 p.m.

Korean American Music Academy

Choi In Hwan, Executive Director and Conductor

Gyo Gin Koo, Piano

The academy seeks to achieve harmony among diverse cultures through music.

ONG-HEYA Korean Folksong, arr. Charles Lee

8:25 p.m.

JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble

Pat Taylor, Artistic Director and Choreographer

The ensemble celebrates the African American roots of the jazz tradition as part of the American experience.

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

Music: Cliff Owens & Jesse Hollis

WINTER WONDERLAND

Music: Felix Bernard & Richard Smith

8:35 p.m.

Jubilant Voices of Holman United Methodist Church

Melida Skeete-Smith, Director

The choir claimed first place in the 19th Annual McDonald’s Gospelfest Competition at the Shrine Auditorium in 2003.

COME BY HERE Traditional, arr. Carmen Twilly

KAMARU Traditional, arr. John P. Kee

8:40 p.m.

Jim Brickman

MEDLEY

GREENSLEEVES

WE THREE KINGS

CAROL OF THE BELLS

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

8:45 p.m.

Mariachi Sol de Mexico

Jose Hernandez, Director and Trumpet

Jessie L. Hernandez, Guitar

Fernando Moreno, Violin

Julio Hernandez, Violin

Mario Hernandez, Guitarron

Francisco J. Jauregui, Vihuela

Hector Castro, Violin

Raul Cuellar, Violin

Guadalupe Gonzalez, Violin

Art Gerst, Harp

Antonio Hernandez, Trumpet

Fernando Ortiz, Trumpet

Roberto Lopez, Violin

Andres Gonzalez, Violin

The ensemble was the first mariachi group to be nominated for a Grammy and has performed in more than 20 films.

OH HOLY NIGHT Music: Traditional, Spanish Lyrics: Jessie Hernandez

Vocal Soloist: Guadalupe Gonzalez

LA BODA DE LUIS ALONSO Ruben Fuentes/Calva Enrique

MEDLEY

FELIZ NAVIDAD Jose Feliciano

CHRISTMAS SONG Melvin H. Torme and Robert Wells

SLEIGH RIDE Leroy Anderson

SILENT NIGHT Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber

WHITE CHRISTMAS Irving Berlin

FELIZ NAVIDAD Jose Feliciano

Happy Holidays and Good Night!



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