The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Presents the
59th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration

December 24, 2018 | 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
The Music Center’s Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
Kayamanan Ng Lahi Philippine Folk Arts
The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles
Le Ballet Dembaye

Citrus Singers
Pacitico Dance Company
The Daniel Ho Trio, Hālau Hula Kealiʻi o Nālani, Makoto Taiko, and the Arcadia High School Orchestra

Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy
MUSYCA Children’s Choir
Immaculate Heart of Mary and Precious Blood School Children’s Choir

Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles
Colburn Concert Choir and the Young Men’s Chorus
Harmonic Bronze

Photos by Timothy Norris
ABOUT THE CELEBRATION

As Los Angeles’ largest multicultural holiday celebration, the 59th annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration is presented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This joyous performance provides Angelenos of all ages an opportunity to come together on December 24 to experience and honor the dynamic, rich cultures of Los Angeles County. During the free event, many diverse L.A.-based artists—including community-based and professional choirs, music ensembles and dance companies—showcase their talent, artistry and traditions on The Music Center’s iconic Dorothy Chandler Pavilion stage. The three-hour live production features instrumental music, choral music and dance performances.

HISTORY

While more than 6,000 people traditionally attend the Holiday Celebration at The Music Center, the show reaches all over Los Angeles County and beyond with a live broadcast on PBS SoCal. It repeats on PBS SoCal 1 on December 24 and 25 and on PBS SoCal 2 on December 25 and 26. Holiday revelers can also stream the performance live on pbssocal.org. The show is produced by The Music Center in association with CDK Productions.

The L.A. County Holiday Celebration was founded in 1959 by the late Kenneth Hahn, who served as supervisor of the Second District of Los Angeles County from 1952-1992. An advocate for the arts, Supervisor Hahn developed the idea of a free daylong concert along the lines of a neighborhood talent show. When pioneering arts leader Dorothy Buffum Chandler asked Supervisor Hahn to support her plan to build an arts complex in Downtown Los Angeles, Hahn agreed, as long as the performing arts center would open its doors to the public for free every Christmas Eve. While The Music Center was under construction, the holiday show was held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, and, in ensuing years, in the supervisors’ hearing room. Once The Music Center’s Dorothy Chandler Pavilion opened in 1964, the show was held in the new 3,100 seat auditorium, where it has continued to the delight of audiences of all ages for nearly six decades.

Over the years, the supervisors from all five county districts have supported the event. Today, the Board of Supervisors includes the Honorable Hilda L. Solis, First District; the Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second District; the Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Third District; the Honorable Janice Hahn, chair, Fourth District; and the Honorable Kathryn Barger, Fifth District.

The show was produced for many years by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, which fosters excellence, diversity, vitality, understanding and accessibility of the arts in Los Angeles County. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the arts commissioners include Helen Hernandez, Norma Provencio Pichardo and David Valdez (First District); Pamela Bright-Moon, Eric Hanks and Hope Warschaw (Second District); Constance Jolcuvar, Claire Peeps and Rosalind Wyman (Third District); Darnella Davidson, Eric R. Eisenberg and Liz Schindler Johnson (Fourth District); and Alis Clausen Odenthal, Bettina Korek and Liane Weintraub (Fifth District).

SELECTION PROCESS

The performers for the Holiday Celebration are selected via an annual public application process, which opens in April and concludes in August. Interested performing groups complete an application and provide video and/or audio footage with their applications. This year, selections were made during an extensive review process that included the arts and culture deputies from each of the five supervisorial districts in Los Angeles County, as well as curatorial, production, marketing, education and operations staff members from The Music Center. Reviewers endeavored to select participants who reflect the diversity of Los Angeles.
HOSTS: SUZANNA GUZMÁN AND BRIAN WHITE

SUZANNA GUZMÁN
Suzanna Guzmán, mezzo-soprano, is a native of East Los Angeles and one of LA Opera's original associate artists. She has appeared as a principal soloist with orchestras and opera houses around the world including the Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Dallas Opera, Opera de Genève and San Diego Opera, to name a few. An advocate of arts education, Guzmán regularly performs her one-woman show—Don’t Be Afraid; It’s Just Opera!—across the United States and is recognized for her mentorship to California students. Her acknowledgements include the 2012 Hispanic Scholarship Foundation’s “Mentor of the Year Award,” the 2012 Spirit of California Award from the State of California’s Latino Legislative Caucus, the 2013 Mexican American Foundation award for Woman of the Year and the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nederlander Organization for her work in the arts and community.

Guzmán serves on the USC Thornton School of Music Board of Councilors, on UCLA's Design for Sharing board and she received her honorary PhD in Music from Occidental College. She serves as host for the KCET television show Open Call, a showcase for Los Angeles' vibrant arts community, for over 145 episodes. During her tenure as director of community engagement for the L.A. County High School for the Arts, Guzmán helped develop programs that served over 13,000 K-12 students annually, bringing them to their first symphony, ballet and musical theatre concert.

