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The Hollywood Christmas Parade proudly presents legendary celebrities who make a positive difference in our lives. It is our pleasure to highlight their spectacular achievements this holiday season.

Danny Trejo

Actor/Author/Restaurateur



Danny Trejo has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle drug addictions, from acting to producing, and now on to restaurant ventures, Trejo's name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond, but it is his continuous role as a devoted father of three and an intervention counselor that bring him satisfaction. Trejo has starred in dozens of films including *Desperado*, *Heat*, the *From Dust Till Dawn* series, *Con Air*, *Once Upon A Time In Mexico*, *Spy Kids*, *Machete*, and *Machete Kills*. On the television side, Trejo had recurring roles on *Sons of Anarchy*, *King of the Hill*, *Breaking Bad*, and *The Flash*, among others. In the third season of *American Gods*, Danny played the character of Mr. World. Most recently, he can be seen in the role of Rancor Keeper in *The Book of Boba Fett* airing on Disney+.

Trejo has starred in and voiced various popular video games like *Call of Duty*, *Fallout*, *Grand Theft Auto*, and *Def Jam*. Additionally, Danny has voiced characters in the animated films *Storks*, *The Book of Life*, *Maya and the Three* directed by Jorge R. Gutierrez, and the Universal Pictures' *Minions 2: The Rise of Gru*, released Summer 2022.

Danny's colorful life and prolific career are chronicled in the bio-documentary *Inmate #1* released in 2020. Danny shares his love of food with the world in the release of his first cookbook *Trejo's Tacos: Recipes and Stories from LA*. Trejo's fearlessly honest memoir *Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood* was released in July 2021. Trejo's expanding restaurant empire includes Trejo's Tacos, Trejo's Cantina, and Trejo's Coffee and Donuts.

THE HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE

TIMELINE

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone involved in making The Hollywood Christmas Parade possible.

1928

The very first parade consisted of one actress, Jeanette Loff, and REAL Reindeer pulled a sleigh carrying Santa Claus down Hollywood Boulevard to start the Christmas Season

1931

In 1931, a truck pulled float replaced the live reindeer pulled sleigh

1932

Bette Davis, Evelyn Venable and Mary Pickford were a few of the celebrities who continued the tradition

1942

During World War II, the Parade was suspended from 1942 to 1944

1945

A model reindeer soared through the clouds over a miniature village while a machine made artificial snow and pulled Santa's carriage.

1946

Gene Autry, riding his horse in the parade, heard the children yelling, "Here Comes Santa Claus, Here Comes Santa Claus!" And with that a favorite Christmas song was born

1948

Bill Welsh broadcasted the first televised Santa Claus Lane Parade in Los Angeles

1950

Such celebrities as Ernest Borgnine and Danny Thomas graced the streets of Hollywood as the Grand Marshals

1974

Santa Claus Lane Parade officially changes its name to Hollywood Christmas Parade

1981

Twenty years later, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans return as Grand Marshals

2000

Santa makes his 70th trip down Hollywood Blvd.

2005

After many dedicated years, Johnny Grant steps down as Executive Producer

2007

Santa encourages patrons to "Go Metro"

2009

Parade once again is named The Hollywood Christmas Parade

2014

Grand Marshal Stevie Wonder performs as the show is broadcast on The CW Network

2016

The Hollywood Christmas Parade celebrates 85 years!

2017

Village People celebrate 40 years of music to a sold out crowd and to millions of viewers nationally and globally!

2020

For the 2nd time in history, the Parade was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic

2022

The Hollywood Christmas Parade celebrates 90 years!

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MEET THE HOSTS



DEAN CAIN

Dean Cain is something of a modern-day Renaissance Man. A world-traveler, he has done charity and other work in all four corners of the globe. After graduating from Princeton University with a degree in history, and playing a short stint in the NFL, Dean has continued to defy stereotypes by constantly expanding his range and influence. Perhaps best-known for his turn as Superman in the 1990's, Dean has acted, written, and produced over 100 films and maybe a thousand hours of television, including *Out of Time* opposite Denzel Washington, *The Broken Hearts Club* with Drew Barrymore and Owen Wilson, *God's Not Dead*, and hosted *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* (4 seasons), *The Today Show*, *Fox and Friends*, *GDLA*, and guest starred in everything from *Beverly Hills 90210* to *Law and Order SVU*, and *Criminal Minds*. Dean has starred in a dozen Hallmark films, and continues to be a sought-after actor-writer-producer-host. He is a single father to the light of his life, his son, Christopher.



