



WE ARE  
*Lights*

2023 DESSERT CAROL NIGHT

DEC 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023

VALENCIA CONCERT CHOIR

TREBLE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

JUST FOR SHOW

SOUNDWAVES VOCAL JAZZ ENS

TWO N FOUR VOCAL JAZZ ENS

AND SELECTED SOLOISTS

# TREBLE

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Parvaneh Alamdari  
Liliah Altamirano  
Kaylen Arnold  
Zoe Baeza  
Christa Brenner  
Amaya Briggs  
Islelamia Bruner  
Alexa Canepa  
Abigail Carolino  
Eliana Cooper  
Ren Corso  
Stephanie Croisdale  
Sienna Dawson  
Birdie DeFreitas  
Chelsea Dela Calzada  
Annalise Egami  
Audrey Ginsburg  
Emily Hipp  
Elise Hoppe  
Adissyn House  
Hadley Huntzinger

Lauren Hurley  
Harmony Jefferson  
Angela Jonson  
Audrey Kao  
Eleanora King  
Sofia Larrazabal  
Lilyana Lewers  
Elle Michelson  
Rachel Patterson  
Emilee Reed  
Mia Sammaciccia  
Janelle Santos  
Juliette Santos  
Belos Schubert  
Addison Taylor  
Juliette Teague  
Madeline Teague  
Olivia Vielma  
Keila Viray  
Kylee Weber

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# CONCERT CHOIR

Mateo Arambula  
Micah Banaag  
Ava Boyer  
Kaylee Chang  
Ren Corso  
Sophia Costello  
Ava Cronk  
Peyton DeBear  
Ryan Diaz  
Henry Egami  
Maddox Espinosa  
Ella Freed  
Lucca Gomez  
Sawyer Hammersley  
Daniel Heringer  
Kayla Hicks  
Elise Hoppe  
Hadley Huntzinger  
Lauren Hurley  
Andrew Jenofsky  
Jacob Kim  
Joon Kim  
Donovan Krejcarek  
Matthew Kumar  
Emily L'Herault  
Gina LaPoint  
Tomi Lessis  
Ryan Lozano  
Josani Mangrobang  
Kayla Martinez  
Tahan Mathew

William McElroy  
Cayden McNaught  
Jonathan McPhee  
Madison Medland  
Zachary Mohler  
Kayla Nam  
Uche Nwadiashi  
Ethan Orr  
Brayden Payne  
Jordan Perez  
Steviejane Petree  
Austin Pohlott  
Joel Priesz  
Tavishi Raghunathan  
Ella Ray  
Emilee Reed  
Christopher Rice  
Joseph Rigor  
Ganymede Rivera  
Gavin Sanchez  
Lucas Santos  
Brianna Scofield  
Aarya Shah  
Daniel Shlager  
Magdalena Soda  
Madeleine Spencer  
Juliette Teague  
Promiz Thomas  
Megan Xiong

# TWO -N- FOUR

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Spencer Allport  
Micah Banaag  
Ava Cronk  
Birdie DeFreitas  
Maddox Espinosa  
Ella Freed  
Daniel Heringer  
Lauren Hurley  
Donovan Krejcarek  
Tomi Lessis

Kayla Martinez  
Jonathan McPhee  
Zachary Mohler  
StevieJane Petree  
Ella Ray  
Lucas Santos  
Aarya Shah  
James Stockman  
Promiz Thomas

# SOUNDWAVES

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Parvaneh Alamdari  
Mateo Arambula  
Islelamia Bruner  
Ren Corso  
Henry Egami  
Jacob Kim  
Matthew Kumar  
Gina LaPoint  
William McElroy  
Madison Medland

Kayla Nam  
Uche Nwadiashi  
Rachel Patterson  
Joel Priesz  
Christopher Rice  
Benjamin Ross  
Daniel Shlager  
Madeleine Spencer  
Keila Viray

