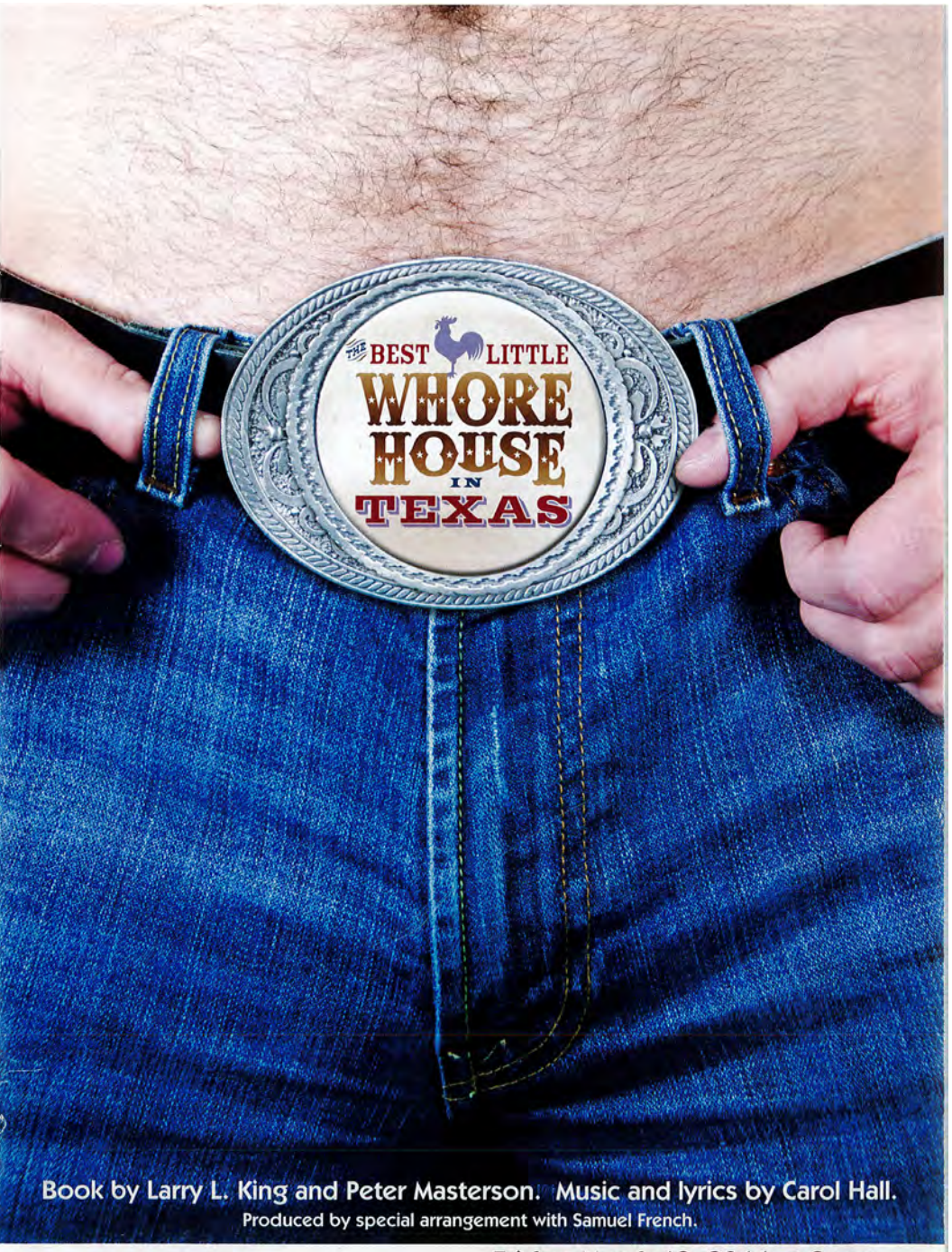

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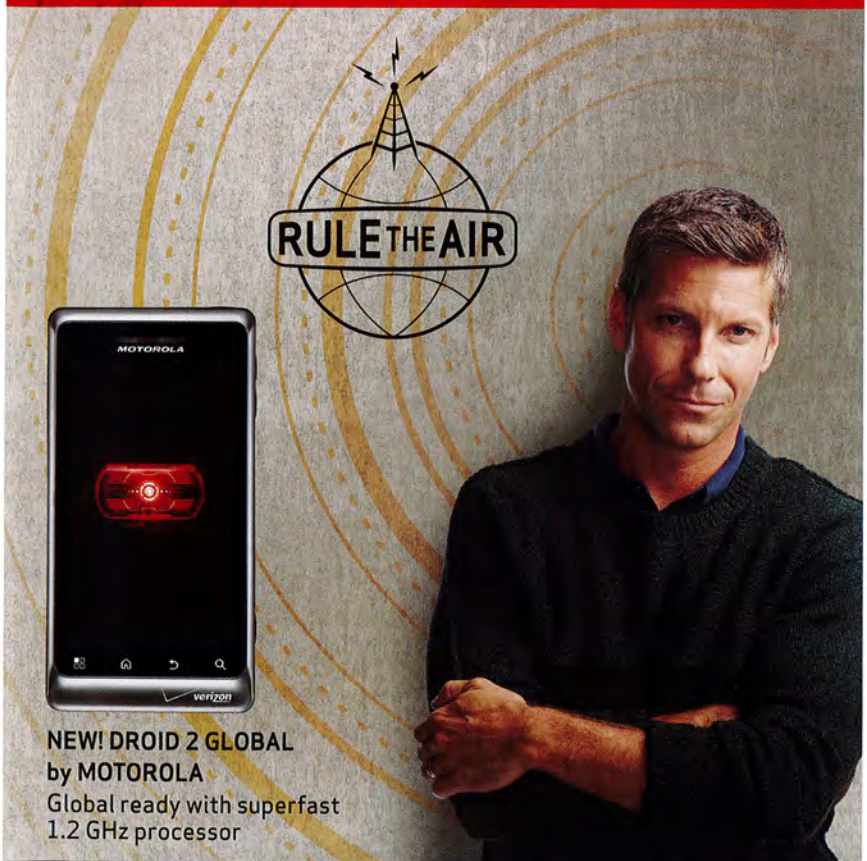

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Now in its 30th season, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC is at the forefront of the gay and lesbian choral movement, continuing its mission to "entertain through excellent musical performance, to affirm the place of gay people in society and to educate about the gay experience."

Founded in 1981, GMCW quickly became a staple of the Washington choral music scene. Over the years, GMCW has performed at the Kennedy Center, the National Theatre, the Warner Theatre, Constitution Hall, the Lincoln Theatre and Lisner Auditorium at The George Washington University, along with a number of other venues in and around the District. GMCW has toured many of the major cities in North America and also toured abroad. On March 2, 2010, the GMCW select ensemble Rock Creek Singers was honored to perform in a celebration of Gay Marriage Equality in the District hosted by Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. In October 2009, GMCW was honored to welcome with song thousands of National Equality March demonstrators to the West Lawn of the Capitol. On January 18, 2009, GMCW had the distinct honor of performing as part of the concert *We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration* at the Lincoln Memorial, for the 56th Presidential Inaugural. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, like many others before them who struggled to achieve equality, the Chorus sang "America" with Josh Groban and Heather Headley before President-elect Obama and millions around the world. During its 20th anniversary season, GMCW performed at Symphony Hall in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York City. In December 2002, GMCW was honored to perform as part of the 25th annual Kennedy Center Honors in tribute to Elizabeth Taylor. This performance was televised nationwide, bringing the Chorus into millions of homes across the nation. GMCW returned to the Kennedy Center Honors in December 2010 to honor Jerry Herman alongside Carol Channing, Angela Lansbury and Chita Rivera, among other Broadway luminaries.

The more than 275 members of GMCW perform five subscription concerts annually. GMCW also appears at a number of community events, including programs for PFLAG, Whitman-Walker Clinic and Food & Friends. GMCW sponsors two small ensembles: Potomac Fever, a close harmony group, and Rock Creek Singers, a 25-voice chamber music ensemble. These ensembles serve as representatives of GMCW at many community functions.

GMCW is a proud member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses) and the Cultural Alliance of Washington.

Information on upcoming GMCW events may be obtained by calling 202-293-1548 or by visiting the Chorus's web page at www.GMCW.org.