LAURA MCKENZIE

Laura McKenzie is the number one television travel expert in the country. She has received dozens of awards including two Emmy nominations and a Gracie Award for her syndicated television series, *Laura McKenzie's Traveler*. She's written and produced 42 home videos on travel and appears on the CBS Morning Show, Discovery Channel, Travel Channel, *Marie*, *Extra* and *Oprah* as a travel expert. She co-hosted *Dangerous and Endangered* for ESPN plus *World's Funniest Moments* and 10 seasons of *American Adventurer* with Erik Estrada. They reunite for the 11th year hosting the *Hollywood Christmas Parade*.



ERIK ESTRADA

After starring as Officer Frank Poncherello in the television series *CHiPs*, Erik Estrada became a household name. A whole new generation and culture have become familiar with him from his role on the Televisa series *Dos Mujeres*, *Un Camino*. He and travel personality Laura McKenzie have been co-hosts on the long running series *American Adventurer*, as well as the comedy specials *Santa's Funniest Moments* and *Cupid's Funniest Moments*. Erik is a great supporter of police officers and their organizations, so much so that he has actually joined the ranks of law enforcement by becoming a sworn deputy sheriff in Virginia.



MONTEL WILLIAMS

Montel Williams earned his media celebrity status as an inspirational Emmy Award winning television personality whom Americans invited into their homes for more than 17 years. He is a decorated former naval officer, inspirational speaker, bestselling author, entrepreneur and advocate for patients worldwide. Shortly after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, Williams established the Montel Williams MS Foundation to further the scientific study of MS and educate the public. He also works with researchers and the U.S. Army with the hopes of helping soldiers who have experienced blast-related traumatic brain injuries.

SPECIAL GUEST HOST



ELIZABETH STANTON

Elizabeth Stanton has been a world traveler her entire life and currently hosts the multi-award winning syndicated television series *Elizabeth Stanton's Great Big World*, now in its fifth season. She also stars in the Emmy nominated sitcom, *This Just In*, on POP-TV, and is the host of *Celebrity Moments* on POPSTAR! Radio. You'll see Elizabeth this holiday season co-hosting *POPSTAR!'s Best of 2019!* on The CW Network.

PARADE CONCERT

The Hollywood Christmas Parade Concert is one of the parade highlights, featuring some of the world's most iconic musicians and celebrities of all time. You never know what special guests might just show up in a truly one-of-a-kind event!



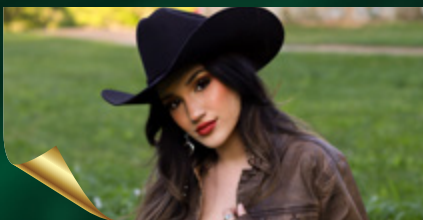
SCOTTY BERG

Scotty Berg is an emerging Canadian pop/country singer who industry executives compare him to fellow artist Shawn Mendes. He has collaborated with industry professionals who have worked with the likes of Taylor Swift, Luke Bryan and Ariana Grande. Scotty's infectious smile, powerful vocals and friendly demeanor make him a favorite with fans in person and through social media. His latest song "Just like Christmas" provides listeners with a joyful melody about love and all good things during the holiday season.



WYN STARKS

Raised in Minneapolis, Wyn sang his first solos in church. The soaring power of gospel music took hold of him at a young age, as did the pop songs, soul records, and R&B hits that he'd listen to at home, hidden from the rest of the world behind his family's couch, headphones pressed to his ears. To Wyn, it all sounded like magic. Before long, Wyn was creating spellbinding music of his own — music that made room for the wide range of his influences, while also pushing forward into new territory. Looking for a town whose music community was equally as diverse as his art, he headed to Nashville. Pop star, Soul singer, Modern-day genre-blender, Old-school R&B revivalist. Wyn Starks proudly celebrates his own diversity with 2021's *Black Is Golden*, a debut album rooted in the singer/songwriter's versatile vocals, timely messages, and bold willingness to break new ground. Following the loss of his hospitality industry job during the height of the COVID pandemic, Wyn responded by putting all of his focus on his musical career, which led to his appearance on "America's Got Talent" Season 17. After sharing part of his story with the judges and fans, Wyn performed his hit track, "Who I Am" which earned him 2 standing ovations and his audition video immediately went viral. Wyn Starks is celebrating the holidays with a tour entitled "Who I AM" playing his first headline shows in NY, LA, Nashville, Atlanta and his home town of Minneapolis.



