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### Go Fish

Adler Theatre

Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m.



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Chikezie appeared in American Idol season 7. She is 23 years old and from Inglewood, California. She is a singer and her musical genres are R&B, soul, and pop.

**Chikezie**

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Inglewood, California

**Diana DeGarmo**

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Birmingham, Alabama

**David Hernandez**

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Phoenix, Arizona

**Kimberly Locke**

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Hartsville, Tennessee

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For more information on the "American Stars: Former *American Idol* Stars in Concert" event, visit [AdlerTheatre.com](http://AdlerTheatre.com) . -

**Mike Schulz**

*\* Yeah, these were all sung on the contestants' final nights of American Idol. If you get to meet the performers after their Adler show, be a sport and don't tell 'em I told you.*

## A Nova Christmas

First Congregational Church in Moline, First Lutheran Church in Galesburg

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Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.



Neither a PBS special nor the promise of the most scaldingly hot holiday season *ever*, *A Nova Christmas*

is actually the annual presentation by the Nova Singers, the 20-voice professional ensemble that has performed public concerts - and has participated in state, regional, and national music conventions - since the group's inception in 1986.

Taking place at Moline's First Congregational Church on December 19 and at Galesburg's First Lutheran Church on December 20, this year's *Nova Christmas* concerts will, as ever, find the ensemble performing under the direction of noted Knox College professor Laura Lane. Yet the Nova Singers will also be sharing their church venues with two groups no less enthusiastic than the Galesburg-based group, albeit considerably *shorter*

: Members of the Holiday Children's Pops Children's Choir will lend their talents to Friday's Moline program, while the Carl Sandburg Children's Choir will take part in Saturday's Galesburg concert.

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Among the inclusions in this season's *Nova Christmas* presentations will be a series of holiday-themed folk and jazz numbers, an audience sing-along of familiar yuletide tunes, new arrangements of traditional Christmas songs from Spain, beloved carols from England, the haunting "Carol of the Bells," and what is sure to be a

*Nova Christmas*

highlight: a performance of composer Morten Lauridsen's a cappella classic, "O Magnum Mysterium." Which, as a Christmas gift to myself, is what I'm officially changing my name to.

Tickets to the *Nova Christmas* concerts are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors, with students admitted free, can be reserved by calling (309) 341-7038; for more information on the Nova Singers themselves, visit <http://deptorg.knox.edu/novasingers> . -

**O Magnum Mysterium**