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FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

30th Anniversary Season provides us with time to think about the great history of the Chorus and time to celebrate the men and women who had a vision in 1981 that resulted in its founding. GMCW is a family of dedicated volunteers who give thousands of hours each year to the organization. We rehearse; we sing concerts; we perform singing and non-singing community outreach; we build and paint sets; we sew costumes; we serve on committees; we do everything we can to ensure the success of this vibrant organization; and we have fun together. We have grown to over 300 singing and support members...an incredible group of men and women.

Our 30th anniversary is also a time to reflect on why the Chorus does everything it does.

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

1. We find meaning in using music and message to effect social change at home as well as around the world.
2. We enjoy offering innovative, entertaining and inspiring concerts.
3. We get to share an important part of who we are with our families, friends and co-workers.
4. We receive joy from seeing children of all ages in our audiences, especially the GLBTQ youth and their straight allies from local high schools who receive free tickets to our concerts. It is gratifying to make a difference in their lives.
5. We are moved when we see the audiences' tears and hear the audiences' laughter.
6. We are blessed by the Chorus friendships we have made. GMCW is the family of choice for many of our singers and support members.
7. We sing because music is a language that breaks down walls of separation and can bring healing and compassion to individuals, families and whole communities.
8. We sing because of Love. We love choral music and we love to sing. And we love to share it with others.
9. We get to sing openly and proudly as singers in a gay chorus.
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– Jeff Buhrman

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the Chorus struts its Texas-sized talents across the stage for this show and gears up for sharing the stage with the original Dreamgirl in June, it's clear that we pulled out all the stops for the big Three-O! And while there might be an initial impulse to rest on our laurels as we head into a year that doesn't end in a "5" or a "0", you'll notice from the enclosed flyer for our 31st season, that we resisted that temptation! We start the season off with a holiday extravaganza that features the amazing Ellen Greene. In the last 30 years, no two Broadway actresses have left as indelible a mark on a role that they originated as Jennifer Holliday and Ellen Greene, the original (and some will say) only Audrey from *Little Shop of Horrors*. To think that GMCW will perform alongside both of these legendary talents in a six month period is astonishing. We return to Lisner Auditorium in February for our first big-stage winter show so that we can have all the bells, whistles and production magic that you've come to expect from the Chorus. A month later in March, we are back with Broadway's ***Rocky Horror Show***. We are already in discussions with the management at Lisner Auditorium about how we can allow the audience participation that has become the hallmark of *Rocky Horror* and still manage to get our security deposit back. In May, our two fine ensembles, Rock Creek Singers and Potomac Fever, will present a joint concert allowing our audiences to see two of the country's finest men's ensembles perform together. And then, we end the year with ***Heart Throbs***. From Donny to Ricky to the Bieber, we will revisit a variety of *Tiger Beat* centerfolds as we celebrate the music and the men who set our hearts aflutter.

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— David Jobin

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

A sex scandal involving a madam, prostitutes, politicians and the media captures national headlines. The story of Heidi Fleiss? No — it's the Chicken Ranch bordello in La Grange, Texas, and its closing in 1973. But 20 years later, we had a similar story with Heidi Fleiss and her stable of girls-for-hire still managing to titillate and capture our prurient interests with tales of big money, political big-wigs, prostitution and media coverage. Yet as fascinated as we were with all the details of these scandals, we still managed to condemn the individuals involved for their sexual depravity.

And the parallels continue. The President Clinton/Monica Lewinsky is another scandal similar to that of the Chicken Ranch. The nation was outraged that President Clinton was having sexual relations with Miss Lewinsky in the Oval Office. The transcripts of the investigative hearings were published and became best sellers. But if what the president was doing was so offensive, why were the explicit details flying off the shelves? And why did every newscast continually talk about the sordid details night after night?

Because our nation is obsessed with sex, yet we don't want to admit it. Pornography is one of America's biggest industries and yet many people claim it's filthy and immoral. We look down on people who make their living in that industry. But last year, the pornography business made over $10 billion, so *somebody's* buying it.

And that's really what *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* is about. Not sex per se, but the hypocrisy and lunacy around sex in America — presented through the lens of satire and humor. The Chicken Ranch, the brothel of the show's title, had been around since 1844. Everyone knew about it, but no one seemed to care. So who are we to judge? J.T. Flournoy, the real life sheriff, was once quoted as saying: "It's been there all my life and all my daddy's life and never caused anybody any trouble. Every large city in Texas has things 1,000 times worse."