SAVANNAH RAE

Savannah Rae is an all-American country singer-songwriter who proudly hails from San Antonio, Texas. Born into a music and arts loving family, Savannah's own journey to becoming a fast-rising entertainer and songwriter was inspired by a trip to an Evanescence concert in 2009. Not long after that, at age 11, she was enrolled into vocal and guitar lessons at GRAMMY award winning Michael Morales' Rockstar Academy. Since then, Savannah has given performances in intimate venues around Texas, all the way to places like the main stage of the Texas State Fair where she opened for Jason Aldean, the New Mexico State Fair with Mark Chesnutt, Country Fest with Jason Aldean, and Way Out West Fest with Jon Pardi. She's also made appearances on the American Music Awards and on NBC's *The Voice*, along with being a brand ambassador for Boot Barn, Country Outfitter, C Force Water by Chuck Norris, Miranda Lambert's clothing line, Idyllwind, Gator Cases, Levy's Guitar Straps, and Elixir Strings. With her high energy stage presence, natural songwriting ability, and country/rock/spanish blend of music, Savannah is an artist that is poised to swiftly rise to the top of the industry.



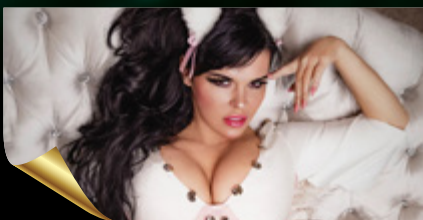
JET VELOCITY

The "Jet Velocity Holiday All Star Band" is a super fun & high energy celebrity band that returns this year for the 90th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade supporting Marine Toys for Tots! This all-star cast is the holiday version of the "Jet Velocity All Star Band" and is led by the songwriting team of the guitar-slinging singer Jason Ebs (Peter Criss & SWAGGERMOUTH) & the soulful-singing Janea Chadwick Ebs (Joe Cocker & ECOTONIC). This year's line-up features Adam Kury from Candlebox on the Bass, Teddy "Zig-Zag" Andreadis from Guns & Roses on piano/organ, Glen Sobel from Alice Cooper & Hollywood Vampires on the drums, Britt Lightning from Vixen on acoustic guitar and vocals, Roberta Freeman from Pink Floyd and Guns & Roses on backing vocals, and Mitch Perry from CHER & Edgar Winter on guitar.

As a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves, Jason displays an American flag on his mic to honor those who've served and to those who've paid the ultimate sacrifice. The JVASB made it's debut at the 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade last year and were honored to open the show! Their maiden performance was at yet another Christmas fundraiser in 2013 at the Hilton Las Vegas for the Marine Toys For Tots Christmas Show and featured the amazing producer Bob Kulick (KISS, Meatloaf) on guitar. This began their tradition of being joined onstage by legendary players, and since then the list has grown to include Chris Slade (AC/DC), Joe Vitale (Joe Walsh), Vinny Appice (Black Sabbath), Hugh McDonald (Bon Jovi), Michael Anthony (Van Halen), Rudy Sarzo (OZZY), Denny Seiwell (Paul McCartney & Wings), and many others.

This year they'll be performing two of their newly released original songs. Available on iTunes, "Christmas Every Day" and "Christmas Time Tonight" were recorded by this year's line-up and were mixed & produced by Jason Ebs at Ebsworthy Sounds in Las Vegas and mastered by Damon Tedesco in Los Angeles.

As long time fans of the parade, they are extremely excited and honored to bring their high energy and fun performance to the stage once again for such a time honored tradition! Merry Christmas everyone and they'll see you all inside the parade!
www.JetVelocityHolidayAllStarBand.com



ANNA AZERLI

Anna Azerli was born in Wellington, New Zealand. After the death of her parents, she moved to Berlin, to be raised by her aunt. When she was 16, she moved to Milano, Italy, where she became a protegee at the Accademia Teatro all Scala, for opera singing.

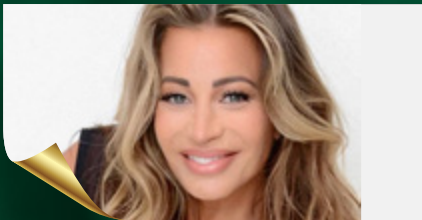
Azerli's career started when she went through one of the best training programs in the world. Her first live performance was at the famed opera house La Scala in Milan, in a production "La Forza del Destino" by Verdi. After that, Anna Azerli performed in opera houses all over Europe. She also worked with some of the most well-known performers in Europe, including singing a duet with Andrea Bocelli, the Italian opera singer.

