

Tri-Ward Community Creche

December 2 - 3, 2022

Beaumont Ward, Canyon Creek Ward, Peavine Valley Ward



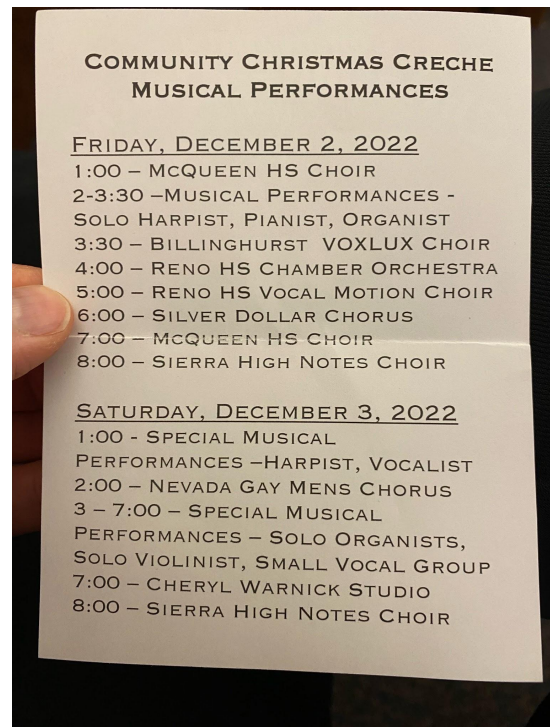
Community Christmas Creche Exhibit

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD
1:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Nativity Exhibits | Live Community Musical Performances | Children's Crafts

FREE OPEN HOUSE EVENT!
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
2050 ROBB DRIVE, RENO, NV



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRECHE
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022
1:00 – MCQUEEN HS CHOIR
2-3:30 – MUSICAL PERFORMANCES - SOLO HARPISIT, PIANIST, ORGANIST
3:30 – BILLINGHURST VOXLUX CHOIR
4:00 – RENO HS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
5:00 – RENO HS VOCAL MOTION CHOIR
6:00 – SILVER DOLLAR CHORUS
7:00 – MCQUEEN HS CHOIR
8:00 – SIERRA HIGH NOTES CHOIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022
1:00 - SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES –HARPISIT, VOCALIST
2:00 – NEVADA GAY MENS CHORUS
3 – 7:00 – SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES – SOLO ORGANISTS, SOLO VIOLINIST, SMALL VOCAL GROUP
7:00 – CHERYL WARNICK STUDIO
8:00 – SIERRA HIGH NOTES CHOIR

Creche committee: Catherine Petersen, Kathy Dobbs, Marilyn Johnson

Looking back, God's hand was in each and every detail of the first annual Community Christmas Creche. Doctrine and Covenants 46:16 says "And again, it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether they be of God, that the manifestations of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal."

The diversity of talents and strengths needed to pull this together were far beyond the initial committee's abilities. When choosing who should help with the event, we turned to the Lord in prayer and He guided our hands in selecting people with talents we didn't even know about or know that we needed. We felt so blessed with the spiritual gift to know the diversity of operations needed.

From the decorators to the organizers, from the music chairman to the volunteers, from the people who helped take everything down to the performers, all was in His hands.

We had so much wonderful feedback the community - many of them recognizing the Lord's hand too as they felt the Spirit and the peace.

Kathy Dobbs

Committee Member

Canyon Creek

This last year I was asked to be one of the Creche co-chairs for the first Creche of the three wards in the Robb Drive building. There were three co-chairs and I was the Peavine Valley co chair.

Kathy Dobbs from Canyon Creek and Marilyn Johnson from Beaumont were the other two co-chairs. We were asked to put on the Creche about four months prior to the event.

The Creche was December 2 and 3rd from 1-9pm. We displayed 151 nativities shared from members from about 40 different countries. Many community Choirs and members performed at the Creche. We had about 200 volunteers that helped out during the Creche. We could not have done this event without all the help of the members in our building and stake.

I knew putting on a Creche Community Nativity Display would be a challenging effort. From the very first meeting it felt like God really wanted this to happy and he would be with us in our efforts. There were many days when things that might have been hard just worked out.

For example, we had many choirs coming to the event. On the Wednesday before it started we were told that our pianos in the chapel were out of tune and that it was not a good idea to have all of the community choirs come and have the pianos be out of tune. Cheryl Warnick was able to find a piano tuner to come on Friday morning. It was an icy morning and I was worried he wouldn't be there but he was.

The decorations were beautiful. Lori Davis from our ward made hundreds of wood items and stained them in a beautiful way. She created the design and the beauty of the room. She had a beautiful vision of the entire gym that was centered on Christ.

There were many little miracles that also occurred during the Creche. On Wednesday night I was driven home from setting up the Creche at midnight. It was late, I was tired and my husband was at work and my son was asleep. I couldn't get in my house as I realized I did not have my keys. I looked down and my husband's key was in the door. We don't know how the key was left in the door, but it was there and I was thankful.

