



The Vail Chorale

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Saturday, April 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Rancho del Lago

Del Webb Community Center Lodge

10264 S. Blendu Way, Vail

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

The Academy Village

Arizona Senior Academy Building

13715 E. Langtry Lane, Tucson

Melissa Hale, Director

Sujie Zhao, Accompanist

No charge to attend

Donations gratefully accepted

Program


Moon River (from Breakfast at Tiffany's).....	Words & music: J.Mercer & H. Mancini; arr.: Diego Marani (Piano: Sujie Zhao; Clarinet: Julia Pierce)
Portrait in Blue.....	arr.: Kirby Shaw (Soloist: Janet Cañez; Clarinet: Julia Pierce; Narrator: Jim Wood)
Embraceable You.....	Words & music: George Gershwin & Ira Gershwin; arr.: Kirby Shaw (The Vail Chorale Ensemble)
All of Me.....	Words & music: Seymour Simons & Gerald Marks (Soloist: Mike DePaso)
God Bless the Child.....	Words & music: Arthur Herzog Jr. & Billie Holiday; arr.: Steve Zegree (Soloist: Ashley Payne; Clarinet: Julia Pierce)
Mack the Knife.....	English words: Marc Blitzstein; original German words: Bert Brecht; musuc: Kurt Weil; arr.: Russ Robinson (Soloists: Chelsea Grote, Robert Snyder)
Java Jive.....	Words & music: Milton Drake & Ben Oakland; arr.: Kirby Shaw (Duet: Mindi Bennett and Dale Thoreen)
Since I Fell for You.....	Words & music: Buddy Johnson (Soloist: Leslie Nitzberg)
Blue Moon.....	Music: Richard Rodgers; Words: Lorenz Hart; arr.: Jeff Funk (Vail Chorale Tenors and Basses)
Stormy Weather.....	Music: Harold Arlen; Words: Ted Koehler; arr.: Jay Althouse (Vail Chorale Sopranos and Altos; Solo: Margaret Nesse)
My Funny Valentine.....	Music: Richard Rodgers, Words: Lorenz Hart (Soloist: Charlotte Shields)
They Can't Take That Away From Me.....	Music & Lyrics: George Gershwin & Ira Gershwin; arr.: Mark Hayes
Blue Skies.....	Music & Lyrics: Irving Berlin; arr.: Steve Zegree (Soloist: Charlotte Shields)

Our terrific drummer is Rene Cañez

The Vail Chorale Singers

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors
Kristin Adalgeirsdotir	Karen Ames	Dale Thoreen*
Erika Brand	Mindi Bennett*	Leslie Evans
Janet Cañez*	Consie Berghausen*	Robert Snyder
Kate Goren	Barbara Jean Dupuis	Wendy Spaulding*
Chelsea Grote*	Holly Gonzalez*	
Jan Lougee	Nancy Babson-Gulotta	Basses
Martie Maierhauser	Pamela Hennessey	Rene Cañez*
Bookie McDonough	Heather Redmon	Mike DePaso*
Sheila McGinnis	Kassy Rodeheaver	Jim Gacey*
Margaret Nesse*	Susan Roser	Ron Palmatier
Leslie Nitzberg	Charlotte Shields*	James Wood
Ashley Payne*		
Melissa Perillo*		

*The Vail Chorale Ensemble singers:



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Who We Are

We are a non-auditioned, multi-generation community chorus, open to anyone age 18 and up who enjoys choral singing. Based in the Greater Vail, Arizona, area, we have been entertaining local audiences since 2011, singing jazz, pop, and folk arrangements, Broadway tunes, Renaissance madrigals, sacred music, and classical gems.

We invite choral singers of all musical skill levels to sing with us! Please go to www.thevailchorale.org to learn how to join us in song. We're looking forward to our Fall 2024 season—keep an eye out for the details.

The Vail Chorale is a member of the Arizona Choral Arts Association (ACAA).

The Vail Chorale Governing Board

Janet Cañez, President
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Heartfelt thanks to Julie & Edd Dawson for the risers for the back row!!

Kudos and thanks to Brianna Smith for helping with rehearsals!

Thank you to the Vail School District for giving us rehearsal space.



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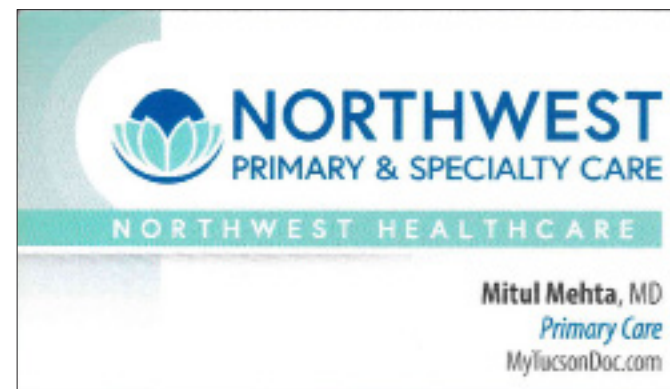
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Our Director, Melissa Hale, was involved in music throughout her youth, starting with church choir at the age of 8 and piano lessons at 10. At University of Alabama in Huntsville and Birmingham Southern College, she studied Voice Performance, accompanied the Women's Chorus, and continued singing in the College Choir, the Village Singers, and Music Ambassadors (a scholarship program). She has performed with choirs and ensembles in the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, and Europe. Melissa served as Assistant Director with The Vail Chorale from its inception in 2011.

Starting with the Spring 2022 Vail Chorale Concerts, our Director has been Melissa Hale!

Our Accompanist, Sujie Zhao, who was born and raised in China, has been playing piano since the age of 5. She earned her Bachelor's of Music Education in 2014 from Capital Normal University in Beijing, where she specialized in music education under Dr. Xiaoxue Sun. In 2017, Sujie got her Master's of Music in Collaborative Piano from the China Conservatory of Music, Beijing, followed by a Master's in Piano Accompaniment. Sujie graduated from New Mexico State University in May 2021, with a Master's in piano performance. In Fall 2021, Sujie started pursuing her Ph.D. in collaborative piano at the University of Arizona under the guidance of Dr. Fanya Lin. At the U. of A., she has accompanied the UA Wind Ensemble and is currently the accompanist for the University of Arizona Choir of Collegium Musicum.





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