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"L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION" AT THE MUSIC CENTER IS 47th ANNUAL.

***Six-hour spectacular on December 24
is L.A.'s biggest holiday show.
And best of all... it's free!***

Los Angeles, CA - A free, six-hour holiday spectacular of music, song and dance unfolds on the stage of the beautiful Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center **Sunday, December 24 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.** It's the **47th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration**, L.A. County's biggest holiday show featuring more than 45 musical ensembles, choirs, and dance companies, about 1,500 performers in all, expressing the joy of the season.

Enjoy big band with a Latin beat, the snow scene from the Nutcracker, favorite carols, gospel and mariachis. Experience the grace and beauty of Korean dance, the beat of Brazilian samba, the joyful sounds of Bach and songs celebrating Hanukkah.

This year's hosts include **Sheryl Lee Ralph** (original Broadway cast of *Dreamgirls*, *To Sleep with Anger*); **Sandra Tsing Loh** ("The Loh Life" on NPR, *Sugar Plum Fairy* on the stage); **Sean Michael Afile** (*Akeelah and the Bee*); **Charles Phoenix** (Histo-tainer, Retro Slide Shows); **Jsu Garcia** (*Traffic*, *Along Came Polly*, the upcoming: *Spiritual Warriors*); and **Fred Willard** (*For Your Consideration*, *Best in Show*, *This is Spinal Tap*). Making special guest appearances are two alumni of *American Idol*: **Amanda Avila**, singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and **Jon Peter Lewis**, performing "California Christmas."

The Holiday Celebration, which reflects the vibrant spectrum of cultures found in Southern California, is L.A. County's yearly gift to Los Angeles: admission is **FREE**, as is the parking under the Music Center. Patrons may come and go throughout the performance, and the entire six hours is broadcast live on KCET. Thanks to the sponsorship of Calgenex and Dole, the Arts Commission is able to broadcast the show in high definition for the very first time in 2006. Also for the first time, people waiting in line to get in can see the show on the **Jumbotron on Music Center Plaza**, courtesy of Samsung.

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

3:00 - 4:00 pm Host: Sheryl Lee Ralph

Wiseguys Big Band Machine
Inspirational Voices of Free!
Mariachi Cielo Nuevo
Middleton Street School Folklorico
Golden State Pops
Sheridan Ball Singers
Angahara Dance Ensemble
Los Angeles Master Chorale

4:00 - 5:00 pm Host: Sandra Tsing Loh

Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles
Salvation Army Children's Tabernacle Chorus
Westside Ballet
Cypress Masterworks Chorale
ARC Handbell Choir
Harmonies Girls Choir
Khmer Arts Academy
Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company

5:00 - 6:00 pm Host: Sean Michael Afable

New Directions Choir
Mariachi Sol de Mexico
Clear Cosmos Art Studio
Pasadena Tabernacle Youth Chorus
Amanda Avila
Jon Peter Lewis
Jazz Antiqua
Vox Femina Los Angeles

6:00 - 7:00 pm Host: Charles Phoenix

Opera California Youth Choir
Djanbazian Dance Company
Palmdale High School Choir
Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy
Beth Shir Sholom
Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble
Jubilant Voices of Holman United Methodist Church

7:00 - 8:00 pm Host: Jsu Garcia

Little Willie G y Los Tamaleros
Namaste Women's Choir
Grupo Folklorico Sabor de Mexico
Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus
Chinese Classical Music Ensemble
West Angeles Angelic Choir
Viver Brasil Dance Company
Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers

8:00 - 9:00 pm Host: Fred Willard

Los Pinguos
Kitka
TRIP Dance and Kitka
Celtic Spring
Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles
Jazz Tap Ensemble
Burbank Chorale
Mariachi Divas

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**CALENDAR LISTING INFORMATION FOR
47th Annual "L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION"**

- WHAT:** Bring the whole family to L.A.'s biggest holiday show, the **47th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration** at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. **More than 45 performing groups representing the many cultures of Los Angeles** celebrate the season during this free, six hour extravaganza. Enjoy big band with a Latin beat, the snow scene from the Nutcracker, favorite carols, gospel and mariachis. Experience the grace and beauty of Korean dance, the beat of Brazilian samba, the joyful sounds of Bach and songs celebrating Hanukkah. This year's hosts include **Sheryl Lee Ralph** (original Broadway cast of *Dreamgirls*, *To Sleep with Anger*); **Sandra Tsing Loh** ("The Loh Life" on NPR, *Sugar Plum Fairy* on the stage); **Sean Michael Afafe** (*Akeelah and the Bee*); **Charles Phoenix** (Historian, Retro Slide Shows); **Jsu Garcia** (*Traffic*, *Along Came Polly*, the upcoming: *Spiritual Warriors*); and **Fred Willard** (*For Your Consideration*, *Best in Show*, *This is Spinal Tap*). Making special guest appearances are two alumni of *American Idol*: **Amanda Avila**, singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and **Jon Peter Lewis**, performing "California Christmas." L.A. Holiday Celebration is a gift to the community from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Even the parking underneath the Music Center is free. The entire six hours is broadcast live on KCET.
- WHEN:** Sunday, December 24, 2006 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- WHO:** Produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission
- WHERE:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center
135 N. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles 90012
- HOW:** Go to www.holidaycelebration.org or call the information hotline: (213) 972-3099
- ADMISSION:** **FREE**
- PARKING:** **FREE** in the Music Center parking garage
- OTHER:** Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Patrons may come and go throughout the six-hour performance, and can watch the show on the Jumbotron on Music Center Plaza while waiting to get in. Reservations for tickets to the show or parking are not necessary. Those who can't make it to the Music Center can watch the live broadcast of Holiday Celebration on KCET.

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