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**GRAND CANYON PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS BLUSH & BASHFUL GALA 2014
FEATURING VIP GUESTS: ARIZONA CONGRESSWOMAN KYRSTEN SINEMA, PHOENIX CITY
COUNCILMAN TOM SIMPLOT, AND HEADLINER KRISTINE W.**

Blush & Bashful is the Grand Canyon Performing Arts' premiere annual black-tie event that features performances by local and national artists, a five-star dining experience and a high-end silent auction. The Blush & Bashful Gala will include performances by the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus and Omaggio Youth Chorus (1 of only 6 LGBTQ youth choruses in the nation). This year, the annual Blush & Bashful Gala will feature VIP guest Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema, international performer Kristine W, and host Tom Simplot. Our beneficiary is Mulligan's Manor.

Congresswoman Sinema is the nation's first openly bisexual member of Congress, and Tom Simplot is the first openly gay member of the Phoenix City Council. Kristine W. has been recognized as *Billboard Magazine's* "Artist of the Decade" and is known for legendary tracks like "Wonder of It All," "Sweet Mercy Me," and "Feel What you Want." She is a prominent artist in today's music landscape and has worked with clubland's most explosive DJ's. All VIP guests have supported many LGBTQ causes and organizations.

A portion of monies raised at Blush & Bashful will also support Mulligan's Manor, a loving and supportive non-profit group home dedicated to at-risk gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and heterosexual adolescents from 12-17 years old. Mulligan's Manor is a family-oriented, LGBTQ-friendly home that nurtures and empowers youth and their allies to reach their full potential, as well as provides tools for a safe and healthy life. www.mulligansmanor.org.

Grand Canyon Performing Arts is a 501(c)-3 organization that represents the oldest and largest non-profit LGBTQ arts organization in Arizona. GCPA's mission is to unite, inspire, educate, and entertain its diverse audiences as a voice of the LGBTQ community. GCPA is represented by its flagship organization, the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus, as well as Canyon Echoes, Philharmonic Ensemble and Omaggio Youth Chorus. More information may be found at www.phoenixmenschorus.org, or through the contact information below.

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