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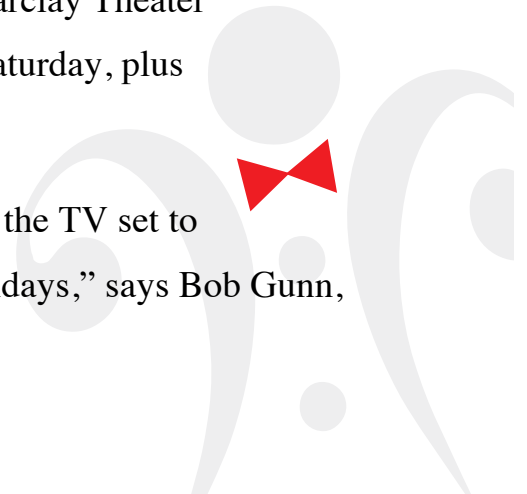
### **MenAlive's Jolly Holly Follies warms up winter**

**IRVINE, CA** — Set the channel, adjust the rabbit-ear antenna, then sit back and get comfy as MenAlive, Orange County's 100-member Gay Men's Chorus, takes you on a lovingly retro trip to the 50's for an update on old-fashioned TV holiday musical celebrations.

Special guest host Momma knows all about holiday parties. As a co-founder of The Fruit Cake Follies, her enthusiasm and energy have made that musical revue a staple of the Hollywood holidays. Also appearing will be renowned basso profundo Carver Cossey. Cossey has been performing, conducting and directing music for more than 35 years. He has toured the United States, Japan, Israel and Europe as a soloist and chorister, has performed in musical theater, and has worked with colleges and churches across the country.

The journey to Christmas Past takes place at the Irvine Barclay Theater December 5-6. With 8pm performances on Friday and Saturday, plus a Saturday matinee at 3pm.

“There was a time when whole families gathered around the TV set to watch their favorite singers and dancers celebrate the holidays,” says Bob Gunn,



Artistic Director. “We want to recapture that warmth and hopefully introduce younger generations to that special holiday feeling.”

The celebrated chorus will sing traditional holiday songs with a mix of new favorites performed with an affectionate nod to the past and present, to ensure everyone is bathed and filled with the holiday spirit.

The Irvine Barclay Theater is MenAlive’s home for 2014-2015, its 14th season. Tickets start at \$35 and are available at [thebarclay.org](http://thebarclay.org) or 949/ 854-4646 Ext. 1.

Gunn, a founding member of MenAlive, holds a Bachelors Degree in Piano Performance, Music Theory and Education from Azusa Pacific University, and has more than 25 years experience as a pianist, keyboardist, singer, producer, conductor, arranger, orchestrator and even recording artist. Bob spent his post-college years on the road performing with several rock groups, and currently lives with his partner in Aliso Viejo.

Gunn, Momma. Carver Cossey and MenAlive President James Vaughn are available for interviews. Please see the contact information at the top for more information about MenAlive’s current season. Photos will be provided upon request.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, MenAlive’s mission is to “Through music, men’s voices unite as a vehicle to entertain, educate, bring healing, joy, community and build bridges to the public at large.” MenAlive is an integral part of the southern California arts scene. Since its founding in 2001, it has grown to more than 100 members and is one of Orange County’s largest and most respected choruses.

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