BRIAN WHITE
Brian White, back for his third year as co-host of the L.A. County Holiday Celebration, is an accomplished television and film actor and producer, most known for his roles on Showtime's Ray Donovan, NBC's Taken, NBC's Chicago Fire and ABC’s Scandal as Kerry Washington’s love interest. White starred in and produced the feature films Howard High, Only for One Night, and 36 Hour Layover.

After college, White was signed to the New England Patriots; however, his career was cut short due to injury. He then began a lucrative modeling career and co-founded a professional dance and theatre company, Phunk Phenomenon Urban Dance Theater Company, which uses the art of dance as a catalyst for youth outreach. “Phunk” has visited over 200 schools and has collaborated with MTV, the NBA, the WNBA and more. The company has performed with Britney Spears, TLC, Run DMC and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

While developing “Phunk,” White seized an opportunity to work on the television show Moesha in Los Angeles. This opportunity kick-started his acting career and allowed him to steadily grow in the entertainment industry.

3:00 p.m.

INNER CITY YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF LOS ANGELES

Charles Dickerson, Conductor

Akiyah Morgan, Marchelle Hayes, Rachel Kivi, Leah Marcelle, Angel Rubin, Janis Montgomery, Zane D’Amico, Jesus Santiago, Jaquain Sloan, Nyala Beninger, Malik Taylor, Fundi, Sofia Schnurman, Yasmeen Richards, Emily Booth, Brandyn Phillips, Marcus Paul, Sehn-Ra Chestnut-Brooks, Kenneth Brown, Luis Jimenez, Randy Garcia, Marx Ha, Al Tarver, Jacqueline Brown-Gaines, Karah Innis, Samara Lang, Rachel Clinton, Darius Dudley, Matthew Dudley, Erynn Hill, Jacqueline Perry, Jeffer Arrenado, Carlos Arrenado, Thilan Tran, Wynton Grant, Deonna Pope, Maiya South, Ginger Veith, Tony Tran, Helen Brewer, Ingrid Gutierrez, Brenda Leyva, Alice Wang, Erica Wang, Isiah Hughes, Chad Jackson, Ashley Hill, Solomon Leonard, Jeffery Johnson, Erica Solano, Hannah Innis, Nicholas Trobaugh, Christine Kivi, Sylvia Duvenany, Benton Preciado, Juan-Salvador Carrasco, Marlon Martinez, Isaac Green, Daquan Robinson, Dalanie Harris, Joey Muskat, and Nigel Hess

INNER CITY YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF LOS ANGELES CONT.

Kaman Richardson, Sidney Hopson, Elizabeth Erman, Bradley Parrimore

A CHRISTMAS OVERTURE

Leroy Anderson

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Lindsay Buckingham

PASADENA GIRLS’ CHOIR

Barbara Allen, Director

Piano: Cathy Auyeung

Rhythm Guitar: John Nelson

Bass Guitar: Steve Allen

Drums: James Allen

LOVE HAS COME AGAIN

Greg Jasperse/Sal Sabella

HOLIDAY ROAD

Lindsay Buckingham

KAYAMANAN NG LAHI PHILIPPINE FOLK ARTS

Ave Jacinto, Director

PASKO SA PILIPINAS

(Christmas in the Philippines)

PASKO AY SUMAPIT

(Christmas Has Arrived)

PASKO NA NAMAN

(It’s Christmas!)

SAYAW SA BANGKO

SAKUTING

MUSYCA CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Mikhail Shtangrud, Artistic Director

Anna Krendel, Pianist

Hailey Buescher, Jacqueline Cassidy, Kira Ciccarello, Maya Clayton, Julia Glukhovsky, Penelope Goldin, Angelika Gulin, Jacob Gurevich, Sasha Hale, Bella Jahrmarkt, Anu Jith, Elizabeth Keshishyan, Nicole Khaust, Lucas Kim, Z Lua, Mariel Mayorga, Sofya Mecit, Emilie Montoure, Isla Morgado, Emily Portnoy, Chloe Ruelas, Jessica Ruelas, Jadon Sand, Stephany Serrano, Maya Shtangrud, Natalie Shtangrud, Calista Suzuki, Maddy Trakkenberg, Renata Trakkenberg, Anya Vaiman, Simone Varela, Elizabeth Vassantachart, Anna Vayser, Zola Vilshenker, Natalie Williams

WINTER WONDERLAND

Felix Bernard and Dick Smith

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

Johnny Marks
HARMONIC BRONZE CONT.
Hammett, Alyssa Heeb, Alyssa Hunter, Jackson Kestler, Morgan Kies, Payton Kies, Benjamin Lee, Aaron Lents, Chloe Main, Emily Main, Jolene Wessel

