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THE GAMBLE-AIRES

CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2010

Nevada's Original Barbershop Chorus...Singing in Las Vegas Since 1960

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May 22 Summerlin Barbershop Gala

GAMBLE-AIRES' 50th ANNIVERSARY SHOW

TO FEATURE THREE CHORUSES, PARADE OF QUARTETS

The Las Vegas Gamble-Aires – Nevada's original barbershop chorus – will offer its 50th Jubilee gala centerpiece show at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22 in the Summerlin Library Theater, 1771 Inner Circle Drive.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$12 (adults); \$10 (seniors, military, students); and \$8 (children under 12).

The event will feature three generations of barbershop chapters/choruses from two states -- all members of the Nashville-based Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., dba the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Show participants will be the Whittier (CA) Chapter with its *Choralaires Chorus*, the Las Vegas Chapter's *Gamble-Aires Chorus*, and the Las Vegas Metro Chapter's *City of Lights Chorus*. Whittier, chartered in 1952, sponsored Las Vegas as a new chapter in 1960 and Las Vegas sponsored Las Vegas Metro in 1998.

The three choruses will perform several songs individually and, as a finale, join in a combined chorus expected to reach 80 men offering three closing barbershop songs.

The show will open with a unique Parade of Quartets featuring foursomes from each chorus. They are *Broadcast*, *The Four Suits* and *Older 'n Dirt* from the Gamble-Aires; the City of Lights' *Ready or Not* and *Good Times*; and the Choralaires' *Uptown Whittier*. A mixed jazz quartet, *Shaken Not Stirred*, also is expected to perform.

"All of the show's authentic close harmony barbershop renditions will reflect the wide diversity of this classic style of early American music performed by today's more than 23,000 barbershop singers in nearly 650 chapters nationwide," said Gamble-Aires president Rick Ives. "It's a soul-satisfying hobby that many men pursue with a passion. **(more)**



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“We’re delighted to be joined by the *City of Lights* and the *Choralaires*. Our chorus is looking forward to significant growth in the decades to come as a proud member of Southern Nevada’s established musical arts community. We’ll continue to present our very special barbershop sound to appreciative audiences and offer young men outlets to pursue this rewarding musical experience through our chorus and ongoing efforts to support barbershop programs in local schools.”

Two of the Gamble-Aires’ original members plan to be on stage to sing some old favorites with the chorus. They are Roland Empey of Virginia, acknowledged “founder” of the Silver State Serenaders Chapter (later renamed the Las Vegas Chapter), and Ralph Kraemer, our chapter’s first president.

Ed Watson, Chief Executive Officer of the BHS, will make a special appearance as the top ranking executive of the international society. Peter Feeney, secretary of the society’s Far Western District of which the three performing chapters are members, will be master of ceremonies. Feeney is the immediate past president of the Las Vegas Metro chapter, a Past President of the Far Western District and a former BHS International Board Member. ■

MORE ABOUT THE LAS VEGAS GAMBLE-AIRES

Barbershop harmony is a unique musical genre that originated in the early 1900s and the Tin Pan Alley era with vaudeville and minstrel singers. It continued with black-and-white films and Broadway productions. Barbershop today – with its expanding popularity (for some men it’s a devoutly intense musical hobby) – is regarded as a vibrant and original ‘USofA’ art form of distinctive, a cappella four-part harmony with its close, “trademark” chords providing “ringing” overtones.

The Gamble-Aires Chorus meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 8425 W. Windmill, east of S. Durango and south of the 215 Beltway (in the 89113 zip code). Guests are welcome!

The Gamble-Aires is a 501(c)(3) educational, IRS tax-exempt nonprofit organization. For more information contact the Gamble-Aires at (702) 451-1328 or, via email, at Larry-GALVpr@cox.net.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Gamble-Aires is prepared to assist the local media with special requests for news articles / feature stories / historical and current photos / key member and leadership interviews in connection with our year-long 50th anniversary observance.

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