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### **Yost Theater glitters with MenAlive GALA 2016**

**SANTA ANA, CA** — MenAlive, the Orange County Gay Men’s Chorus, will present its GALA 2016 cabaret show *All That Glitters* at The 1912, the new showroom at the Yost Theatre complex, Friday, April 29 in Downtown Santa Ana’s Art District. Hosted by TV star Scott Nevins, the event will feature music by MenAlive, a silent auction, and the presentation of the 2016 Rich Cook Bridge Award.

“We are thrilled to stage our GALA 2016 in such a spectacular setting as The 1912,” said Robert Gunn, Artistic Director. “This is a big night for us, as we not only perform but also honor a leader in the LGBT community.”

Nevins, a breakout star from Bravo TV’s *The People’s Couch*, is a respected entertainer, comedian, and for at least one night, an auctioneer. Proceeds from the auction will go toward helping MenAlive fulfill its mission of building bridges of trust and understanding with the community through music and education.

The Rich Cook Bridge Award is presented each year to a person who personifies this mission. This year’s recipient is Bao Nguyen, the first non-

Caucasian, first openly gay, and youngest person to be elected as mayor of Garden Grove. Born in a refugee camp in Thailand after his parents fled Vietnam, he is committed to ending discrimination against LGBT people in housing and employment, and to ensuring fair treatment and respect for all. Nguyen has been appointed to several statewide boards, fights for openness and accountability in government, and is currently running for Loretta Sanchez's open 46<sup>th</sup> congressional seat.

Tickets for *All That Glitters* include the cabaret show and a gourmet dinner catered by the award-winning 24 carrots, and are \$200 for General Admission, \$250 for VIP Admission, and \$2,000 for a table of eight with preferred seating. They may be ordered online at OCGMC.org.

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." Since its founding in 2001, the group has grown from about 30 members to be one of Orange County's largest and most respected choruses, and is an integral part of the southern California arts scene.

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