

THE COMMUNITY CHORALE & ORCHESTRA OF NORTH PHOENIX



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ProMusica Arizona's mission is to enrich lives in the Greater Phoenix area, with focus on the North Valley, through innovative, joint performances of its multigenerational Chorale and Orchestra.

As part of its commitment to high-quality musical performances, PMAZ is dedicated to an inclusive policy of attracting musicians in every age group and providing a challenging but supportive environment to develop talent. Participation offers musicians an educational experience and opportunity to practice with others, perform before a live audience, and receive mentoring and instruction from experienced singers and instrumentalists. PMAZ provides a performance home for local talent and brings family-friendly live music at affordable ticket prices to audiences of all ages.

ProMusica Arizona is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is a proud member of Chorus America, League of American Orchestras, ASCAP, BMI, Anthem Area Chamber of Commerce, Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce, and West Valley Arts Council.

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ProMusica Arizona 2018-19 Artistic Staff



Patti Graetz Interim Artistic Director



Meghan Ruel Concertmaster



Helen Brons Accompanist

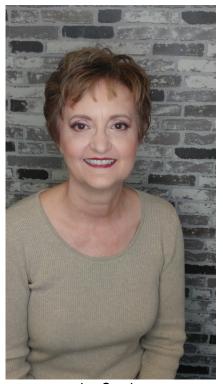
Message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends of ProMusica Arizona,

Our 2018-19 fiscal year was exceptional, and I am happy to report many significant accomplishments. Through the dedication of musicians, staff, volunteers, and our generous supporters, we were able to achieve great things for the organization and the community we serve!

ProMusica Arizona (PMAZ) presented three major concerts during the season: *Broadway, Beatles and Blues, It's Christmas!*, and *Mountain Days: The John Muir Musical in Concert*. All performances were well-attended, and we experienced a 26 percent growth in attendance over the previous year. It was a memorable experience for our Chorale and Orchestra to present the Arizona Premiere of *Mountain Days* and bring the work of renowned composer, Craig Bohmler, to the stage along with professional actors and singers. Before leaving on a singing tour of Ireland in June, PMAZ singers presented a free bon voyage concert of *Americana* in Phoenix. In Ireland, the singers performed in magnificent historic cathedrals and enjoyed sightseeing on the Emerald Isle.

PMAZ's Women in Song vocal ensemble stayed busy with outreach performances at senior living facilities, celebrations, and public events. This talented group touched lives by



Jan Sandoz Board Chair

bringing entertainment to people who were unable to attend concerts. The ensemble has gained the attention of grant funders over the past two years and has already received funding to bring free performances to the City of Peoria next season.

New partnerships were formed during the season as we collaborated with other organizations for mutual benefit. We offered ticket discounts to students at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of Arizona State University, and OLLI helped promote our concerts to senior citizens taking their classes. We traded ad space with five other performing arts groups to promote one another's events, and we partnered with environmental groups for *Mountain Days* by giving them space at our venues to talk about their missions in return for them promoting our performances to their constituents. We are already building on what was accomplished last season and creating additional collaborations for the upcoming season.

Grant support was substantial for the season including \$10,000 from the City of Glendale for a free *Mountain Days* performance in downtown Glendale. PMAZ received \$5,500 from the Arizona Commission on the Arts for general operating support, \$1,000 from the Scottsdale League for the Arts for free concert admission for children 15 and under, and \$500 from the Rotary Club of Anthem.

A number of successful fundraisers took place throughout the season, most notably the Spring Campaign which raised \$31,475, substantially exceeding our goal of \$25,000. The Champagne Salon, MidFirst Coin Van, Online Auction, Shopping Extravaganza, and others brought in an additional \$14,000 in net proceeds. We also had our first chair sponsorship with a \$3,000 donation to cover the concertmaster chair for the season. A very targeted fundraiser helped us raise \$4,000 in a short amount of time to purchase much-needed microphones. Ad sales and a concert sponsorship helped defray other expenses.

