

MRW Presents a Broadway Concert

June 5, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall

Constance Cairo Conway - Director/Soprano

Professional California theatre Includes leading lady roles in Showboat with Donald O'Connor, The Merry Widow with Edie Adams, Polly in The Boyfriend and Mabel in Pirates of Penzance at Lawrence Welk Theatre. Also performed Johanna in Sweeney Todd at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.

Numerous concerts in Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Santa Barbara and one very special concert dinner for General Norman Schwarzkopf. Also, performed at Cloris Leachman's home for a holiday party.

Voice training began at the age of 12 with the Monmouth Conservatory of Music in New Jersey. Attended HB Studios in New York City for Acting and Dance. Total vocal training 30 plus years and master classes under the direction of the late Susan Brenner in California.

Had three kids, Will, Nick and Deanna and once they were grown, she became a voice teacher with up to 35 students per week. She prepared them with legit techniques and vocal performance for high school auditions and college theatre applications.

Left California to North Carolina in 2020 to enjoy retirement life with her retired Fire Captain II, Los Angeles City Fire Department husband. Member of Moore Republican Women for four years. Performed at the Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines as Mother Abbess in The Sound of Music. Still teaches a handful of voice students which include three people in the upcoming Broadway night concert fundraiser for MRW.

ED MARTEL, Accompanist

Ed moved to Pinehurst with his wife, Lianne, five years ago after an illustrious career in Los Angeles that spanned more than 40 years working in the music business. He has served as music director, conductor, arranger, orchestrator, and pianist for many shows, concerts, television, movies, recording projects, theatrical productions, and has conducted orchestras throughout Europe, Asia, Mexico, and the United States, including Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, as well as the Las Vegas Strip. His piano playing has backed up artists in concert the likes of Englebert Humperdinck, Jason Alexander, Davis Gaines, Dale Kristen, Andrea MacArdle, Diane Reeves, Fred Travalena, Sally Kellerman, Roslyn Kind, Rickie Lee Jones, Ted Neeley, The Irish

Tenors, Robert Davi, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Don Most, Judy Norton, and Three Dog Night, among many others.

Cheryl Crandall Hernandez - Soprano

Musical Theatre graduate from UCLA who was awarded the prestigious Carol Burnett and Frank Sinatra award. After graduation she went to Broadway to understudy Debby Boone in Seven Brides For Seven Brothers, then did the National Tour.

She did many industrial concert shows throughout California, where she also worked with Ed Martel, our pianist for the concert and had her own show on various cruise lines entertaining all over the world.

Cheryl also toured with the late and great Perry Como.

Mother of two and has a grandson with a granddaughter on the way. She also taught vocal singing to middle school age kids.

Collin Conway - Baritone

Collin was a high school voice student of Connie's before becoming her stepson. He received the leads in the musical Curtains and Teyve in Fiddler On The Roof. His portrayal of Teyve was nominated for a Macy Award as Best Actor in California. Also, in a local California vocal competition throughout Orange County, he won second place for singing Once Upon A Time.

After high school graduation he went on to do local community theatre and seemed to get the lead for anything he tried out of, including The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee, Bye Bye Birdie, You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, Spamalot and several plays.

Collin is also very talented with many accents and took voice-over classes. He moved to North Carolina and within in a couple of months he was cast in the radio version of The Christmas Carol as the narrator at Sunrise Theatre, Southern Pines. Also at Sunrise he once again did The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee, Bye Bye Birdie and the Captain in The Sound of Music. At the Encore Theatre he has performed with the Improv Group, played Sherlock Holmes in The Hound of Baskervilles and Forever Plaid. He also directs children's theatre with various organizations in Moore County.

Will Britt - Baritone

Will is a native of North Carolina with an extremely talented family background. Both his parents sang as he grew up and his mom is our local Laura Morgan who will also make an appearance as a guest performer in the concert. He sang in the Choir at College but ended up with a career in

law enforcement. His strong rich baritone voice is a gift from the heavens and has been working with Connie for three wonderful years. He has a recording on YouTube of the “Disturbed” version of The Sound of Silence. He also does voice-over work for Batman and The Green Lantern comics. He is known for being the operatic Power Ranger at ComicCon and an amazing collector of the toys.

Will is married to his lovely Fayetteville Judge Fran and enjoys singing deep emotional songs that help him through his hard days on the job.

Jackie Shelton - 8 year old performer

Jackie has been working with Connie for almost two years. They met while performing in The Sound of Music at The Sunrise Theatre. She was precious as Gretl. She practically stole the show with her talented cuteness.

This bright talented young lady is the youngest voice student Connie has ever worked with but her talent needed some guiding. Each week she receives a new song, then the following week it is completely memorized.

She has performed the National Anthem and God Bless America for Moore Republican Women and will be singing the National Anthem at Fort Bragg on Memorial Day.

In her upcoming concert debut she will be performing many songs which includes her favorite musical, Annie.