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**MEN ALIVE – THE ORANGE COUNTY GAY MEN'S CHORUS
PRESENTS BEST OF MOTOWN AT THE BARCLAY THEATRE**

“Dancing In The Street” Celebrates the Music of Motown

Three Performances on Friday March 20 & Saturday March 21

Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus promises to take the audience back to the Apollo Theatre in the mid 1960s with its celebration of the best music of Motown. Under the direction of Artistic Director Rich Cook, Men Alive presents three performances of “Dancing In The Street” on Friday, March 20 at 8:00pm and Saturday, March 21 at both 3:00 & 8:00pm. The beautiful Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine, serves as the venue for this holiday spectacular.

“We were looking to produce a feel-good concert experience with easy listening harmonies, exciting rhythms, passionate texts, yet would provide opportunities for humorous spins to keep us laughing,” said Cook. “The music of Motown easily met the criteria. For those who remember the original Motown days there will be some nostalgia. And everyone will relate to the timeless hits that keep appearing, sampled or covered by many contemporary performers.”

From the R & B sway of Aretha Franklin and the Pointer Sisters to the high energy rhythms of the Temptations and The Four Tops, with the added the glitz & glamour of Diana Ross & Supremes, this show captures the best from the heyday of Motown. With such classics as “I Heard It Through the Grapevine”, “Midnight Train to Georgia”, “Heat Wave”, “Money” and “Dancing In the Street”, the audience will feel like it's gone back in time to the Apollo Theatre.

Plus, it wouldn't be a Men Alive show without dancing and theatrics. With 120 choreographed singers and dancers recreating some of the legendary choreography that Motown was known for, plus Men Alive's trademark surprises and hilarious spins, this show is certain to delight and entertainment all audiences.

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Advance tickets may be purchased at the Irvine Barclay Box Office, by phone at (949) 854-4646, or online at <http://www.thebarclay.org>.

Concert: ***Dancing In The Street*** with **Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus**, Rich Cook, Artistic Director

Date/Times: Friday, March 20, 2009, at 8:00pm, and two (2) shows on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 3:00pm and 8:00pm

Location: Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine CA 92612

Tickets: Reserved seating. \$47.50 / \$37.50 / \$25.00. Tickets are available on line at <http://www.thebarclay.org>, or by calling The Barclay at (949) 854-4646

Additional information about Men Alive and the concert can be found at the Chorus' website: <http://www.menalivechorus.org/>.

About Men Alive – The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus: Founded in September 2001 by Artistic Director Rich Cook, Men Alive is currently celebrating its 8th season. Focused on the vision of being a positive voice and musical influence in Orange County and Southern California, Men Alive is dedicated to the following mission: "Through music, men's voices unite as a vehicle to entertain, educate, bring healing, joy, community and build bridges to the public at large." Membership in the Chorus currently numbers more than 180 members with more than 120 singers. More information can also be found on line at <http://www.menalivechorus.org/>

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