But as soon as a newsman from Houston announced the brothel on television it became a scandal, condemned by the same politicians who had patronized the establishment themselves. The scandal continued to grow under the newsman's relentless attack until finally the governor ordered the place closed.

Of course you can make the argument that prostitution, whether you approve of it or not, is illegal in the state of Texas, so the newsman had a right to expose the operation. But meanwhile, the murders of 27 teenage boys by a serial killer were taking place in Houston, and still the newsman went after the Chicken Ranch. Was going after the brothel really necessary? People were humiliated, shamed and, in some cases, their lives were ruined. And for what? Bigger TV ratings? Sad to say, but sex sells and in the business of larger viewer shares (which means more money), the all-mighty dollar will always win out in the end.

At its core, the real strength of *Whorehouse* is in the way it sets its social and political satire in the background while focusing on the people whose lives were changed by the media circus surrounding everything. Their stories are by turns funny, bittersweet and moving. These people were simple folks trying to live a simple life, back in the days before cable and "reality TV," when television was still mysterious and exciting in some ways to many Americans. These people were the victims of one man's grab for media attention and ratings. Their story is the one this show tells.

– Craig Cipollini

PROGRAM

Book by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson.
Music and lyrics by Carol Hall.
Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

Craig Cipollini, Director and Choreographer

The action takes place in the state of Texas.

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Scene 1— The Chicken Ranch, 1930s

20 Fans ..... Narrator & Company

Scene 2 — The Chicken Ranch, 1978

Lil' Ole Bitty Pissant Country Place ..... Mona, Jewel & Mona's Boys

Scene 3 — The Chicken Ranch

Girl, You're a Woman ..... Mona, Shy, Jewel & Mona's Boys

Scene 4 — KTEX Television Studio

Texas Has a Whorehouse in It ..... Melvin P. Thorpe, Thorpe Singers & Dogettes
Watch Dog Theme ..... The Dogettes

Scene 5 — The Chicken Ranch

Twenty-Four Hours of Lovin' ..... Jewel & Mona's Boys

Scene 6 — The Court House Steps

Reprise: Watchdog Theme ..... The Dogettes
Reprise: Texas Has a Whorehouse in It ..... Melvin P. Thorpe, Thorpe Singers & Dogettes

Scene 7 — The Texas Twinkle Cafe

Doatsy Mae ..... Doatsy Mae

Scene 8 — The Football Field

Angelette March ..... The Angelettes

Scene 9 — The Locker Room

The Aggie Song ..... The Aggies

Scene 10 — The Chicken Ranch

ACT TWO

Scene 1 — The Chicken Ranch

Scene 2 — The Capitol Building

The Sidestep ..... The Governor, Governor's Aide, Senator Wingwoah, Melvin P. Thorpe, Dogettes, Thorpe Singers & Reporters

Scene 3 — The Chicken Ranch

No Lies ..... Mona, Jewel & Mona's Boys

Scene 4 — Sheriff's Office

Good Old Girl ..... Sheriff, Aggies & Townspeople

Scene 5 — The Chicken Ranch

Hard Candy Christmas ..... Mona's Boys
Reprise: Hard Candy Christmas ..... Mona's Boys
Bus from Amarillo ..... Mona

CAST
(in order of appearance)

Narrator ..... Robert T. Boaz

Whorehouse Boys (20 Fans) ..... Joshua Bennett, Richard Weinberg, Nic Baker, Michael Bigley, Andrew Tuttle, Ramon Atienza, Emerito Amaro, Mike Allen

Farmer ..... Brian Day

Shy Kid ..... Andrew Powaleny

Miss Wulla Jean ..... Christopher Harris

Traveling Salesman ..... Marcus Brown

Slick Dude ..... Raymond Burditt

Cowboys (20 Fans) ..... Iván Dávila, James Ellzy

Customers (20 Fans) ..... Bill Fuchs, Jeremy Bauer, Joe Gavrilovich, Stuart Kopperman, Stu Wales

Choir (20 Fans) ..... Rick Yarborough, Matt Komornik, Soo Park, Mark Hennen, Sean Robinson, Kevin Webster, Justin Ritchie, Kit Grieder, Jared Harrison, John Jowers, Brent Almond, Gordon McGraw, PJ Brennan, Kevin Boswell, Michael Amesquita, Clay Arnold, Phil Carson, Jon King, Chris Costa, Kasey Dunton, Jim Gruschus, Brian Henes, Todd Paul, Dean Reichard, Rob Serpa, Salman Shamsi, Steve Spar, Richard Weinstock, John Murray, Syrel Fadullon, Tom Spinelli

