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'L.A. County Holiday Celebration' Celebrates 65 Years of the Artistry of Los Angeles on Dec. 24

Tickets Required for Entrance to Free Annual Performance at The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

LOS ANGELES (November 15, 2024) -- A Los Angeles holiday tradition since 1959, the two-time Emmy® award-winning **L.A. County Holiday Celebration** returns on **Tuesday, December 24** to celebrate **65 years** with a fresh look and feel to welcome a new generation of audiences.

Sponsored by the **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors** and presented by **The Music Center**, the one-

of-a-kind, free, three-hour spectacular provides Angelenos an opportunity to come together every year on Christmas Eve and experience the variety of rich, dynamic cultures that can be found throughout Los Angeles County. Audiences can choose to watch in person at The Music Center's iconic **Dorothy Chandler Pavilion**, from the comfort of their own homes on TV at **PBS SoCal**, online at **pbsocal.org** and on the free **PBS App**.

A new producing team from **Milktmade** and Executive Producer **Lindha Narvaez** will embrace the evolution of the 65th annual show with a fresh approach including new artistic genres, such as a circus act and a marionette performance. Audiences will also enjoy watching performances by dance companies, music ensembles and choral groups.

"This year's L.A. County Holiday Celebration will demonstrate the County's commitment to inclusivity and response to the interests of even more Angelenos," said **Rachel S. Moore**, president and CEO of The Music Center. "The show will be exciting, building on its 65-year history, while offering new experiences that will resonate with both long-term fans and those who will enjoy it for the first time." A diverse line-up of 28 Los Angeles-based artists will take the stage to present their artistry and traditions. The show will include several pre-produced mini-documentaries to highlight some of the artists' unique stories.

Returning favorites include the vibrant, non-denominational **Christian Fellowship Chorale**; Grammy® award-winner **Daniel Ho** with Hawaiian hula dancers **Hālau Hula Keali'i o Nālani**; acclaimed Latin music ensemble **Gabrielito y La Verdad**; L.A.'s beloved **Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles**; traditional Korean dance and music ensemble **Kim Eung Hwa & Korean Dance Academy**; all-female mariachis **Las Colibrí**; the delightful **MUSYCA Children's Choir**; award-winning **Palmdale High School Choral Union and Sunday Night Singers**; the electric **Reverb Tap Company**; **Ricardo Lemvo** and his band **Makina Loca**, blending Afro-Cuban rhythms with pan-African styles; a cappella and handbell ensemble **The Citrus Singers**; and **Urban Voices Project**, a choir comprised of men and women surviving homelessness on Skid Row.

New to the show this year are **Afro Peruvian Experience**, promoting the cultural diversity of Peru; soul singer-songwriter **Andre Cruz**; award-winning jazz vocalist **Anji Tan & Friends**; the college-bound dancers from Esperanza College Prep that make up **Ballet Folklórico de Esperanza**; dynamic, all-Queens Afro Brazilian drum ensemble **Bloco Obini**; the legendary **Bob Baker Marionette Theater**; Indian classical and Bollywood dancers **Joya Kazi Entertainment**; Bavarian band **Ladyhosen**; young aerialists from **Le PeTiT CiRqUe LA**; all-female independent band **Mariachi Lindas Mexicanas**; dance from **Martha L.Z. Pamintuan & Long Beach City College**; **Masanga Marimba** playing popular music from Africa and Latin America; the **Straight Up Abilities** dance team, made up of



talented individuals with disabilities; powerful guitar band The String Revolution; vibrant community-based dance ministry **Victory Praise Dancers**; and **Yaya Dance Academy**, bridging Eastern and Western dance.

The **65th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration** will take place on **Tuesday, December 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Entrance to the in-person event is free; however, advance tickets are required for entrance and are available now online at holidaycelebration.org. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.; there will also be a standby line for anyone interested in attending, but who may not have a ticket. Entry without a reserved ticket is not guaranteed. Ticket holders arriving after 3:30 p.m. will relinquish their reserved seats and be directed to the standby line.

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion is located at 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Parking is free in The Music Center parking garage.

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For more information, visit holidaycelebration.org.

Details for Calendar Listings

65th Annual 'L.A. County Holiday Celebration'

WHAT:

The two-time Emmy® Award-winning **L.A. County Holiday Celebration** joyously returns to **The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to celebrate its 65th anniversary with a free, live, in-person holiday show.** The annual event will feature over two dozen music ensembles, choirs, dance companies, circus acts and marionette performances from the many neighborhoods and cultures of L.A. County. Those who can't make it to The Music Center on Dec. 24 will be able to watch the event live on **PBS SoCal**, livestream it online at pbssocal.org, or catch the encore broadcast on **PBS SoCal Plus**. Entrance to the in-person event is free; however, advance tickets are required for admittance. Tickets are available now at holidaycelebration.org.

WHEN:

Free, ticketed in-person event: **Tuesday, Dec. 24 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

A live broadcast of the show airs on **PBS SoCal** on Tuesday, Dec. 24 from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., with an encore on PBS SoCal Plus on Wednesday, Dec. 25 from 8 p.m.-11 p.m.

Live streaming at pbssocal.org

WHERE:

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
135 N. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PARKING:

FREE in The Music Center parking garage.

ADMISSION:

FREE but ticketed; Tickets available at holidaycelebration.org.

PHOTOS:

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HOW:

Information hotline: (213) 972-3099 or holidaycelebration.org

