

Carefree Christmas Festival Entertainment Schedule for Los Portales Mall

December 10 th	Event – <i>So You Think You Can Sing...in Carefree?</i>
5:00 PM	Judges Dinner and Review of Guidelines – hosted by Saguario Café
6:30 PM	Contest Opens with an opening act by contestants – introduction of the judges and sponsor acknowledgements Act I – contestants sing audition songs – one popular/one holiday Intermission – 20 minutes – judges selection Act II - All contestants perform a holiday song Act III - Announce finalists Finalists perform a holiday song Winner announced with runners up. Photography by Ed Wilson Sound by Telekon Studios, 99 Easy Street Winner receives a recording session of winning song with Kevin Glenn, rides with the Grand Marshall of the parade and performs Saturday night on the amphitheater.
10 Contestants:	Alaina Crabtree, Alexandra Odneal, Alexis Driscoll, Cali Rodi, Danie Grief, M. Yichao Wang, Mattaea Reeves, Melissa Nelson, Michael Calvoni, and Moniquea Martinez,

The Judges:



Sara Bernstein is an actor, director, choreographer, and theatre educator with credits in Arizona, Maryland, and Chicago. Currently, Sara is in her fifth year at Arizona Theatre Company where she serves as Phoenix's Education Manager to introduce people of all ages to theatre and promotes arts education. Through Arizona Theatre Company, she teaches acting classes to Maricopa County high school theater students as well as exposes them to performing arts events and venues throughout the Valley. During the summer of 2008, Sara directed *Seussical* for ATC's Summer on Stage, an acting intensive program for high school students. This production was featured at last year's Arizona Thespian Conference in downtown Phoenix. In January 2008, Sara directed and won a Zoni Award for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* for Desert Foothills Theatre. This year she will direct two productions for DFT as well as the performance troupe for teens, Singular Sensation. Sara received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Musical Production and Direction from Northwestern University.

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T.A. Burrows is singer, comedian, playwright and versatile entertainer with over 30 years on stage. He has appeared in Las Vegas and has shared the bill with such stars as The Temptations; Patti LaBelle; Earth, Wind & Fire; The Pointer Sisters; Brian McKnight; Chicago; and the late, legendary Bob Hope. T.A. performs locally with his production company shows as well as for local theaters. He won a Zoni award for his performance in *Driving Miss Daisy* for Algonquin Theater and has been nominated for many other shows. T.A. is represented by Darknight Productions.



Alaina Beauloye is a captivating performer who can be seen frequently on stage at Hale Theater in Gilbert. She started her career on Broadway as a child actress performing on Broadway in Edward Albee's stage adaptation of *Lolita* and Marvin Hamlisch's Broadway workshop *Smile*. She was performed at the recent Zoni Award Ceremony and received nominations for her roles in *Man With the Pointed Toes* and for her role as Anna in *The King and I*. Alaina is also the host for the TV show *Maricopa Now*. She is represented by Dani's Agency.



Emmy Award winning choreographer Dee Dee Wood is most well known for her choreography on the classic films of *Sound of Music* and *Mary Poppins* among many others. She performed on Broadway in the original productions of *Can Can*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Little Abner* as well as assisting Michael Kidd with choreography direction. When Kidd was unable to do the choreography for the film *Li'l Abner*, he told the producers only Dee Dee Wood could take his

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place to recreate his work. Dee Dee has been giving back her time and talent to local community theater for the past 10 years and has received a number of awards for her work. She is a member of *Arizona's Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame* and continues to serve as a judge for the annual Emmy Awards for choreography.



Kevin Glenn is a composer, performer, teacher and music director who received a Zoni award for his music direction of *Best Little Whore House in Texas*. He is the lead vocalist with the band Main Event. He has written more than 300 songs and performs many of them for his solo gigs. He also performs in duet with his wife Martha Lindsay and noted pianist Jim Whitaker for their popular show "Hearts in Harmony." Kevin is represented by Darknight Productions.

Friday, December 11th

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Vyktoria P. Keating

vocalist and guitarist ~ progressive folk, acoustic pop and celtic rock



Vyktoria Pratt Keating's music has been described as "some of the most freehanded, lithe and resilient original music around"

(The Washington Post). Having opened 42 shows for rock legends Jethro Tull, she has performed at such prestigious venues as England's Apollo Theater, the Greek Theater in LA, the Kerrville Folk Festival and House of Blues.

Her exhilarating vocals and exquisite guitar artistry provide the sonic backdrop to her intelligent, poetic and often quirky lyrics, creating a new blend of progressive folk, acoustic pop and celtic rock. She has garnered an impressive response from fans and critics alike, winning three WAMMIES (Washington DC Area Music Awards) and selling over 10,000 CDs. She has performed in 46 states and the UK and her music has received extensive airplay in the US and abroad, as well as being featured in film and

television.

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She has shared the bill with such notable performers as Laura Nyro, Richard Thompson, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Roger McGuinn, and is featured on two compilation CDs with Dave Matthews Band and other artists.

Her music has received favorable reviews in Billboard Magazine, Performing Songwriter Magazine, The Washington Post, The Austin Chronicle and many others. In 2002 she won the Southwest Songwriter Shootout and her first CD, "Blue Apples" was nominated for a NAIRD award.

A compelling performer, her unearthly vocals and accomplished guitar work produce a lush, ambient sound, and her incisive wit, intelligent humor and skill for storytelling are an engaging part of her live show. Vyktoria recently released her fourth original CD, "Things that Fall from the Sky", produced by Jethro Tull keyboardist Andrew Giddings.

Originally from Washington DC, Vyktoria now resides near Sedona AZ and performs music full time. She has released 6 Cds including a Celtic CD and a Christmas CD. Vyktoria is represented by Darknight Productions.

Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th

6-9 PM –

Caroling through the streets of Carefree (I will have photos on 11/8)

Becky Jo Schwarz (Mesa)

Diane Senffner (Mesa)

Kristin Blatchford (Tempe)

Kelly Jo Olson (Mesa)

The carolers are singing 25 songs during the three hour period. They will be dressed in Dickens outfits. This is the repertoire.

Carol of the Bells

Jingle Bells Mix

Grandma Got Run Over

Jolly Old St. Nick

Deck The Halls (I have a fun idea for this one)

I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause

Santa Baby

Joy to the World

Away in a Manger

O Come All Ye Faithful

Frosty the Snowman

The Christmas song

Silver Bells

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Silent Night

Sleigh Ride

Angels We Have Heard on High

Oh Christmas Tree

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Hark the Herold
What Child is This
Have Yourself a Merry little Christmas
We Wish you a Merry Christmas
O Holy Night
White Christmas
*Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

Sunday, December 13th

3:00 – *Coyote Dreams: A VERY Arizona Christmas* by Alexx Stuart



Back by popular demand, this favorite holiday musical comedy has become a tradition for many. In this fun-filled look at Christmas, Carl Johnson is tired of cold Minnesota winters. He convinces his die-hard Norwegian wife, Lena, to visit Arizona during the holidays. Enjoy the music and laughter as Carl and Lena “experience” Arizona, from accountant bikers to Joe Arpaio groupies, from Sun City to Tombstone. All in all, it’s a riotous, wacky, introduction to our state. This show is also available for private shows for groups and organizations during the holiday season.