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## HENRY WINKLER HOSTS FREE "L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION" AT THE MUSIC CENTER DECEMBER 24

***L.A.'s biggest holiday show features performances by 40 groups,  
reflects the cultural mosaic of Los Angeles***

LOS ANGELES, CA - Choirs, music ensembles, and dance companies - more than 1000 performers in all - express the joy of the season in the **45<sup>th</sup> Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration, 3:00-9:00 p.m., Friday, December 24** at the **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**, located in the Music Center of Los Angeles. Presiding over this year's festivities as host is actor, producer and author **Henry Winkler**. The show, a holiday gift from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to the community at large, is **FREE**, as is the parking under the Music Center. Those who can't attend the show in person can watch the live broadcast on KCET, Channel 28.

Holiday Celebration information is available online at [www.holidaycelebration.org](http://www.holidaycelebration.org) or by calling **213-972-3099**.

"Through the arts, all of our County citizens from all cultures and faiths can come together in the spirit of the season," says Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. "Our L.A. County Holiday Celebration has delivered this universal message for 44 years now. Whether at the Music Center or at home watching on television, we invite everyone to join us for this year's celebration."

Henry Winkler became an international star as "The Fonz" on the television series *Happy Days*. He currently plays Bazy Zuckercorn on *Arrested Development*, produces (most recently *Hollywood Squares* and the *Happy Days 30-year Reunion Special*), and is the author of the best-selling series of children's novels, *Hank Zipzer: The World's Most Amazing Under-Achiever*.

Another entertainment industry heavyweight joins the Holiday Celebration team in 2004. The six-hour television broadcast will be directed and co-produced by **Gary Smith**, winner of 24 Emmy Awards, who has executive produced Tony and Emmy Award telecasts and countless specials. The Los Angeles County Arts Commission is the executive producer of Holiday Celebration.

A kaleidoscope of seasonal traditions, the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Holiday Celebration reflects the vibrant spectrum of cultures found in southern California. Highlights include:

- \* **Yuval Ron Ensemble**, whose music fuses sacred traditions of the Middle East;
- \* **Orphean Circus**, performance artists led by Ken Roht whose segment is completely designed using products from the 99cent Only Stores;
- \* two powerhouse mariachi groups - the all-female **Mariachi Divas** under the direction of Cynthia Shea-Carballo, and **Mariachi Sol de Mexico** led by Jose Hernandez;
- \* the **AC Timba Jazz Project**, winners of the Long Beach Jazz Search Competition;
- \* the girls' choir, **Harmonies of St. Thomas**, directed by Antonio Espinal, an apprentice of Esa-Pekka Salonen and director of the Spanish Choir at the Our Lady of Los Angeles Cathedral;
- \* **American Chinese Dance Association**, led by Angela Lai, performing an elegant court dance from the Tang Dynasty;
- \* **The Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Youth and Children's Choir** brings younger generation gospel zeal to the show. The congregation's adult **Inspirational Choir** has wowed Holiday Celebration audiences with their artistry for several seasons and returns in 2004.
- \* **Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company** directed by master tapper Arlene Kennedy, whose school has produced more professional level and Broadway tap dancers than any other in Los Angeles
- \* Lynn Dally's **Jazz Tap Ensemble** and Monica Favand's **TRIP Dance Theatre** who are creating new works for Holiday Celebration
- \* The **Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles** with holiday music from French, Spanish and Jewish traditions
- \* Pat Taylor's **JazzAntiqua Dance and Music Ensemble** reprising their trilogy of dances to Duke Ellington (*Entre'Acte* from *The Nutcracker*), Mahalia Jackson ("Go, Tell It on the Mountain") and Ella Fitzgerald ("Let It Snow"), one of the hits of the 2003 show.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Patrons may come and go throughout the six hour performance. Reservations for tickets to the show or parking are not necessary.

The Arts Commission also produces "L.A. Holiday Celebration," a one-hour television music and dance special highlighting the best performances from the live show. The

highlights show drawn from the 2003 live presentation at the Music Center will be carried by PBS stations across the country in December.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Trust, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. In addition to producing the local and national Holiday Celebrations, the Commission funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2004-2005 President of the Arts Commission is Carlos Barrón.