CORONATION
Larry Sue

WIZARDS IN WINTER
Paul O’Neill and Robert Kinkel / Hart Morr

LOS ANGELES CHAMBER CHOIR
Chung Uk Lee, Conductor
Michelle Cho and Hee Seung Lee, Accompanists
Yuri Bast, Hyeran Chun, Annie Kim, Stella Wonsun Kim, Stella Young Kim, Young Joo Lee, Hyon K. Ro, Lucy Eun Kyung Sim, Shannon Eunjae Suh, Deborah Cho, Milah Chung, Hyun Jin Kim, Ja Hae Kim, Jung Y. Kim, Irene Soyoung Lee, Sook Lee, Esther Paik, Irene Yim, James Heard, Juun Kim, Nyung Uk Kwon, Suk Soo Kim, Jacob Wan Namkung, Joseph Yun, John S. Kim, Towney Losey, Tae Sang Nam, Ronald Ro
GAUDETE ARRANGED
Piae Cantiones, 1582, arranged by Mark Burrows

JINGLE Bells
J. Pierpoint arranged by Mack Wilberg

TRES SOULS
Roberto Carlos, Band Leader
AMOR MIO
Alvaro Carillo
BLANCA NAVIDAD
Irving Berlin

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL CHILDREN’S CHOIR
Christopher Avendano, Artistic Director
TAO TAO PO
Leron Leron Sinta, Jude Roldan
DA KAMI AY ANAN-AK
Theresa Vizconde-Roldan

LE BALLET DEMBAYA
Jahanna Blunt, Artistic Director
KUKU

THE SPIRIT CHORALE OF LOS ANGELES
Byron Smith, Director
I’M GONNA SING TILL THE SPIRIT MOVES IN MY HEART
Arranged by Moses Hogan
LIFT HIM UP
Arranged by Byron J. Smith

INFINITE FLOW — AN INCLUSIVE DANCE COMPANY
Marisa Hamamoto, Founder & Artistic Director
RISE UP / DYNAMITE / SILENT NIGHT

5:00 p.m.

LOS ROBLES MASTER CHORALE
Lesley Leighton, Director
SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY
Arranged by Roger Wagner
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
Arranged by Robert D. Hunter

PACIFICO DANCE COMPANY
Adriana Gainey, Artistic Director

DANZA DE LOS CONCHEROS
Adriana Astorga-Gainey

PROGRAM CONTINUED ➔
CITRUS SINGERS
Douglas Austin, Director

IT’S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR
Eddie Pola & George Wyle
THE CHRISTMAS WALTZ
Lyrics by Sammy Cahn & Music by Jule Styne

THE DANIEL HO TRIO, HĀLĀU HULA KEALI‘I O NĀLĀNI, MAKOTO TAIKO, AND THE ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Daniel Ho, Artistic Director
Daniel Ho Trio: Daniel Ho, Steve Billman, Randy Drake
Makoto Taiko: Martin Blagaich, Mari Yoshida, Hunter Loyd, Connie Hsu
Hālau Hula Keali‘i o Nālāni: Keali‘i Ceballos, Director
‘Alohilani Kozawa, Brian Mendoza, Hi’ilani Watanabe, Hi‘ilei Kyosai, Hōkūlanikōnane Kono, Kaila Mashita, Kalāli‘i Sun, Kamalei Tanaka, Kanani Toji, Kanoelani Morikawa, Kēhualani Matsuura, Kiele Smith, Ku‘uleialoha Ho, Ku‘uleialoha Taketa, Kuleana Inouye, Kūlia Green, Lalena Kawasaki-Knight, Lekili Tanaka, Lika Hirakami, Makamae Yamamoto, Makana Burns, Nanea Divinagracia, Pikkelani, Kono-Song, Pua‘ala Sun

GAY MEN’S CHOIR OF LOS ANGELES
Joe Nadeau, Artistic Director & Conductor
DECK THE HALLS
Chad Weirick
BLOW, BLOW THOU WINTER WIND
John Rutter

MARIACHI DIVAS DE CINDY SHEA
Cindy Shea, CEO
O HOLY NIGHT
JINGLE BELLS
Son de la Negra

ADJACENT TO THE PUBLIC LINE
BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER
Alex Evans, Executive Director and Head Puppeteer
URBAN VOICES
Leeav Sofer, Artistic Director and Co-Founder
Christopher Mack, Community Outreach Director and Co-Founder

59TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
PBS SOCAL 1
Monday, December 24
3 p.m. – 6 p.m. (live)
Monday, December 24
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 25
12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

PBS SOCAL 2
Tuesday, December 25
3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 26
11:00 a.m.

Interested in performing in the 60th annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration on December 24, 2019, or know a group or artist who might like to perform? Opportunities are available for anyone who lives in Los Angeles County. Applications will be available in April 2019. Visit holidaycelebration.org in the spring for more details.

*S Program times and artists are subject to change.

STERN GRAND HALL
Art Making Activities by Xochitl Palomera, Ellen Schulze, and Pierre Davis
Celebrating Los Angeles County Every Day of the Year