

55TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY
**HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION**

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**55th Annual FREE
L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

Your L.A. Tradition!

Seasonal Music and Dance Spectacular December 24

- **Broadcast Live on PBS SoCaL**
- **Performed at The Music Center**
- **Streamed Live at pbssocal.org**

WHAT:

The Emmy® Award-winning **55th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration** – your L.A. tradition! Perfect for the whole family, more than 20 music ensembles, choirs and dance companies from the many neighborhoods and cultures of the region celebrate the season during this free, three-hour holiday show. And, for the first time, this beloved program will be broadcast on PBS SoCaL, the PBS station for Greater Los Angeles.

New to the show this year are contemporary dance troupe **BODYTRAFFIC**, recently named by *LA Weekly* as “Best Up-and-Coming Dance Company”; the all female music group **Trio Ellas**, whose sound is a blend of mariachi, jazz and country; Verizon Wireless How Sweet the Sound regional finalist **Greater LA Cathedral Choir**; **Western Standard Time**, a 20-piece Jamaican jazz big band, performing holiday classics with a ska twist; and Latin/jazz fusion ensemble **Buyepongo**, presenting *cumbia* infused holiday music. Dance highlights include **Los Angeles Ballet**, performing the “Arabian dance” from *The Nutcracker*; **JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble**, returning with a new piece inspired by Hebrew and Arabic melodies; and **Halau Keali’i o Nalani**, who perform traditional Hawaiian dance to Grammy Award®-winner **Daniel Ho**’s “Soon it will be Christmas.” Spreading holiday cheer are

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choral groups **Palmdale High School Choral Union; Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus; Young Angels Choir**, performing a traditional Korean folk song; **Pasadena Master Chorale**, and more. Watch it live on PBS SoCaL and pbssocal.org from 3-6 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. - midnight. See it free at The Music Center, 3-6 p.m. ***Please see below for a complete list of performers.***

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- *Doors open at 2:30 p.m. (The line forms much earlier and entertainment on The Music Center plaza begins at noon.)*
- *Patrons may come and go throughout the three hour performance*
- *Those who can't make it to The Music Center can watch the live broadcast from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. on PBS SoCaL or stream it at www.pbssocal.org. The PBS SoCaL broadcast repeats from 9 p.m.- midnight and again on December 25 at noon.*

WHO:

- 20 performing artists from across Los Angeles County (see below for complete list)
- Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission; live telecast on PBS SoCaL is produced by CDK Productions

WHERE:

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

HOW:

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

ADMISSION:

FREE; no reservations or tickets to the show; first come, first seated

PARKING:

FREE in The Music Center parking garage

OTHER:

- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has sponsored this admission free show for the people of the County every December 24 since 1959. The Holiday Celebration has taken place at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion since 1964. The program honors the spirit of many cultures and holiday traditions through music, song and dance.
- See below for a complete list of performers.
- Email lucy@lucypr.com to request jpegs.

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Artists performing in 55th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration:

- **Buyepongo***, a seven-piece Latin/Jazz fusion ensemble, will present “Vamos a Gozar” featuring cumbia rhythms.
- **Bodytraffic*** will present an ensemble piece capturing the joy and spirit of the holiday season.
- **The Companymen*** will debut on the program with an a cappella holiday mashup.
- **Daniel Ho & Halau Keali’i o Nalani*** will present “Soon It Will Be Christmas” written by six-time Grammy Award Winner, Daniel Ho, featuring traditional Hawaiian dance.
- **Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles** will return to this year’s program with traditional holiday repertoire.
- **Greater Los Angeles Cathedral Choir*** will perform contemporary gospel hymns.
- **JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble** will present a new dance piece with live music inspired by Hebrew and Arabic melodies.
- **Los Angeles Ballet** will present the “Arabian dance” pas de deux from *The Nutcracker*.
- **Los Angeles Children’s Orchestra**, a 45-member youth orchestra, will present a medley of holiday arrangements.
- **Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez** will present their version of music from “The Nutcracker Suite” with a mariachi twist.
- **Mountainside Master Chorale*** will present “Christmas Lullaby,” a contemporary lyrical selection.
- **Palmdale High School Choral Union**, a 45-person chorus from the Antelope Valley, will present traditional and jazz-style holiday repertoire.
- **Pasadena Master Chorale***, a 40-member vocal ensemble, will debut on the Holiday Celebration with classical choral music performed in the Baroque style.
- **Salvation Army Tabernacle Children’s Chorus**, the largest and youngest choir on the program is known for their “choralography” and light-hearted holiday songs.
- **Southern California Brass Consortium’s*** 26-member ensemble from California State University of Long Beach will play symphonic brass arrangements of holiday repertoire.
- **Trio Ellas*** will perform holiday music in their signature sound which mixes traditional mariachi music with classic romantic trio, jazz and country.
- **Western Standard Time***, a 20-piece ensemble, will perform holiday classics with a Jamaican/ska flavor.
- **Young Angels Choir**, a 50-person chorus will present “Arirang,” a traditional Korean folk song sung during the holidays.
- **Young Men Ensemble of Los Angeles Children’s Chorus** will present “Campanitas de Crystal” featuring Cuban rhythms and the traditional “Fa-La-La” carol.

* indicates groups new to the Holiday Celebration this year

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