

The Bandera PROPHEET

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The Four Phantoms In Concert hit the stage January 26

Kicking off the eleventh season of Boerne Performing Arts on stage at Champion High School in Boerne, at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 26, are four gifted performers appearing as The Four Phantoms In Concert. These highly accomplished actors and performers will celebrate the legendary work of the many composers and artists who have made the Broadway musical an American art form. Each remarkable singer has performed the leading role of the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning musical *The Phantom of the Opera*. Together, they have appeared as the Phantom for a combined total of 6,000 performances. For one thrilling evening, they will present selections from that production, as well as other unforgettable Broadway hits, and more, under the musical supervision of two-time Grammy Award winner David Caddick and music director Ryan Shirar. As an added bonus, special guest Kaley Ann Voorhees, one of the youngest sopranos to play the role of Christine on Broadway, will also lend her vocals to the magic of the night.

Illustrating the caliber of the cast, Brent Barrett, opened the new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom-The Las Vegas Spectacular* and starred in the title role for two years to sold-out houses at the Venetian Hotel before returning to Broadway. John Cudia holds the distinct honor of being the first and only actor to have performed both as the Phantom in *The Phantom of the Opera* and Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* on Broadway and has deep ties with both productions. Franc D'Ambrosio held the title of "The World's Longest-Running Phantom" for more than a decade after entertaining over five million theater-goers in a six and a half year run. Ciaran Sheehan, a native of Dublin, Ireland, has performed the role of the Phantom to critical acclaim both on Broadway and in Toronto, Canada.

What a fabulous opportunity for Hill Country music lovers to have the privilege of enjoying the music from this fixture of the Broadway musical scene and many others sung by a quartet of such talented lead actors and musicians. Local sponsors making this performance possible include the City of Boerne, The GVTC Foundation, Heart's Home Acoustics and Massage Heights of Bulverde. The focus during intermission will be on the young arts students of Boerne area schools with a performance in the lobby by the Champion High School Orchestra, directed by Naitsabes Barreto Perez and art displays representing all seven BISS elementary schools. In support of Boerne Performing Arts' commitment to engaging and broadening the experiences of young people in the community, The Four Phantoms will also lead a master class for students from Boerne and Champion High Schools.

Previews of all artists in the 2023 season are available at www.BoernePerformingArts.com where you can purchase individual tickets (\$60 - \$40 - \$30 - \$20 student) or season tickets. For questions, please call the Boerne Performing Arts Message Line at 830-331-9079.