One of the most important things for Anna Azerli is the connection she makes with her audience. Intertwining her voice, emotions, and story together for the benefit of her audience. Anna's favorite stories are love stories, full of raw emotion. It's through these stories and live performances that continue to feed her inspiration. Anna Azerli's classically-trained voice and natural curves allow her to stand out from other pop artists.



TICHINA ARNOLD

Tichina Arnold is from Queens, New York. She discovered her penchant for entertainment when she was four, in a performance for her family's church congregation. In her youth she appeared in several plays, including The Me Nobody Knows at Brooklyn's Billie Holiday Theatre. In 2004, she toured in the lead role of the musical hit If These Hips Could Talk, which broke box office records in over 55 cities. Recently she appeared in the off-Broadway hit Love, Loss, and What I Wore, as did her co-star Fran Drescher. Arnold has had a thriving career in both TV and film. Her television credits include appearances on All My Children, The Cosby Show and Law & Order, and she starred in the films Big Mommas House and Civil Brand. Her most recent film was Wild Hogs, co-starring Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, William H. Macy and John Travolta. Tichina Arnold is a two-time NAACP Image Award-winning actress. The first was for her role as Pam Jones on the hit TV series Martin. She earned the second award, Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series, for her work in the first season of the critically acclaimed comedy series Everybody Hates Chris, which was inspired by the childhood experiences of comedian Chris Rock. On the show, Arnold played Rochelle, Chriss (Tyler James Williams) strict, sassy mother who runs the household on a tight budget and is the glue that holds the family together.



TAYLOR DANE

Taylor Dayne is an American pop icon with a career spanning three decades. Taylor's groundbreaking debut single "Tell It To My Heart" turned her into an overnight international star in 1987. She followed the smash hit with seventeen Top 20 singles over the course of her three-decade career, including Number Ones "Love Will Lead You Back," "Prove Your Love" and "I'll Always Love You." Taylor has sold over 75 million albums and singles worldwide, earned three GRAMMY nominations, an American Music Award, multiple New York Music Awards, received New York Music Hall of Fame honors and ranked as the Number 18 Female Dance artist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine. She is one of the very few artists in musical history to successfully crossover into almost every musical genre and chart with hit singles in Pop, Dance, R&B, Adult contemporary and Rock.

Equally recognized for her songwriting talent, Taylor wrote many of her own hits as well as Tina Turner's "Whatever You Want." With a truly distinctive vocal style and powerful range, she created a unique vocal sound all her own that defined an era by her music. As the late 80s moved into the 90s, her chart-topping songs came with her. Her cover of Barry White's "Can't Get Enough Of Your Love" and "Send Me A Lover" brought a strength and power to a female voice seldom heard in history. Taylor's international radio and record success along with her stage presence and world tours took her musical message of love and passion straight to the heart of her fans and audiences worldwide.



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PARADE LINE UP

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LA Vespa Club

The LAVespaClub is proud to return to this year's Hollywood Christmas Parade. The club is recognized by the Vespa Club of America as the official Vespa club of Los Angeles. With over 200 Vespa riders in the club, President Michael Marcus and other club members can be seen swarming around Los Angeles on their monthly Vespa rides.



SERGEANT RECHELLE L. HOPPERS

She is based in the 12th Marine Corps District, PSRS, Pasadena, CA. She is the Prior Service Recruiter for the Los Angeles area. She is from Trenton, Tennessee.



501st Legion

The 501st Legion is "The World's Definitive Imperial Star Wars Costuming Organization." An all-volunteer organization, our members proudly wear the costumes of our favorite Star Wars characters while serving the community throughout the world. We partner with groups such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Walk Now For Autism, American Cancer Association, various regional children's hospitals, and other community events.

Hundreds of members strong, Southern California Garrison is the local unit of the 501st which spans from the coast to the Arizona border and encompasses all counties from Riverside County all the way up to San Luis Obispo County.



SARGENT ANDREW SAYEG

He is the Headquarters and Support Company S-4 Embark Chief.

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Sgt Sayeg is from Redwood City, CA born in Redwood City, CA.



