

## ***THE PATRIOTIC REVUE***

With songs ranging from secular to spiritual, celebrate our wonderful nation America by hearing many of our greatest national hits. Participate as well by singing along to a few songs and enjoying every tune.

You will learn the wonderful history about particular songs and how the composers and lyricists were first inspired to write the lyrics or the music or both, as in the case of Irving Berlin, considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history.

Hear about certain vocalists who also have a fascinating history with their contributions to specific tunes as well. Discover their inspirations for what made them choose to perform and record their individual songs.

As mentioned in her biography, Valerie Saunders has been a singer and vocal impressionist half her life. Born and raised in Cleveland, she was very active in theater for many years as well, dominantly musicals. Valerie has also done an enormous amount of comedy too. She has sung, acted, and/or danced in 5 states: Ohio, Arizona, New York, Texas, and West Virginia.

Since 2010, Valerie has been singing with Swing Memories Big Band in the Phoenix area. This has been the joy of her life. She has assisted with advertising, marketing, and has secured several gigs as well. At one time, she was the assistant librarian, and discovered the massive repertoire they have - a staggering 1200 songs to choose from!

In addition to performing, Valerie has worked behind the scenes in theater as an accomplished and awarded choreographer. Her work in film and TV is as a hair and makeup artist and production assistant.

Set your hearts and ears to *The Patriotic Revue!*