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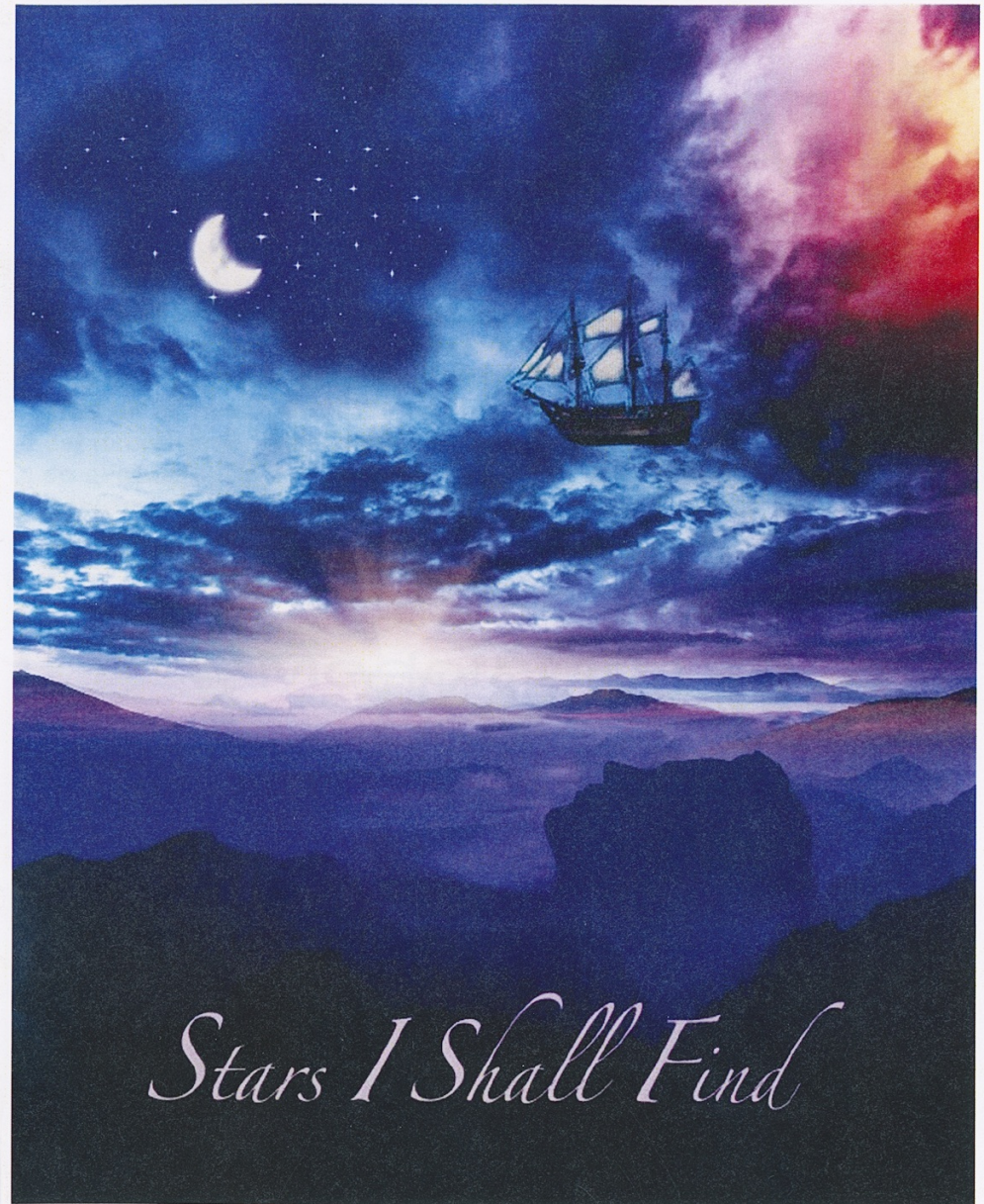
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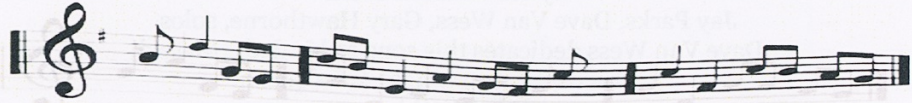
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*Wednesday, Dec 3, 2014 7:00pm*