# TECHNICAL

**Sound:** Elliot So, Steve Petree and CCRC  
Students

**Head Stage Manager:** Josani Mangrobang

**Stage Managers:** Ren Corso, Belos Schubert,  
James Stockman, Lucas Santos

**Curtains:** Rachel Patterson, Belos Schubert,  
James Stockman

**Lights:** Tavishi Raghunathan, Chelsea De La  
Calzada

**Spotlight:** Andy Jenofsky, Lexi Choi, Chris Rice,  
James Stockman

**Choreography:** Juliette Teague, Madeline  
Teague, Stevie Petree, Kayla Donovan, Katie El-  
liott, Hailey Priesz, Donovan Krejcarek, Juliette  
Santos

**Show Choir Coach/Choreographer:** Yeko Cole

**ALL Choirs Rhythm Section:** Marty Hillman,  
Athan Gousios - drums , Ron Suffredini - bass

**Concert Choir Accompanist:** Dr. Cassandra  
Gonzalez

**Special Thanks to our VHS Choir Coaches -**  
Marty Hillman, Yeko Cole, Cassie Gonzalez

**Director of VHS Choirs:**  
Christine Tavares-Mocha

**Director of Rio Norte Choir:**  
Jeffrey Gilbert

# JUST FOR SHOW

SHOW CHOIR

Spencer Allport  
Bria Birdtail  
Christa Brenner  
Amaya Briggs  
Islelamia Bruner  
Valentina Cardona Rojas  
Lila Catto  
Colleene Chang  
Alexandra Choi  
Ramona Clapp  
Karina Costill-Kelly  
Amanda Curtis  
Birdie DeFreitas  
Kayla Donovan  
Katelyn Downs  
Annalise Egami  
Katelyn Elliott  
Menna Endo  
Isabella Falcone  
Casey Frank  
Max French  
Violet Garcia  
Zain Haque  
Daniel Heringer  
Elaine Hong  
Miriam Hoppe  
Angela Jonson  
Rosalyn Jones  
Samhitha Josyam  
Amelie Kalosh  
Eleanor Keegan Gross  
Riot King

Sydney Knybel  
Donovan Krejcarek  
McKenna Leake  
Anabelle Liu  
Richard Lucero JR  
Jonathan McPhee  
Serena Meisenheimer  
Elle Michelson  
Samantha Miller  
Daphne Miranda  
Gianna Marie Montesclaros  
Jung Min Oh  
Julian Oro  
Jiwon Paik  
Jordan Perez  
Mars Petri  
Hailey Priesz  
Isobella Reyes  
Monica Rizzo Ruiz  
Benjamin Ross  
Athena Rzyan  
Mia Sammaciccia  
Juliette Santos  
Lucas Santos  
Belos Schubert  
Megan Singha  
James Stockman  
Addison Taylor  
Madeline Teague  
Leann Gabrielle Vergara  
Olivia Vielma

## WE ARE LIGHTS

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023

Jacob Kim . . . . . Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer  
 Uche Nwadiashi . . . . . I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

## Act I

TREBLE VOCAL ENSEMBLE . . . . . Vuelie arr Andy Beck

Lucca Gomez . . . . . Blue Christmas

JUST FOR SHOW (Show Choir) . . . . . We Need / We Wish You a Little Christmas, arr Robert Sterling