As the 2018-19 season ended, we offered Interim Artistic Director, Patti Graetz, the position of Artistic Director/Principal Conductor, and we were pleased that she accepted without hesitation. Her outstanding artistic leadership during the year made it clear that she was the right person for the job!

I am grateful for our musician-members, the Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and committees that understand the value of the arts and help make our success possible. And, I am so appreciative of the people who attend our performances and support us through donations. It is my privilege to sing with the Chorale and serve as the Board Chair of ProMusica Arizona, and I look forward to another great season! I hope to see you at our concerts in 2019-20!

Musically yours,

Jan Sandoz ProMusica Arizona Board Chair





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Performance Review for 2018-19 Season

(attendance figures in parentheses)

November 3-4, 2018 PMAZ Chorale & Orchestra presented *Broadway, Beatles and Blues* featuring a medley of Beatles tunes, Broadway favorites, and quintessential Blues pieces at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Anthem and American Lutheran Church in Sun City. (649)

December 4, 2018 Women in Song performed a Christmas program at Glencroft Senior Living in Glendale. (50)

December 6, 2018 Women in Song performed a Christmas program at West Valley Arts Council Headquarters in Surprise. (74)

December 7-9, 2018 PMAZ Chorale & Orchestra presented *It's Christmas!* featuring traditional, classical, contemporary, and whimsical pieces. The concert wrapped up with "A Musicological Journey through the Twelve Days of Christmas" which incorporated musical styles from various centuries. Performances were held at American Lutheran Church in Sun City, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Anthem, and All Saints Lutheran Church in Phoenix. (674)

December 13, 2018 Women in Song performed a Christmas program at Grace Community Church in Surprise. (54)

December 13, 2018 Women in Song performed a Christmas program at Sunrise Methodist Church in Phoenix. (70)

February 15, 2019 Women in Song performed at Glencroft Senior Living Community in Glendale. (91)

March 22-24, 2019 PMAZ Chorale & Orchestra along with award-winning guest actors/singers performed the Arizona Premiere of *Mountain Days: The John Muir Musical in Concert. Mountain Days* was composed by Craig Bohmler of *Riders of the Purple Sage* fame premiered by Arizona Opera. Bohmler also won the Governor's Arts Award for an individual artist in March 2009. PMAZ was awarded a \$10,000 grant to perform a free public performance of *Mountain Days* on March 22 in the Murphy Park Amphitheater. A performance was held at North Valley Christian Academy in North Phoenix on March 23 and American Lutheran Church in Sun City on March 24. (865)

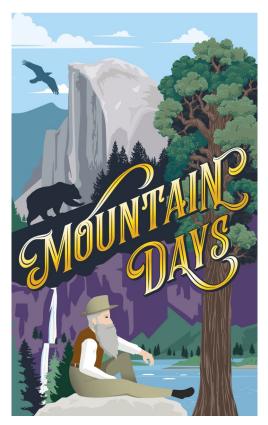
May 31, 2019 PMAZ Ireland singers and Women in Song performed *Americana* repertoire at Glencroft Senior Living in Glendale. (150)

June 2, 2019 PMAZ Ireland singers and Women in Song performed *Americana* repertoire at All Saints Lutheran Church in Phoenix. (180)

June 19, 21, & 23, 2019 PMAZ Ireland singers and Women in Song performed *Americana* repertoire at St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick, Ireland, St. Mary's Church of the Sloes in Killarney, Ireland, and St. Canice's Cathedral in Kilkenny, Ireland. (240)







Highlights of the 2018-19 Season



In the first concert of the season, ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra presented a medley of tunes by the Beatles; selections by Broadway greats Andrew Lloyd Webber, Richard Rodgers, and others; and quintessential Blues pieces. (Photo courtesy Azy Scotten Photography)

Traditional, classical, contemporary, and even whimsical pieces provided something for everyone at ProMusica Arizona's holiday concert. A highlight was a "Musicologial Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas. (Photo courtesy Azy Scotten Photography)





The Champagne Salon was a spectacular evening of musical entertainment with decadent food and flowing champagne, all in the beautiful setting of a private home in the Anthem Country Club.