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**BRUCE MANGUM, Interim Artistic Director**, is thrilled to begin his second season with Modern Men. Bruce hails from Nampa, ID, where he grew up in a musical family. In 1992, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Applied Piano from the College of Idaho and the following year he completed one year toward a Master's in Piano Performance from the University of Idaho. Bruce has played piano since age 7, and instructors include the late Dr. Fern Nolte Davidson, Dr. Jay Mauchley, Jeffrey Payne, Carol Rich, Nicolas Laurienti, and most recently Tim Bruneau, Artistic Director of the California Desert Chorale. Bruce lived in Portland, OR, for 7 years where he accompanied local music students and served as musical director for a number of community theatre productions. He won Musical Director of the Year for his work in *Irene* in 1997.

From 1999 to 2002, Bruce joined up with Princess Cruise Lines as Atrium Pianist. It was out on the high seas where he developed and perfected his romantic piano playing in the style of John Tesh - with a little George Winston thrown in. In his leisure time Bruce enjoys listening to a wide variety of music from opera to light jazz, including such artists as Eva Cassidy, Amy Grant, Judy Collins, Manhattan Transfer, k.d. lang, Keiko Matsui, Zero 7, and even Lady Gaga!

He moved to Palm Springs in 2005 from Denver, CO, where he served 9 years as the Music Director for Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church in Indio. He also was accompanist for the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus for 7 seasons and, from 2006 to 2010, he played piano for the Palm Springs Opera Guild's Outreach Program every June. In November 2014, Bruce became Music Director for University Methodist Church in Redlands, CA. and he is also a member of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble here in the Coachella Valley.

Local performances have included such venues as the IPAC in Indio, the Annenberg in Palm Springs, and both the Joslyn and McCallum Theatres.

In October 2010, Bruce released a CD of original songs and religious piano arrangements, and this recording is available on iTunes and Amazon.com.

Sound bytes of his music can be found on his website: [www.brucemangum.com](http://www.brucemangum.com).





**Jim Gillen, Accompanist**, grew up in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where he began piano lessons at age 7. He was accompanist for his junior high and high school choirs. His lifelong love of music continued during his years in the San Francisco Bay Area where he performed with the Clarewood Singers in Oakland California, under the direction of Donald Hartsell, and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. Jim retired as Operations Director for the San Francisco Public Health Department and moved to Palm Springs in 2004. He immediately joined Caballeros the Gay Men's Chorus of Palm Springs and later performed with the California Desert Chorale under the baton of Tim Bruneau. Jim is a founding member of Modern Men Coachella Valley Men's Chorus and is honored to be performing his first concert as Accompanist with this terrific group. Jim's most exciting musical events of the past year have been playing Liberace's mirror-covered piano in Las Vegas and accompanying Modern Men at the recent celebration of Carol Channing's birthday. He wishes to thank Bruce Mangum for this opportunity and to thank his mother for not letting him quit his piano lessons!



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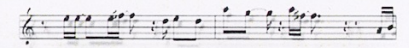
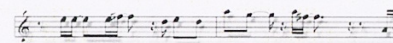
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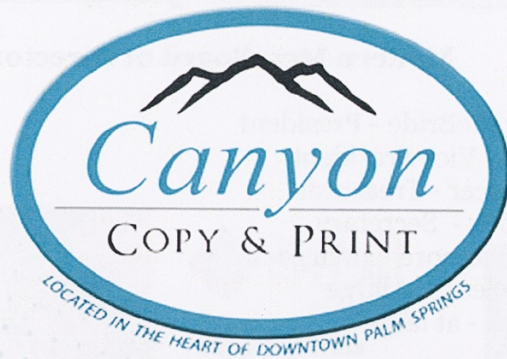
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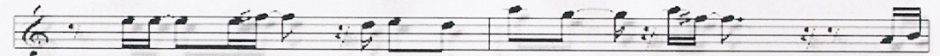


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