Alexa Canepa . . . . . Winter Wonderland

Juliette Santos . . . . . White Christmas

CONCERT CHOIR . . . . . Nutcracker Jingles arr Chuck Bridwell

Kayla Martinez and Ella Freed . . . . . Now and Then

SELECT ENSEMBLE (Show) . . . . . 8 days of Christmas

Maddie Spencer and Lauren Hurley . . . . . Let it Snow

CHAMBER CHOIR . . . . . Sleighride arr Andy Degan

Rachel Patterson, Kayla Martinez, and Kayla Nam . . . . . Duvet

SOUNDWAVES . . . . . Song for the Traveler, arr Kerry Marsh

Annalise Egami . . . . . I'll Be Home for Christmas

CONCERT CHOIR . . . . . Hallelujah / Total Praise Gospel Medley

A Jeffrey LaValley / Richard Smallwood

Rehearsed and Guest directed by Lea Jefferson and Dr. Derrick Starks

Eliana Cooper . . . . . Rock of Ages

ALL CHOIRS . . . . . We Are Lights arr Mac Huff

~~ Intermission ~~

## Act II

TWO 'N FOUR . . . . . Feeling Good, arr Kerry Marsh

Birdie De Freitas and Joel Priesz . . . . . Picture Me Better

JUST FOR SHOW (Show Choir) . . . . . There's Still My Joy arr Roger Emerson

Lucas Santos . . . . . Christmas Everyday to Me

TREBLE VOCAL ENSEMBLE . . . . . Dying Californian, traditional shape note

Broken, Dominick Diorio

Dies Irae, Randall Stroope

Jordan Perez . . . . . Christmas Eve

Isla Bruner . . . . . Who Could Imagine a King

CONCERT CHOIR . . . . . Hallelujah Chorus, George Frederic Handel

ALL CHOIRS . . . . . Stille Nacht arr Darmon Meader

## WE ARE LIGHTS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023

Daniel Shlager ..... *It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas*  
 Spencer Allport ..... *Let it Snow*  
 Micah Banaag ..... *Rockin Around the Christmas Tree*

## Act I

TREBLE VOCAL ENSEMBLE ..... *Vuelie arr Andy Beck*  
 Brianna Scofield ..... *Blue Christmas*  
 Madeleine and Juliette Teague ..... *Ring Out Wild Bells*

JUST FOR SHOW (Show Choir) ..... *We Need / We Wish You a Little Christmas, Art Robert Sterling*  
 Kayla Matinez, Stevie Petree, James Stockman ..... *I Love the Winter Weather*  
 Promiz Thomas and James Stockman ..... *Never Dreamed You'd Leave in Summer*

CONCERT CHOIR ..... *Nutcracker Jingles arr Chuck Bridwell*  
 Pari Alamdari ..... *Magnolia*  
 Andy Jenofsky ..... *Hannukah Song*

SELECT ENSEMBLE (Show) ..... *8 days of Christmas*  
 Elle Michelson ..... *I'll Be Home for Christmas*

CHAMBER CHOIR ..... *Sleighride arr Andy Degan*  
 Tomi Lessis ..... *Let it Go*

SOUNDWAVES ..... *Song for the Traveler, arr Kerry Marsh*  
 Emily L'Herault ..... *O Holy Night*

CONCERT CHOIR ..... *Hallelujah / Total Praise Gospel Medley*  
 A Jeffrey LaValley / Richard Smallwood  
 Rehearsed and Guest directed by Lea Jefferson and Dr. Derrick Starks

ALL CHOIRS ..... *We Are Lights arr Mac Huff*

~~ Intermission ~~

## Act II

TWO 'N FOUR ..... *Feeling Good, arr Kerry Marsh*  
 Ava Cronk ..... *River*  
 Donovan Krejcarek / Kayla Hicks ..... *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*

JUST FOR SHOW (Show Choir) ..... *There's Still My Joy arr Roger Emerson*  
 Aarya Shah ..... *Santa Baby*  
 Maddox Espinosa ..... *The Christmas Song*

TREBLE VOCAL ENSEMBLE ..... *Dying Californian, traditional shape note*  
 Broken, Dominick Diorio  
 Dies Irae, Randall Stroope  
 Daniel Heringer, Sophia Costello, Maddy Spencer, Lucas Santos, Maddox Espinosa ..... *That's Christmas To Me*

CONCERT CHOIR ..... *Hallelujah Chorus, George Frederic Handel*

ALL CHOIRS ..... *Stille Nacht arr Darmon Meader*

# INTERMISSION IN MPR

## Thursday

<i>Gianna Montesclaros and Elaine Hong</i> .....	<i>Rockin Around the Christmas Tree</i>
<i>Andy Jenofsky</i> .....	<i>The Hanukkah Song</i>
<i>Benjamin Ross and Jiwon Paik</i> .....	<i>This Song</i>
<i>Rachel And Kayla Hicks</i> .....	<i>I Love the Winter Weather</i>
<i>Zain Haque</i> .....	<i>Last Christmas</i>