We had about 1400 people walk through the Creche. We believe about 40% of those people were not of our faith and from the community. One of my favorite comments that was said about the Creche came from Josephina from Ghana "God is genius!", Marilyn Johnson replied "Yes he is! Tell me more!" Josefina "These nativities - these cultures - we are altogether. God has done this!"

It was a beautiful event that brought Christ into people's lives. I know that God wanted something positive in our community that brought people together. I feel grateful to have been able to have been a part of it.

Katherine Petersen

Community Creche Committee Member

Peavine Valley Ward

The highlight of the Community Creche Exhibit was meeting Josefina and looking at the Creche exhibit together. I noticed this young woman standing alone looking around. I introduced myself and learned that she had been invited by her neighbors who attend Canyon Creek ward and had come on her own.

We were standing at the front by the table from Africa and I pointed out the nativity of mine from Ghana. "Ghana, that is where I am from!" Josefina exclaimed. I was so excited and told her I had been to Cape Coast Ghana several times and quickly learned that Josefina is from Cape Coast! I got out my cell phone and showed her photos and she literally lived blocks from where I was! We were immediately connected.

I suggested we look at the creche exhibit together. We started from the right by going around the exhibit looking at the nativities from different countries. Josefina stopped, leaned over and carefully examined several nativities and then said joyfully, "God is in charge!" I replied, "Yes, God is in charge" and wanting to know more about what she was thinking said to Josefina "Tell me more."

Josefina looked at me with her beautiful bright sparkling eyes and an unforgettable smile on her face and said, "This is what God wants. You know - all these different cultures together in one place. We are one! God is in charge."

Josefina got it! This is what the Community Creche Exhibit is all about. I felt her joy and looked at my new friend Josefina and thought to myself, *She has the light of Christ strong and pure. She understands God's love for all of his children.*

Marilyn Johnson

Community Creche Committee Member

Beaumont Ward

It was a pleasure to be part of the music for the first Christmas Creche 2022 at the Robb Drive Chapel in Reno, NV.

We had live music from 1pm-8pm both Friday and Saturday. I was asked to provide a selection of Christmas music of all kinds during the time allotted.

There were large group performers from the Northwest such as The McQueen HS choirs, Reno HS Choirs, Reno Jazz band, Nevada Gay Men's Chorus, & the Sierra High Notes.

Also participating were individual and small groups of vocal soloists, piano & organ soloists, & violin.

It was a memorable experience for everyone for many reasons. First off it was the first time I've heard a full drum set in the chapel and secondly, we clapped for each performance. Many of the performers had never been in one of our churches and several people who came were members of our church who hadn't come in many years. Many positive comments were made about how much love was felt and what a great experience they had coming to participate. Each director was given a small gift of appreciation afterwards and each performer a delicious homemade sugar cookie.

I felt that the music added such a nice depth to the event which allowed many people from the community to come enjoy the Christmas season and showed that we believe in the Savior Jesus Christ. I hope we continue the tradition in subsequent years.

Sarah (Lisa) Dameron

Music Specialist for the Community Creche

Beaumont Ward

As you look back at the experience of the Community Creche, how did the service of others touch hearts and change lives?

I observed those that served throughout the event felt the spirit, and had opportunities to engage the members of our community that we are a Christ-centered faith. Many attendees were touched by the various nativities and the music. I feel that people's hearts were softened and lives were touched. People were awestruck at the decor and the event overall. Many asked if we would be doing it again next year.

How was your life personally blessed from the Community Creche?

I felt so close to the Savior throughout the festivities. The music was over the top and I gained a new appreciation for the beauty of the Gospel.

How did you see the hand of the Lord out stretched with the Community Creche?

I saw many people attend that I have not seen in years. It was an event where all felt welcomed because there were no social pressures. I chatted with people who were overwhelmingly moved by the music, the various creches and decor. I had people from the various music groups share that they felt super comfortable and welcomed in our building and hadn't felt that ever.

The committee that organized the event did a fabulous job. When trying to coordinate with community members to provide various talents, music, drapery, etc. the doors of heaven were opened. If they called and got a no, "we are already booked" type response, they were told to call so and so. I think the Lord realized we were trying our best to provide a meaningful experience to our community, and faithful prayers were answered and members were sustained by the Lord through long days and long nights preparing.

Bishop Brad Backlund













Germany

Germany



















Portugal

Spain



Canary Islands





And laid him
in a manger
because there
was no room
for them
in the inn.

Luke 2:7





















And there were
in the same country
shepherds
abiding in the field,
keeping watch
over their flock
by night.

Luke 2:8



And the
Angel said unto
them...For unto you
is born this
day in the city of
David a Saviour,
which is Christ
the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11









Mexico







G lory to
God in the highest,
and on earth
peace, good
will toward men.

Luke 2:14











Kenya





Chile



















Australia



Portugal

Spain