ProMusica Arizona's Women in Song vocal ensemble delighted audiences throughout the season at senior communities and public events, sharing their musical talents.

Highlights of the 2018-19 Season Continued



In March 2019, the ProMusica Chorale and Orchestra were joined by professional actors and soloists to present the Arizona Premiere of Mountain Days: The John Muir Musical in Concert. Mountain Days is the story of naturalist John Muir, one of the early founders of the National Park System. A magnificent production through song and theater, Mountain Days depicts Muir's passionate quest to explore and preserve the natural beauty of our great country. Music and arrangements are by acclaimed Phoenix composer Craig Bohmler of Riders of the Purple Sage opera fame, and lyrics are by Tony-nominated playwright Mary Bracken Phillips. ProMusica Arizona was awarded a \$10,000 grant to present a free performance of Mountain Days at the E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheatre in downtown Glendale.





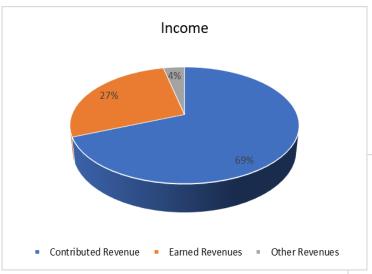


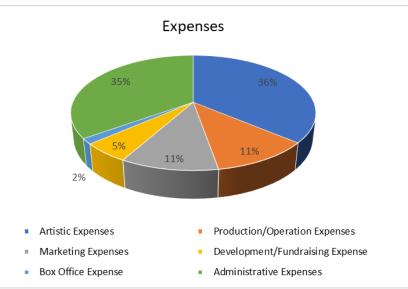
In June 2019, a group of ProMusica Arizona singers traveled to Ireland and presented concerts featuring American music in cathedrals in Limerick, Killarney, and Kilkenny. The free concerts were well-attended by the Irish people. When they weren't singing, the travelers had the opportunity to tour many beautiful sites on the Emerald Isle.

ProMusica Arizona

PROFIT AND LOSS July 2018 - June 2019

	Total	
Income		
Contributed Revenue		112,498.47
Earned Revenues		44,929.26
Other Revenues		5,813.60
Total Income	\$	163,241.33
Gross Profit	\$	163,241.33
Expenses		
Artistic Expenses		54,227.91
Production/Operation Expenses		16,625.81
Marketing Expenses		16,326.63
Development/Fundraising Expense		8,095.22
Box Office Expense		2,318.43
Administrative Expenses		52,387.11
Total Expenses	\$	149,981.11
Net Operating Income	\$	13,260.22
Net Income	\$	13,260.22





ProMusica Arizona

BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2019

	 Total	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
MidFirst Checking	3,942.87	
MidFirst Savings	13,708.51	
Charles Schwab Brokerage Acct	 32.01	
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 17,683.39	
Other Current Assets		
Restricted Accounts		
Capital One CD 1.2% Due 8/12/19	 8,144.39	
Total Restricted Accounts	\$ 8,144.39	
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 8,144.39	
Total Current Assets	\$ 25,827.78	
Fixed Assets		
Orchestra Furniture & Fixtures	3,848.32	
Electronic & Sound Equipment	10,753.52	
Music Library	59,834.09	
Music Folders	3,990.06	
Musical Instruments	12,487.12	
Chorale Furniture & Fixtures	21,969.18	
Office Equipment	1,852.86	
Other Equipment	1,696.76	
Accumulated Depreciation	 -90,509.00	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 25,922.91	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 51,750.69	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	 1,975.09	
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,975.09	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,975.09	
Long-Term Liabilities		
Refundable Deposits Payable	 358.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 358.00	
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,333.09	
Equity		
Retained Earnings	36,157.38	
Net Income	 13,260.22	
Total Equity	\$ 49,417.60	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 51,750.69	

