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## Men Alive – The Orange County Gay Men’s Chorus Summer Concert will Celebrate “Comedy Tonight”

*Emmy-Award Winning Guest Star Leslie Jordan to Perform with Chorus*

**Three Concert Performances Scheduled for Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17**

**Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men’s Chorus** will wrap up its ninth successful season of song with a very special summer concert that brings its loyal audience what we all need right now – “Comedy Tonight.” Under the baton of Artistic Director Rich Cook, Men Alive presents three performances of “Comedy Tonight” on Friday, July 16, at 8:00pm and again on Saturday, July 17, at both 3:00 and 8:00pm. The beautiful Irvine Barclay Theatre at 4242 Campus Drive in Irvine will serve as the venue for all three performances of this show.

“Comedy Tonight” will feature such well-loved standards as “Make ‘em Laugh” from *Singin’ in the Rain*, “Smile” from *Modern Times*, and “Send in the Clowns” from *A Little Night Music*. The Chorus will also raise your spirits with satirical songs composed by Cole Porter and George and Ira Gershwin as well as more current classics written by creative geniuses Del Shores, Elton John, and Mel Brooks. Selections from some of your favorite fun-filled TV shows along with recent Broadway musicals like *Mary Poppins* and *Young Frankenstein* will keep audience members wanting to sing along. But only Men Alive can perform all these songs with its trademark combination of artistic excellence, campy comedy bits, dazzling dancing, professional production values, and wonderfully whimsical costumes, along with a few carefully chosen vintage comic films and videos.

Men Alive is also very proud to announce that its summer concert will feature special guest star Leslie Jordan freshly returned to Orange County from his off-Broadway one-man hit show *My Trip Down the Pink Carpet*. Jordan, the small, small, small-town boy with a giant propensity for scene-stealing, is best known for his Emmy Award-winning recurring role as Beverly Leslie, Karen Walker’s arch-nemesis on “Will & Grace.” Sharing the stage with the Men Alive boys, this multi-talented comedian is witty, charming, and outrageously funny!

Artistic Director Rich Cook explained, “Men Alive is thrilled to offer something for everyone with ‘Comedy Tonight.’ Full of song, dance, and sketches, we’re going to tickle your funny bone with some of the most comical musical works from stage and screen. Overflowing with the funniest songs and moments from such musical comedy geniuses as Stephen Sondheim, Mel Brooks, Cole Porter, and many more, this extravaganza will be our most comical, sidesplitting show yet! Be sure to order your tickets before all three performances sell out or you’ll miss your chance to laugh, sing, and dance along with Men Alive and our special guest Leslie Jordan.”

Men Alive's summer concert is among its most popular shows of the season, and tickets for "Comedy Tonight" are now available for purchase. Season subscriptions are also available for the entire 2009-2010 season. Advance tickets for any Men Alive concert may be purchased in person at the Irvine Barclay Box Office, by phone at (949) 854-4646, or online at <http://www.thebarclay.org>.

Concert: *Comedy Tonight* summer concert, with **Men Alive - The Orange County Gay Men's Chorus**, Rich Cook, Artistic Director

Date/Times: Friday, July 16, at 8:00pm, and again on Saturday, July 17, 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 online 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 ninth 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 online at <http://www.menalivechorus.org/>