## Friday

<i>Benjamin Ross and Jiwon Paik</i> .....	<i>This Song</i>
<i>Belos Schubert</i> .....	<i>Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer</i>
<i>Lexi Choi and Colleen Chang</i> .....	<i>For Good</i>
<i>Riot King</i> .....	<i>You're The Tops</i>
<i>Kayla and Isla</i> .....	<i>When You Believe</i>

# THANK YOU

We would like to thank **JamesVG3 Inc.** for their generous donation to our sheet music and rhythm section parts of We Need A Little Christmas / We Wish You a Merry Christmas music, Just for Show, the Treble Vocal Ensemble piece “Vuelie” and the Hallelujah Chorus Sheet Music

We would like to thank **The Carolino Family** for their generous donation of sheet music to We are Lights and our Gospel Medley Sheet Music

We would like to thank **Butterfly Studios Pilates** for their generous donation of sheet music for Treble Vocal Ensemble; Dies Irae, Broken, as well as the remainder of the music for “Vuelie”

Lastly we would like to thank all of the above sponsors as well as the awesome non-profit organization “**Caitlin’s Chorus**” for their generous sponsorship of all VHS Choir music invoices to JW Pepper Sheet Music.

Without these organizations, it would be impossible to bring you the performance that you are seeing tonight! Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Valencia High School Choirs

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# SPECIAL GUESTS

**Lea Jefferson** was born in Flint , Michigan and later moved to Detroit, Michigan. She was raised up around singers and musicians and began singing in the church choir where she fell in love with the harmonies and melodies. Credits include background work with Third Day and many gospel artists. In 2017 she moved with her family to California where she continued to live out her dream by being on stage and to have a new start. Lea currently works as a Behavioral Health Technician and is completing her degree to become a school psychologist. In her spare time she enjoys doing musicals at Canyon Theatre Guild , and has been in multiple shows including The Buddy Holly Show where she won a Goldie for the best ensemble performance, Credits also include Sister Act : the Musical , In the Heights, Elf : The Musical and The Beehive : The 60s Musical . stage manager for Oliver: The Musical and Lillie's of the field. Lea would like to thank Mrs. Mocha and Valencia Choirs for welcoming her with open arms. You all rock and will Rock the house!!!

**Derrick Starks** has received numerous awards and accolades throughout his illustrious 30-year-plus career in the gospel industry. His projects have consistently soared on Billboard Charts, and his work has earned Grammy, Dove, and Stellar Award nominations. His hit "Take It Back" even garnered him the coveted BMI Songwriter of the Year Award.

Notably, Derrick's recent work with the GEI Mass Choir produced the Billboard Number 1 charting project "GEI Live," featuring the radio hit "Hang On." The video for "Hang On" amassed over 20 million streams and garnered acclaim from Billboard Magazine as the Best New Artist of 2017.

His spirit of humility, unwavering faith, and optimism are boundless, and he and his wife Gretchen have birthed Life Worship Church, a global ministry based in Atlanta, GA. They are the proud parents of four exceptional children: Destiny, Derrick Jr., Blake, and Brooklyn (the twins).

# DIRECTORS NOTE

Thank you for joining us this season as we celebrate the coming of winter with our first song , our Winter Solstice song, Vuelie! We are excited to take you on a journey tonight; our pieces have been picked this year heavily by our students and influenced by the theme “Season of Lights;” some Christmas Music, Hanukkah Songs, a little contemporary jazz, a nod to Gospel with special Gospel Greats as our guests, and a whole bunch of everything in between.

We are honored to have some special guests with us tonight and would also like to extend our sincerest thanks to JamesVG3 Incorporated, Butterflystudiospilates.com, The Carolino Family, and Caitlin’s Chorus for their generous

donation sponsorships to all of the music you will hear tonight! We could not offer this type of program without the incredible support of our community! It takes a village and we are grateful for ours.



Tonight we hope you celebrate it all as we wish each of you the Happiest of Holidays and a Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoy the show,

Christine Tavares-Mocha  
Valencia HS Choral Director

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