Musicians/Actors for the 2018-19 Season Patti Graetz, Interim Artistic Director

CHORALE

Soprano

Deborah Austin Lynn Bowers* Jane Brambilla* Faith Forbis Leslie French Charissa Glazner* Ashley Grampp Tiffany James Misty Kaufman Darcy Knight Francine Leiser Marianne Marcek Susan Mayfield* Jan Sandoz* Jennifer Scott Michele Southerland* Rachel Stoddard Mary Thompson* **Grace Waltermire** Lissi Weiss*

<u>Alto</u>

Rachel Barrett* Judi Buff* Barb Davis Susan Finney* Shirley Fiske* Connie Henry* Donna Ice Fran LaPrairie Kay Newman* Laurie Porter Anne Roberts Cynthia Schiffman Margaret Spicer-Chestnut Jane Turner* Kathy Williams Marilyn Witt Shari Yuhas Deborah Zohn

Tenor

Sebastian Cisneros Bob Geinosky Jill Groth Lee Gunter Dan Haskins Karen Rasmussen Karen Robinson Sharon Turner Horace Williams Janice Winscot* Jerome Yuhas Larry Zohn

Leading Roles

CONCERT

MOUNTAIN DAYS: THE

JOHN MUIR MUSICAL IN

Rusty Ferracane Trisha Ditsworth Tommy Strawser Matt Newhard

Supporting Cast

Bethany Baca

Jane Brambilla

Craig Caldwell

Sebastian Cisneros

Craig Caldwell Michael Collins Jerry Gunderson Karl Robinson **Brad Routh** Jack Schwalbach Esmeraldo Silva

Accompanist Helen Brons

Baritone/Bass

Sara Drago Parker Gates

Paula Tresslar*



*Member Women in Song

Bob Genoisky Abigayle Glazner Charissa Glazner Molly Glazner Arielle Leiser Francine Leiser Susan Mayfield **Bruce Porter Brad Routh** Jan Sandoz **Boston Scott** Jennifer Scott Elitanna Shimoni Morielle Shimoni Esmeraldo Silva Aaron Smith Michele Southerland Mark Stoddard Mary Thompson Grace Waltermire Lissi Weiss Horace Williams





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Musicians for the 2018-19 Season Continued

Patti Graetz, Interim Artistic Director

ORCHESTRA

Violin 1

Meghan Ruel*
Dylan Feldpausch
Sandy Henriquez
Madison Holmes
Sue Leach
Michele Zalak

Violin 2

Alexis Alabado Luke Hill Diego Miranda Cathy Warmack

<u>Viola</u>

Marcella Columbus Jen Grubbs Elizbeth Hanson Gretchen Wagnitz

Cello

William Glaser Shawna Kervin Malcolm Smith Ben Vining

Double Bass

T.J. Maliszewski

Flute/Piccolo

Leslie Lewis

Flute

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Oboe/English Horn

Anita Crider Sydney Rowe

Clarinet

Anne Diamos Serena James Ronald Meekins

<u>Bassoon</u>

Tyler Colvin Laura Weaver

Trumpet

Roger Blanchard Glen Graca Bill Suit Horn

Tom Alongi Maria Long Del May Sean McGarry Martha Sharpe Jeremy Ulm Deannah Uranga

Trombone

Frank Darmiento Jon Dhuse Erik Ketcherside Tom Pendergast

Trobone/Euphonium

Joe Savard

<u>Tuba</u>

Joe Savard

<u>Harp</u>

Ashtyn Dial

Percussion

Stefan Goodenberger Maryanne Kremer-ames Liz Patronik Giselle Puffelis Tyler Wales

Bass Guitar

Tristan Lauzon

Rhythm Guitar Chase Marquez

<u>Lead Guitar</u> Diego Miranda

Saxophone

Mitzi Garcia

Continuo

Helen Brons

*Concertmaster







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