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MEN ALIVE – THE ORANGE COUNTY GAY MEN'S CHORUS TO PERFORM “HOLLY JOLLY HOLLYWOOD” AT THE BARCLAY THEATRE

Show Features Singing, Dancing, and Songs from Holiday Movies

Three Performances on Friday November 30 & Saturday December 1

Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus jets off, metaphorically, to the glamour cities of the U.S., Hollywood, Las Vegas, and New York, for its seventh season. The first stop on this whirlwind tour will be Tinseltown and the classic holiday magic that Hollywood has produced over the years. Hollywood specializes in fantasy, and Men Alive will make holiday dreams come true. Under the direction of Artistic Director Rich Cook, Men Alive presents three performances of “Holly Jolly Hollywood” as a special early season treat on Friday, November 30, at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1, at 3 and 8 pm. The beautiful Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine, serves as the venue for this holiday spectacular.

“Hollywood has produced spectacular holiday films, such ‘Miracle on 34th Street,’ ‘It’s A Wonderful Life,’ ‘White Christmas,’ and ‘Holiday Inn,’ ” said Cook. “And, the magic of these films fills us with nostalgia year after year.”

Speaking of magic, have you ever seen a chorus transformed on stage into a parade of toy soldiers? Well, you will at this concert! On top of that, the chorus will perform such favorites such as “White Christmas;” “Happy Holidays;” “Believe,” a song made famous by Josh Groban; and Mariah Carey’s “All I Want For Christmas Is You.” We’ll also feature Ennio Morricone’s haunting music from “The Mission.” Morricone was recently awarded a special Academy Award for his body of film scores.

Surprises are a staple of Men Alive’s performances. In “Holly Jolly Hollywood,” you’ll see whimsically costumed dancers performing to Michael Misita’s choreography. And, we bet that you didn’t know that the silent nuns from our 2005 holiday concert were actually part of a film—and, so, there’s a good chance that they’ll reappear for these concerts!

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Men Alive's holiday concerts are its most popular ones of the season, and ticket sales are already brisk. 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: *Holly Jolly Hollywood*, holiday concert, with **Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus**, Rich Cook, Artistic Director

Date/Times: Friday, November 30, 2007, at 8:00pm, and two (2) shows on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at 3:00pm and 8:00pm

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

Tickets: Reserved seating. \$45 / \$35 / \$25. Tickets 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 seventh season. Focused on the vision of being a positive voice and 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 170 members and 110 singers. More information can also be found on line at <http://www.menalivechorus.org/>

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