**ATTENTION EDITORS:** Please find below:

- \* a calendar listing for Holiday Celebration
- \* an hour-by-hour schedule of the show
- \* a listing of performing groups by community

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration**  
**THE FACTS**

**WHAT:**

**45<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration**, an admission-free, six-hour seasonal music and dance show. A gift from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to the community at large. 40 performing groups from throughout L.A. County - including choirs, music ensembles, and dance companies - reflect the vibrant spectrum of cultures found in southern California

**WHO:**

Produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission

**WHEN:**

Friday, December 24, 2004 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center  
135 N. Grand Ave.  
Los Angeles 90012

**HOW:**

[www.holidaycelebration.org](http://www.holidaycelebration.org)

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. 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.

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE as of 11/16/04

NOTE: Artists and times of appearance are approximate and subject to change. Visit [www.holidaycelebration.org](http://www.holidaycelebration.org) for updates.

### **3:00 p.m. hour**

Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company  
Opera California Youth Choir  
Kim, Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy  
Agape International Children's Choir\*  
Activities for Retarded Children and Adults Handbell Choir  
Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus  
America Chinese Dance Association\*  
Honor Choir of Southern California Youth Chorus and East Valley Children's Chorus\*

### **4:00 p.m. hour**

Orphean Circus\* - song and dance with props from 99cent Only Stores  
Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir  
Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy  
San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus  
Sierra Park Elementary School Folklorico with Mariachi Voz de America  
Harmonies of St. Thomas\*

### **5:00 p.m. hour**

Celtic Spring - Irish Step Dancing  
Antelope Valley High School Choral Music-Travel Ensemble\*  
Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble  
Greater Ebenezer Youth and Children's Choir\*  
Spring Autumn Dance Ensemble\*  
Los Angeles Chinese Chorale  
First AME Church Pasadena Youth/Young Adult Choir\*

### **6:00 p.m. hour**

Hollywood Klezmer\*  
Westridge Glee Club\*  
Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company\*  
Inspirational Voices of Free!  
Yuval Ron Ensemble\*  
Church of Scientology Choir  
Vox Femina Los Angeles

### **7:00 p.m. hour**

Mariachi Divas\*  
Jubilant Voices of Holman United Methodist Church\*  
TRIP Dance Theatre  
Donald Brinegar Singers\*  
AC Timba Jazz Project\*  
Soldiers on Soul Patrol\* – hip hop, gospel chorus

### **8:00 p.m. hour**

Jazz Tap Ensemble  
Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles  
JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble  
Greater Ebenezer Inspirational Choir  
Mariachi Sol de Mexico\*

\*On program for first time

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PERFORMERS BY COMMUNITY**

**Acton**

Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble

**Alhambra**

Honor Choir of Southern California Youth Chorus and East Valley Children's Chorus\*  
Los Angeles Chinese Chorale

**Beverly Hills**

Hollywood Klezmer\*

**Canoga Park**

San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus

**Culver City**

Agape International Children's Choir\*  
Vox Femina Los Angeles

**Glendale**

Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles

**Hacienda Heights**

Mariachi Divas\*  
Spring Autumn Dance Ensemble\*

**Lancaster**

Antelope Valley High School Choral Music-Travel Ensemble\*

**Los Angeles**

AC Timba Jazz Project\*  
Donald Brinegar Singers\* (90037)  
Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company\* (90044)  
Greater Ebenezer Inspirational Choir (90062)  
Greater Ebenezer Youth and Children's Choir\* (90062)  
Harmonies of St. Thomas\* (90006)  
JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble (90035)  
Jazz Tap Ensemble (90024)  
Jubilant Voices of Holman United Methodist Church\* (90018)  
Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy (90006)  
Kim, Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy (90006)  
Opera California Youth Choir (90019)  
Orphean Circus\* (90026)  
Sierra Park Elementary School FOLKLORICO (90032)  
TRIP Dance Theatre (90068)  
Universal Dance Designs Kennedy Tap Company (90036)

**North Hollywood**

Activities for Retarded Children and Adults (ARC) Handbell Choir

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PERFORMERS BY COMMUNITY cont'd**

**Pasadena**

First AME Church Pasadena Youth/Young Adult Choir\*  
Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus  
Westridge Glee Club\*

**San Gabriel**

America Chinese Dance Association\*

**San Pedro**

Inspirational Voices of Free!

**South El Monte**

Mariachi Sol de Mexico\*

**Studio City**

Yuval Ron Ensemble\*

**Tujunga**

Church of Scientology Choir  
Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choir

**Ventura**

Celtic Spring

\*On program for first time

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