

DWP Choraliers Recall the 1960s At 'Cuckoo Laugh-In World' Show

■ Performance group, which has been doing shows for almost 40 years, played to big crowds June 4-6. New members welcome for holiday 2003 show.

The DWP Choraliers turned the City Employees World into a Crazy Cuckoo Laugh-In World — at least for a few days — as the venerable performance group created and performed its annual spring show in early June in the department's John Ferraro building auditorium.

The Choraliers show recreated skits and musical numbers in the style of the groundbreaking 1960s quick-cut NBC variety series *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*. The Choraliers borrowed the title of a song from the series and titled their show "A Cuckoo Laugh-In World."

Choraliers who participated in the show were: April Steffen (Choraliers president), Armida Bannon (Choraliers vice president), Linda Tucci-Renert (choreographer), Dennis Basilio, Heidi Bass, Judy Fierro (Choraliers secretary), Mostafa Haji, Patricia Harden, Sharon Hill, Patricia Jacobson (Choraliers his-

torian), Jack Janzen, Vanessa Jones (assistant choreographer), Mark Lieberman, Charlotte Magee, Victor Perez, Glen Santa Ana, Marguerite Flick, Al Remolino, Helen Zamorano and Rosemary West.

Some of the highlights of the show included the Choraliers performing the group numbers *Sugar, Sugar*; *The Circus Is a Wacky World*; *A Cuckoo Laugh-In World* and a medley titled *California Dreamin'*.

There were short video sketches of famous places in and around the DWP building where Steven Applegate, April Steffen and Jack Janzen portrayed famous characters from the original *Laugh-In* television production. Steven Applegate rode a tricycle and red wagon through the building and in elevators dressed in an Orange DWP Power System jumpsuit, and April Steffen followed close behind in her yellow DWP rain gear. Jack Janzen played Gary Owens as the announcer.

Armida Bannon and Al Remolino played the parts of Ruth Buzzi and Tyrone (the "dirty old man") that had the audiences rolling in the aisles. Jack Janzen and Mark Lieberman played the hosts Dan Rowan and Dick Martin. Vanessa Jones was "Judge Vanessa." The "Call Me" Nuns, played by Judy Fierro, Patricia Jacobson, Patricia Harden, Vanessa Jones, Sharon Hill and Charlotte Magee, a favorite of all, sang "I Feel the Earth Move" backed by Choraliers Glen Santa Ana, Mark Lieberman and Sharon Hill.

Glen Santa Ana played the role of Tiny Tim as he lip-synced the tune "Tiptoe Through The Tulips."

The Choraliers are a singing group comprised of DWP employees, City employees and retirees alike. The Choraliers have been performing for 39 years in the Department and around the City of Los Angeles, including elementary schools adopted by the Department of Water and Power's Adopted Schools program.

The group has also sung at major historical places throughout the City including Olvera Street, Pershing Square and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, "Voices for a Green LA" and the Hollywood Christmas Parade.

The Choraliers are planning the group's next event scheduled for some time in December, a Holiday performance where various holidays



From left: Jack Janzen as a clown, Charlotte Magee as the bearded lady, Mark Lieberman as the muscle man, and Armida Bannon as a clown.

are celebrated.

The Choraliers are led by musical and artistic director Steven Applegate, known throughout the music industry as a musical director, choir leader, composer, arranger and full-time musician. Steven has been with the Choraliers for 22 years and has been the driving force behind this talented singing group. He brings to the table an inspiring and creative flair that makes the performances professional in quality and style. "Steven has an innate ability to see the bigger picture in the course of events and has an 'eye' for the stage," says April Steffen, Choraliers president.

The Choraliers are a volunteer group that meets on their lunchtime and a few Saturdays to practice songs and rehearse choreographed numbers to produce shows that support employee morale and bring joy and laughter to children throughout the LA Unified School District.

For further information regarding the LADWP Choraliers and how you can join, contact April Steffen at (213) 367-4514.

Alive! and the Club salute the Choraliers for the joy they bring City employees! 🎭



The DWP Choraliers in costume for "Sugar, Sugar."



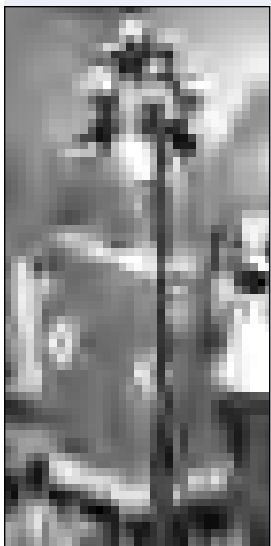
Al Remolino as "Tyrone" and Armida Bannon as Ruth Buzzi's "Gladys."



April Steffen and Sharon Hill singing in "The Circus Is a Wacky World."



Vanessa Jones as "Judge Vanessa."



Helen Zamorano as "Henrietta Gibson" the Poet.



The DWP Choraliers in costume for "The Circus Is a Wacky World."

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