



The Vail Chorale

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Saturday, November 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

The Academy Village
Arizona Senior Academy Building
13715 E. Langtry Lane, Tucson

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Rancho del Lago
Del Webb Community Center Lodge
10264 S. Blendu Way, Vail

Melissa Hale, Director

Hanna Gregg, Accompanist

No charge to attend

Donations gratefully accepted

Program

- Seize the Day (from *Newsies*)..... Lyrics: Jack Feldman, Music: Alan Menken;
arr.: Roger Emerson
- Good Morning (from *Singin' in the Rain*)..... Words: Arthur Freed, Music: Nacio
Herb Brown; arr.: Steve Zegree
(Soloists: Leslie Nitzberg, Dale Thoreen)
- The Book of Boba Fett..... Composed by Ludwig Göransson;
arr.: Roger Emerson
(*Vail Chorale Tenors and Basses*)
- Shadowland (from Disney's *The Lion King*) Lyrics: Mark Mancina & Lebo M,
Music: Lebo M & Hans Zimmer; arr.: Mac Huff
(Soloists: Mindi Bennett, Ashley Payne)
- Hakuna Matata (from Disney Pictures' *The Lion King*)..... Music: Elton John;
Lyrics: Tim Rice; arr.: Roger Emerson
(Soloist: Butch Bryant)
- The Pink Panther..... Henry Mancini; arr.: Jay Althouse
(*The Vail Chorale Ensemble; Conductor: Mindi Bennett*)
- Blow, Gabriel, Blow (from the musical *Anything Goes*)
Words & music: Cole Porter; arr.: Philip Kern
- Touch the Sky (from the Disney Pixar film *Brave*).....
Words & Music: Alexander M. Mandel; arr.: Mac Huff
(*Vail Chorale Sopranos & Altos*);
Fiddle: Suzette Sommerer, Guitar: Mike Perdue)
- Defying Gravity (from the Broadway musical *Wicked*) Steven Schwartz
(Solo: Janet Cañez)
- When She Loved Me (from *Toy Story 2*).....
Words & Music: Randy Newman; arr.: Audrey Snyder
- Come to Me (from *Les Misérables*)..... Music: Claude-Michel Schönberg,
Words: Alain Boublil, Jean-Marc Natel & Herbert Kretzmer;
(Soloists: Ashley Payne, Butch Bryant)
- Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree..... Words & Music: Charlie Tobias, Lew Brown,
& Sam Stept; arr.: Alan Billinsley
(Mindi Bennett, Julie Dawson, Holly Gonzalez, Chelsea Grote)
- Goin' Home) Music: Antonin Dvořák,
Lyrics: William Arms Fisher; arr.: Paul Langford
(Cello: Josh Gregg)
- America, the Beautiful..... Lyrics: Katherine Lee Bates, Music: Samuel A. Ward

The Vail Chorale Singers

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors
Kristin Adalgeirsdotir	Jan Allen	April Layher*
Erika Brand*	Nancy Babson-Gulotta	Lynne Perdue
Janet Cañez*	Mindi Bennett*	Dale Thoreen*
Sarah Cothorn	Holly Gonzalez*	
Julie Dawson	April Hale	Basses
Kate Goren*	Nicole Herington*	Butch Bryant*
Chelsea Grote*	Diana Raz	Rene Cañez*
Sarah Lee	Heather Redmon*	Mike DePaso*
Jan Lougee		Jim Gacey*
Mary Lovell		Ron Palmatier
Martie Maierhauser*		Michael Perdue
Connie Merican		
Leslie Nitzberg*		
Ashley Payne*		
Kristin Reed		
Maureen Shea		

*The Vail Chorale Ensemble singers..

“Shadowland” Translation from Zulu

The song is sung by Nala as she is blessed by Rafiki, the priestess, and the lionesses before she leaves to go find Simba.