Nate Truman's Star Cars



LT. GEN. JAMES B. LASTER, USMC (RETIRED)

Lt. Gen. Laster is the President & CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Before coming to Toys for Tots, General Laster served for over 38 years as a Marine infantry officer. His assignments ranged from serving as an infantry platoon and company commander, Operations Officer, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), Commander, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island to serving as the Commanding General of 3rd Marine Division. His General Officer Staff assignments included duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Joint Operations, ISAF Joint Command in Afghanistan, Chief of Staff of United States Special Operations Command and Director of the Marine Corps Staff. Lt. Gen. Laster retired from active duty in December 2017.



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The Los Angeles Ghostbusters

The Los Angeles Ghostbusters are a cosplay group that provide fans with an authentic Ghostbusters experience while raising awareness and funds for family based charities like the Starlight Children's Foundation. Since last year, LAGB has raised nearly \$30,000 in support of Starlight and their mission to bring toys, games and happiness to children and their families living in hospitals around the country. Currently, in coordination with Starlight and Sony Pictures, they're fundraising with over twenty Ghostbusters franchises across the country to create Starlight Ghostbusters-themed hospital gowns for children!

Please see below for our recent fundraiser information:
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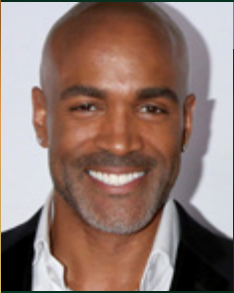




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PARADE LINE UP



Donnel Turner

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Kateryna Klishyna

Cast of *Dancing With The Stars*
Originally from Kharkov, Ukraine, Kateryna Klishyna has enjoyed dancing ever since she was a child. At age of 8, Kateryna's parents took her to her first ballroom classes, and her passion for dance was kindled.

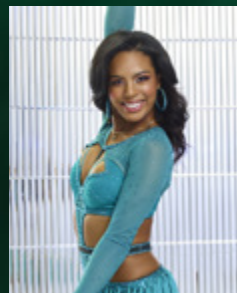
With a strong desire to excel and be the best she can be, Kateryna has amassed an impressive catalogue of titles including Ukrainian National Champion, IDSA World Open Champion, Blackpool Quarter Finalist, 3rd Austrian Open Champion, Finalist of German Open and Dutch Open Championships.

Kateryna made her debut as a pro in the troupe of *Dancing with the Stars* on season 31. Her other credits include *So You Think You Can Dance: Ukraine*, *Dancing with the Stars: Georgia* and the Emmy Awards.



Keith David

Cast of *A Miracle Before Christmas*



Britt Stewart

Cast of *Dancing With The Stars*
Britt Stewart, is an artist, educator, choreographer, dance arts supporter and advocate. Before joining the cast of *Dancing With The Stars (DWTS)*, Britt got her start in the entertainment industry as a principal dancer in all three of Disney's original *High School Musical* movies. She went on to be in film, tv and live performances including worldwide tours. Some of her biggest moments include performing in films like Disney Channel's *Teen Beach Movie*, prime time television shows, and dancing for artists like Janet Jackson and Demi Lovato. She was Katy Perry's back up dancer for three years on her Prismatic World Tour and Super Bowl halftime performance. After her time with Perry, she joined the *Dancing With The Stars* family. Britt was promoted to a Pro Dancer on *DWTS* as the First Black Female Pro on Season 29, making history after five seasons as a Troupe member and performing in two of *DWTS* Live Tours. She continues to bring her unique flare as a pro dancer with celeb partners, most recently, actor Daniel Durant, as well as actor Martin Kove and Olympic champion Johnny Weir! Britt is passionate about continuing to educate aspiring young dancers throughout the country and give back to her community as President of recently launched non-profit Share The Movement focused on making dance accessible to all youth.



Paula Jai Parker

Cast of *A Miracle Before Christmas*



Kate Linder

Kate Linder was cast as Esther Valentine on *The Young and the Restless* 40 years ago in April 1982 and her first airdate was April 16th. She remains a key member of the top-rated daytime drama's cast. In April 2008, Linder received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Linder was just elected as the Television Academy's Governor of the Performers Peer Group and was previously elected to two terms as the Governor of the Daytime Programming Peer Group. She was also elected to multiple terms as a SAG-AFTRA board member. Kate Linder was cast as Esther Valentine on *The Young and the Restless* 40 years ago in April 1982 and her first airdate was April 16th. She remains a key member of the top-rated daytime drama's cast. In April 2008, Linder received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Linder was just elected as the Television Academy's Governor of the Performers Peer Group and was previously elected to two terms as the Governor of the Daytime Programming Peer Group. She was also elected to multiple terms as a SAG-AFTRA board member.



