

## **December '63: A Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons:**

Before The Beatles landed on the shores of the United States, The Four Seasons were the most popular band in the country. The British Invasion created a huge shift in American pop music tastes but yet, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons continued to knock out hits.

The Four Seasons were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and joined the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 1999. They are one of the best-selling groups of all time, having sold 175 million records worldwide.

In 1962, the group released their first album, featuring the single Sherry, which was not only their first charted hit but also their first number-one song. The Four Seasons followed up Sherry with several million selling hits, including Big Girls Don't Cry, (their second #1 hit), Walk Like A Man, (their third #1), Candy Girl, and several others. From 1962 to early 1964, only The Beach Boys matched the Four Seasons in record sales in the United States.

His re-creation of a Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons concert will have you reaching for the high notes as our cast and band take you on musical journey with stops at every phase of the careers of Frankie and the boys.

Come on out and enjoy a night of timeless classics!

## **Cast BIOS:**

### **Nick Davies**

Nick was born into a musical family in Liverpool, England. He moved to Arizona at the age of 6, and through the years, he has learned about all aspects of music. His first love was the drum set, which led to a 4-year position on his high school drumline. Since then, he has learned how to play many more instruments including the guitar, the harmonica, and the keytar. His main instrument now is piano, which he has been playing for 15 years. Nick has been fortunate enough to play the roles of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* and Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde in *Jekyll and Hyde*, for which he won a national award for best actor. He also writes, records, and produces his own music, and is releasing his first album, *My Generation*, later this year.

### **Nick Gallardo**

Born and raised in Tucson, AZ, Nick is elated to once again grace the stage with the gentlemen of *December '63*. Nick was most recently featured in TAD's *Tribute to Christmas* and can also be seen in TAD's *Teen Idols*, Cory McCloskey's *Love Boat*, and a few more on the way! Select credits include performances with Linda Ronstadt, Andrea McCardle, Richard Kline and Shirley Jones. Favorite roles include: Jinx in *Forever Plaid*, Leaf Coneybear in *Spelling Bee*, Jesus in *Godspell* and Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Nick is also an accomplished trick rodeo roper and guitarist. So much love and thanks to friends, family and God.

### **Michael B. Williams**

Michael B. Williams was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. With his Mother being a rock n' roll radio personality and Father with a 1,000+ CD collection, he was quickly exposed to every genre of music. Michael found his voice when he joined the choir and theatre programs in high school. After winning Best Actor in Dallas for portraying the role of "Phantom" in Phantom of the Opera, he competed at the national level in the 3-part PBS special, "Broadway or Bust" and performed at the

Minskoff Theatre on Broadway, home of the *Lion King*. Michael is thrilled to be singing alongside the talented boys of December 63'. Huge thank you to his family for supporting him every step of the way!

### **Miguel Jackson**

Miguel Jackson is a Canadian who has loved living in the Valley of the Sun for the past 8 years! After working at Channel 12 (KPNX-NBC) for 6 years as a director, Miguel has continued to appear on stages throughout Arizona! A twice nominated "Zoni" (Arizona's "Tony") actor and singer, Miguel is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the great company known as TAD Management! You're going to love the music we have for you today!

Other credits include: Benny (Understudy)/ Pit singer - *In The Heights* (Phoenix Theater); Stew - *Passing Strange* (iTheater Collaborative); Curtis Taylor Jr - *Dreamgirls* (Desert Foothills Theater); Tom - *MurderBallad* (A/C theater company); Gator - *Memphis* (Phoenix Theater); *Soul of Broadway Act 2!* (Fountain Hills Theater); Coalhouse Walker Jr. - *Ragtime* (Theaterworks); Jinx - *Forever Plaid* (Mesa Encore Theater)