Fatsche leso lea halalela..... The land of our ancestors is holy

Giza buyabo I will return

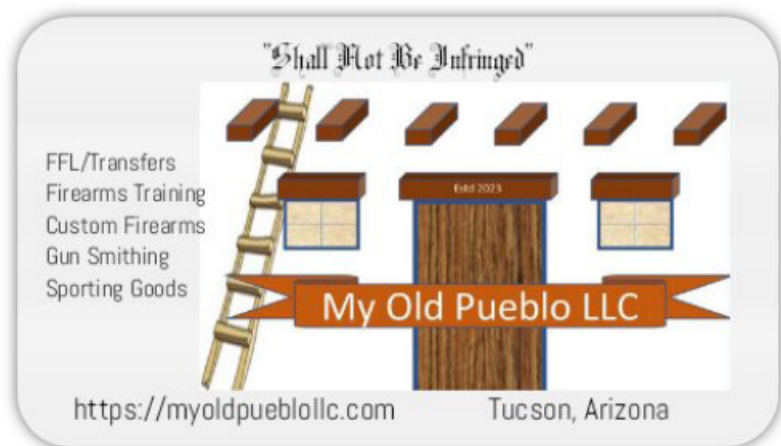
Beso bo My people

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 Spring 2025 season—keep an eye out for the details.

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



The Vail Choral Leadership Team

Janet Cañez, President
Julie Dawson, Immediate Past President
Mindi Bennett, Vice President
Holly Gonzalez, Secretary
Dale Thoreen, Treasurer
Melissa Hale, Director of Music
Hanna Gregg, Accompanist
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Kudos and thanks to Brianna Smith for helping with rehearsals!

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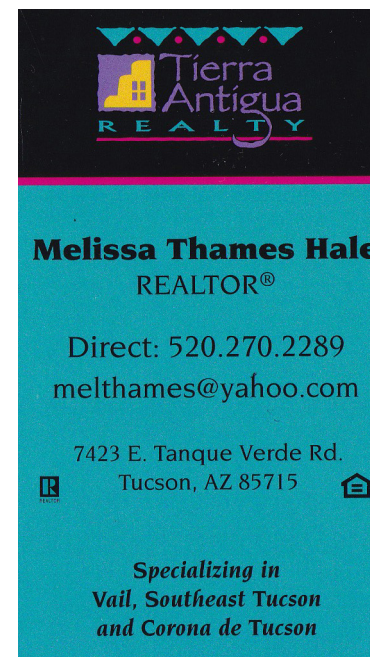
Our Director, Melissa Hale, was involved in music throughout her youth, starting with church choir at the age of 8 and piano at age 10. Throughout grade school, she sang and played for choirs in school and church. She attended both the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH) and Birmingham Southern Methodist College (BSC) where she studied voice and piano, sang in the Concert Choir and the Village Singer ensemble, and accompanied soloists, ensembles, and choirs. After a nearly 25-year hiatus from music, in the fall of 2011 she attended the first rehearsal of The Vail Chorale. The Chorale's founder and first Director, Fritz Reinagel, recruited her as Assistant Director, a post she held for ten years, through 2021. Melissa became our director starting with the Spring 2022 Concert season!

Our Accompanist, Hanna Gregg has degrees in Music and Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona and Texas A&M. She was awarded the Alice Jones Berding Award for Excellence in Music in 2018. In December of 2022, Hanna graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's of Arts in Music and a minor in Spanish. Hanna enjoys teaching piano and performing as a soloist and collaborative pianist.

Our percussionist, Rene Cañez, is a Tucson native. He started playing drums and percussion in fifth grade. He continued to play percussion throughout his middle school and high school years. His playing styles range from Black gospel to jazz and blues, and even punk rock! Since 2003, he has played drums for various churches, including at the Talil Air Base Gospel Chapel while deployed to Iraq with the US Air Force. He currently plays drums at University City Church, which he has attended for the past six years. Rene has been playing drums and auxiliary percussion (and singing) with The Vail Chorale since the Fall season of 2018.

Thank you for fostering connection and joy through singing. Vail is fortunate to have such dedicated, talented people running this wonderful group. Thank you all!

—Note from a Donor



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Note from Julie Dawson:

The Vail Chorale Leadership Team wants to announce that after the creation of the Vail Performing Arts Society (VPAS), the leadership of that non-profit and The Vail Chorale got together and determined that it was confusing to both the public and those of us in leadership. The best way forward, we felt, was to change our name back to something more recognizable to the Vail community. So we are now The Vail Chorale. Nothing else has changed much. We still want to be part of the growing need for support of the performing arts in the Greater Vail area, but for now at least, we are The Vail Chorale. And we thank you for your love and support as a nonprofit serving you, our audience.



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