Porscha Coleman

Cast of *A Miracle Before Christmas*

Roundtable of Southern California Chinese American Organizations



Jasper Cole

Cast of *A Miracle Before Christmas*

The Roundtable of Southern California Chinese American Organizations (RCAO) is a nonprofit organization known as RCAO. It organizes events to promote economic development and cultural exchanges between the U.S. and China. Its 176 Chinese organizations have actively donated to local communities. RCAO has participated in the Hollywood Christmas Parade three times in the past 10 years with great success. The RCAO Parade Team this year consists of five formations: the lion and dragon dancing, the waist drum-fan performance, the Kong Fu Chinese martial arts, and the Hanfu and Cheongsam fashion shows.



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PARADE LINE UP

Gevorkian Dance Academy



The Gevorkian Dance Academy established in 1995.

In 2006, the dance academy proudly celebrated its 10 year anniversary at the famous Kodak Theatre. Later in 2010, they celebrated their 15th anniversary at the world famous Nokia Theatre LA live, where Vartan Gevorkian received a gold medal from Cultural Minister of Armenia. This highly recognized and critically acclaimed school of dance has become one of the most prestigious and triumphant artistic academies of the Armenian Diaspora. Under the inspired leadership of its artistic directors, Vartan and Siranush Gevorkian, choreographer Sona Gevorkian.

Sona Gevorkian is a dancer, choreographer and a dance instructor. She has performed in many highly respected venues. Everywhere Sona performs she presents Armenian dance with her beauty and grace.

Sona Gevorkian has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Organizational Leadership. She has been teaching dance for over 15 years and continues to share her passion with students of all ages. Her main style of dance is Armenian, but she also teaches other forms of dance.

She has been awarded as the "Women in Art" by the Armenian American Chamber of Commerce.

Also has received certificates of recognition for her work in the community from the California Senate, California State Assembly, Congressional recognition from Congressman Adam Schiff, County of Los Angeles, Mayor of Glendale City, California State Board of Equalization, City of Los Angeles, and Armenian Diaspora Ministry.

In 2018 Sona Gevorkian was presented with a "Komitas" medal from the Minister of Armenian Diaspora. Sona is a gifted stage performer with a talent for engaging her audience.

The Hollywood Starlettes



The Hollywood Starlettes are a performance group reminiscent of the beauty and grace of old Hollywood. They dazzle audiences with their high kicks and precision, unique dance choreography, and extraordinary talent!

Under the artistic direction of Broadway performer, former Radio City Rockette and choreographer Natalie Willes, these girls have Wowed audiences with show stopping performances on World of Dance Live, Carol Channing's Tribute- Professional Dancers Society, City Gala's Oscar Celebration, Universal Studios Backlot Opening, and many more award shows, and fundraisers across the country.

The Hollywood Starlettes train at the world renowned Carousel Dance Studio in Los Angeles and are proud to call the Hollywood Chinese Theater their home. The Starlettes are honored to be a part of Hollywood's 90th Anniversary Christmas Parade!



TONI VAZ

Toni Vaz is an actress, model, activist, and Hollywood's 1st Black Stuntwomen. Vaz trailblazing career started in 1951 in TV and movies often appearing as an extra or performing stunts for actress Cecily Tyson, Eartha Kitt, Juanita Moore, and more. Vaz has over 50 TV shows and movies to her credit and has over 20,000 hours of performance. Toni, a true leader, wanted better roles besides maids and hookers for herself and fellow people of color in Hollywood and envisioned an awards ceremony as elegant and as lavish as the Academy Awards, so, she Founded and Created the prestigious NAACP Image Awards to thank Hollywood Producers for hiring people of color in more positive roles like Nurses and Lawyers. The Inaugural NAACP Image Awards was held on August 13, 1967, at the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel. In 2021, after a 50 year wait of denying Vaz her rightful credit, President Derrick Johnson of the NAACP Headquarters finally recognized and honored Toni Vaz as Founder and Creator of NAACP Image Awards at the 52nd Anniversary. Vaz was surprised and wholeheartedly welcomed the honor.

The Finale

The Finale to a great parade is the great big guy himself - **SANTA CLAUS!** He has been taking time away from his toy workshop to bring smiles to everyone's face along the parade route.

There's no better tribute to the man in red than through the famous song written by Gene Autry as he heard the children yelling, "*Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus!*"

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