

# Arts & Entertainment

## Tony David, Pam Hughes entertain metro area

After singing with a nightclub band for free for 10 years, local entertainer Tony David has found a niche singing for loyal followers he has met along the way. Those followers now make David and singing partner Pam Hughes the favorite entertainment act of the 50+ adult singles market.

Instead of using a foot back-up band, David and Hughes use a complicated electronic sound system that provides the sounds of a full band. This "canned music" enables them to perform more than 1,000 different songs ranging from country to big band to old rock 'n' roll to disco and even line dances. All of it is familiar music their adult crowds understand.

"We don't do heavy metal or rap," David said.

The duo strives to match the sound, style and inflections of the original artists. Additionally the duo takes time to personally interact with their loyal audience and newcomers to the party.

David's singing career began on a dare when he entered a seven-week contest sponsored by the longtime Denver nightclub band, The Glass Menagerie. For the contest, he had



Pam Hughes and Tony David

to learn and perform on stage seven different songs a week for seven straight weeks. The prize was a trip to Las Vegas.

He won the contest and headed off to Vegas to watch the lounge acts. When he returned, the band's leader at the nightclub invited David to get up on stage when the band took a break and fill in singing those songs he had mastered.

"I ended up singing for free for 10 years," he said.

Hughes, a veteran rock band singer, also performed with The Glass Menagerie. Her wide range

allows her to blend with David, as well as personally lead on most rock 'n' roll songs.

Today, the duo's party schedule includes monthly dances at Heather Ridge Country Club in Aurora, Denver Ballroom Dancing in Golden, the Heritage Eagle Bend Community Center, the Aurora Eagles, the 49-90 Singles Club in Castle Rock and his own Desert & Diamonds parties. They perform every Thursday night at Bistro Al Vino in Centennial and fill in some nights at other area nightclubs.

Last summer Tony and Pam played in front of more than 5,000 people at Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin's rally at Jefferson County Airport. Additionally, they played for several EA.P.S. fundraisers, which support the families of soldiers killed in the Iraq War.

A native of Jackson, Tenn., David attended high school in Denver. His regular day job is with Mixel Communications in Inverness Office Park.

For more on Tony David and Pam Hughes and a schedule of upcoming events, go to [www.tonydavidcertains.com](http://www.tonydavidcertains.com).