

Local musical group Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble of Acton will be returning to the Dorothy Chandler, performing a holiday special broadcast on PBS SoCal KOCE, the Southern California statewide public television network on Saturday, December 24, 2016. The Emmy Award-winning '57th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration - Music ensembles, choirs, and dance companies from the many neighborhoods and cultures of the region celebrate the season during this three-hour holiday show. Highlights of the Holiday Celebration favorites returning to the show include Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company, Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble, Palmdale High School Choral Union and Sunday Night Singers, and the Southern California Brass Consortium to just name a few.

Broadcast times follow:

December 24, 2016 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Live Broadcast on PBS So Cal KOCE

December 24, 2016 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Live streaming at pbssocal.org

December 24, 2016 9 p.m. - midnight - repeat broadcast

December 25, 2016 3 a.m., 6 a.m., noon 7 p.m. repeat broadcast

December 26, 2016 11 a.m. repeat broadcast

The history of this show began in 1959 as a holiday gift on behalf of the LA County Board of Supervisors, produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. The performances are a collection of community and professional choirs, music ensembles and dance companies representing the diverse cultures and holiday traditions of Los Angeles.

The primary goal of Harmonic Bronze handbells is to be ambassadors of music dedicating themselves to public service for their local communities. They perform with a five-octive set of Schulmerich handbells. Directed by Lawrence Rowland, Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble members is a youth group ranging between sixth and twelfth grade. Group members: Ethan Arnold, Caleb Becerra, Emilie Belansky, Nathan Conte, Brylee Flores, Kate Fox, Alyssa Heeb, Breckee Horney, Alyssa Hunter, Loker Kestler, Morgan Kies, James Klipfel, Annie Lapinsky, Aaron Lents, Emily Main, James McCafferty, Katie Miller, Sara Mouchet, Blake Musil, Garrett Musil, Ari Ninio, Britney Pfafman, Nick Rogers, Danny Willard, and Assistant Director Carl Foster.

Thank you to the following groups and individuals with our gratitude and appreciation for sharing our joy of Harmonic Bronze: The Acton Women's Club, the Acton-Agua Dulce Arts Council, Barbara Willard, Donnie and Debra Belansky, Jenna Willard, the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District and School Board under the leadership of Dr. Brent Woodard and Kim Lytle. These organizations and individuals have made it possible for Harmonic Bronze to participate in the 2016 L.A. Holiday Celebration.

We hope you enjoy our holiday gift of music on December 24th, 25th and 26th. The names of the two songs Harmonic Bronze will be performing are "Hallelujah"and "Hava Nagila". Estimated live broadcast time for Harmonic Bronze is 3:40 P.M., December 24, 2016.



