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LAPD Band

by Christina Challey

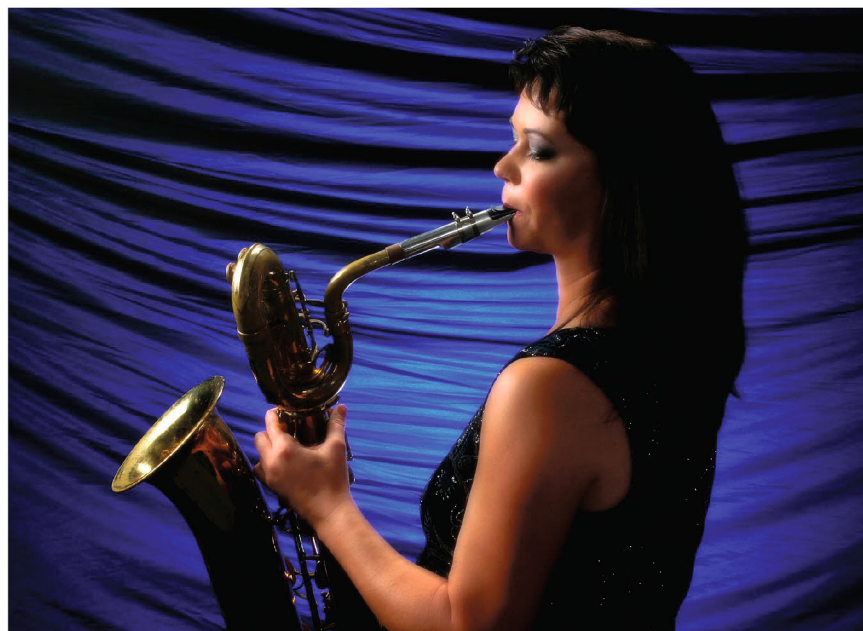
From playing on “Dancing with the Stars” to performing on a television special for President George W. Bush, the LAPD Band’s Jennifer Hall has played with and for the best. Maybe it’s because she can play the piccolo, flute, alto flute,

clarinet, bass clarinet, soprano sax, alto sax, tenor sax, baritone sax, bass sax, bassoon and contrabassoon!

Jennifer started on the piano at age 6, and because she could already read music, when she was 11, she taught herself to play the tenor sax. This being inspired by watching “I Love Lucy” where Lucy plays

the song “The Glow-Worm” on the sax, and dust comes puffing out of the bell of the sax. Jennifer thought that was “very cool.” From there she went on to teach herself how to play the flute, bassoon and clarinet.

Raised in Northridge, Calif., and born into a musical family—her mother was an accomplished pianist playing for singers and musicals, and her father, a huge jazz fan—Jennifer grew up dreaming of performing



Jen and her “bari.”

as a musician. She and her father would watch the big band on the “Lawrence Welk Show,” and she told him then that she wanted to play in that band someday! She enjoyed playing the saxophone in the school band because she was able to play with a large ensemble of people playing other instruments. She said, “It didn’t matter if it was a concert band, orchestra or jazz band; I wanted to be in the band!”

At Chatsworth High School, she played in the jazz band, orchestra, concert band and marching band, and for all of the musical theater productions. She said they had an excellent drama department, and she got to perform in the orchestra for “The Sound of Music” with their lead actors, Kevin Spacey and Mare Winningham!

She received her Bachelor of Music from CSUN, starting out as a bassoon major but switched to saxophone for her final degree. She studied at USC and Golden West College. Her professional career includes recording and performing with such jazz legends as Natalie Cole, Jack Sheldon, Arturo Sandoval and Michel Legrand, along with countless others. “Classical music is still near and dear to me,” she said, having performed with the Pacific Symphony, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, Academy Awards Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Just a few of Jennifer’s other credits include playing with productions of “Phantom of the Opera,” “West Side Story” and touring with “Smokey Joe’s Café” and “Fame.” She was a studio musician on “Family Guy,” “American Dad” and “The Cleveland Show.” She played for the movie “Ted,” played live performances with Barbra Streisand, Barry Manilow and the Women in Jazz Festival at the Kennedy Center.

Along with all of these incredible accomplishments and her amazing talent, Jennifer is currently studying for her certification as an alcohol/drug counselor, as well as studying for her graduate degree to become a licensed marriage and family therapist, with the goal of working in a rehab setting in a hospital or medical clinic.

Her hobbies are water aerobics, cooking and volunteering at the Bailey Center in Tujunga, helping to serve the needy in her community. The LAPD Band is fortunate to have her, with her volunteer spirit and fabulous musical talent.

For more information about the band, please contact Jim Starr, executive director, at sngcop@aol.com. For greatly appreciated donations to the band, please go to www.lapolicefoundation.org, and in the “notes” box, put “for the band.” ♦



Jen and sax.



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PLEASE NOTE

Candidate filing period will open

Tuesday, August 1 at 9 a.m. and

close Tuesday, September 5, at 5 p.m.

Ballots will be mailed on Tuesday, October 3

and counted on Friday, October 20.