

# *Nicholson Hall, St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church*



4725 E Pima St, Tucson, AZ 85712

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 2:30 pm

*Proudly Presents*

## *Sons of Orpheus - The Male Choir of Tucson* *Grayson Hirst – Founding Artistic Director*

*It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, Eddie Pola and George Wyle

*The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)*, Mel Tormé, arr. V. Williamsen

*Hard Candy Christmas*, Carol Hall, arr. Chad Weirick

*I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas*, John Rox, arr. Jill Gallina

Ernest Lieppman, *soloist*

*Zion hört die Wächter singen*, Johann Sebastian Bach, from Cantata BWV 140

Jacqueline Rodenbeck, *violin*

*Light One Candle*, Peter Yarrow, arr. V. Williamsen

### *Intermission*

*El Burrito Sabanero*, Hugo Blanco, arr. Cristi Cary Miller

*Pretty Paper*, Willie Nelson

*I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm*, Irving Berlin, arr. Jim Filipek

*December Rose*, arr. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

Jacqueline Rodenbeck, *violin*

*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, Hugh Martin, arr. V. Williamsen

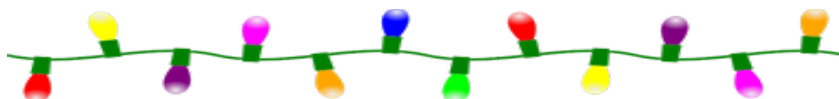
*Ave Maria*, from the film *Provocateur* (1995), Michal Lorenc, arr. Marcus Martin

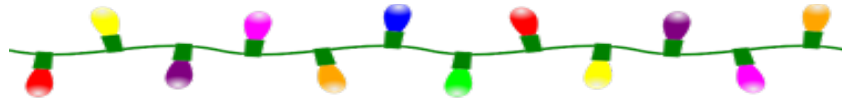
*The First Noel/ Pachelbel's Canon*, Traditional English Carol

and Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Jacqueline Rodenbeck, *violin*

*Brent Burmeister, piano*





*Sons of Orpheus*-The Male Choir of Tucson, declared “Tucson’s Ambassadors of Song” by mayoral proclamation, is Tucson’s premier male chorus, celebrating its 35th anniversary. *Sons of Orpheus* was founded by Grayson Hirst with the aid of a University of Arizona Faculty of Fine Arts Incentive Grant award. *Orpheus* is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, non-affiliated, community-based choral organization comprised of men from all walks of life. *Orpheus* explores a broad range of classical and popular choral literature for men’s voices from all periods and styles ranging from opera and musical theater, sacred and folk music from many cultures to classic cowboy and popular tunes. *Orpheus* collaborates with other arts organizations such as the Tucson Chamber Orchestra, the Arizona Balalaika Orchestra, the Arizona Friends of Chamber Music, the Tucson Symphony and Tucson Pops Orchestras, and the Boys and Girls Choruses of Tucson. Dubbed the “Chorus that Cares,” many *Orpheus* concerts are performed to benefit various charitable community support organizations. *Sons of Orpheus* has performed at the White House in Washington D.C., conducted concert tours of Germany, Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic, presented concerts in Ciudad Obregon, San Carlos and Hermosillo in Sonora, Mexico, and concertized in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. Highlights of *Orpheus* concert tours of France and Italy included invitations to sing in Notre Dame Cathedral and at Saint Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican.

To learn more about *Sons of Orpheus*,  
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