Angel ..... Clint Novotny

Shy ..... Brian Miranda

Jewel ..... Kip Jacobs

Miss Mona ..... Ryan Williams

The Boys at Miss Mona's:

- Linda Lou ..... Owen Taggart
- Dawn ..... Michael Bigley
- Ginger ..... Tony Prestridge
- Beatrice ..... Rick Bennett
- Taddy Jo ..... Cory Claussen
- Ruby Rae ..... Jamie McNamara
- Eloise ..... Jay Garvey
- Durla ..... Peelee

Shy Cowboy ..... Jon King

Melvin P. Thorpe ..... Eric Peterson

Cameraman ..... Tom Spinelli

Stage Assistant ..... Rob Serpa

CAST

Melvin Thorpe Singers ..... Brian Day, Rick Yarborough, Matt Komornik, Soo Park, Sean Robinson, Marcus Brown, Kevin Webster, Mark Hennen, Clay Arnold, Brian Henes, Jim Gruschus, Todd Paul

The Dogettes ..... Justin Ritchie, Kit Grieder, Jared Harrison, John Jowers, Brent Almond, Gordon McGraw, PJ Brennan, Kevin Boswell

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JEFF BUHRMAN, Artistic Director

This is Jeff Buhrman's 11th season as artistic director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington. Under his leadership, GMCW has been recognized as one of the finest and most prominent men's choruses in the country, with more than 275 singing members and a reputation for musical diversity and innovation. From classical music to newly commissioned works to fully staged productions of Broadway shows, GMCW is a musical leader in the GLBT choral movement.

During Jeff's tenure GMCW has received many honors. In January 2009, the Chorus was selected to sing "America" at *We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration* on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Last December the Chorus performed with Angela Lansbury, Carol Channing and Chita Rivera at the Kennedy Center Honors tribute to Broadway composer Jerry Herman. In December 2002, the Chorus was featured at the Honors salute to Elizabeth Taylor. The Chorus has also performed at Carnegie Hall in New York and Jeff has led the Chorus in recording six compact discs, including two original commissions: *Songs of My Family* and *Changing Hearts*. GMCW's 20th anniversary CD, *I Dream of a Time*, won the 2002 WAMMIE award for outstanding choral recording from the Washington Area Music Association. GMCW also received the WAMMIE award for Best Choral Group in 2003 and 2005. Consistently praised by local critics, GMCW was hailed as "one of the finest male choruses in the world" in 2001 by a *Washington Post* reviewer. Another noted that "huge choruses often sound thick and ponderous, but conductor Jeff Buhrman educed a light, limber, beautifully balanced sonority that ebbed and shimmered, framing lyrics with coronas of color."

Jeff joined the Chorus as a singing member in 1986. Two years later he began directing the small ensemble Potomac Fever, a job he held for the next 10 seasons culminating in a European tour at which PF sang at the opening ceremonies of the European Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses festival in Munich. He resumed directing Potomac Fever in 2003. In 1989, Jeff began an eight year run as assistant director of the Chorus, working with Music Director Jim Holloway. Jeff had the honor of directing GMCW at an inauguration concert for President Clinton in January 1997.

Under Jeff's direction, Potomac Fever has attained a wide following with its distinctive style which is characterized by fluid phrasing and warmth of tone. Through his tenure the group has become a leader in community outreach, performing many concerts, fundraisers and events in the Washington area and around the country. PF will travel to Fredericksburg, VA, later this month to sing a fundraiser for Fredericksburg Pride. In April they will give two concerts in New Mexico: a fundraiser for St. Martin's Homeless Shelter in Albuquerque and a concert at Rainbow Visions in Santa Fe, one of the first GLBT retirement communities in the country.

Having worked with high school students as a choral director and school counselor for 25 years, Jeff is most proud of founding GMCW's youth outreach program in 2002, a program that has grown significantly and is now known as GenOUT. The Chorus reaches out to over 200 area high schools and colleges and has provided thousands of free tickets to youth over the past nine years.

Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and voice from Montclair State University and a Master of Arts in counseling from The George Washington University. In addition, he studied voice with Marden Bate and conducting with David Randolph, and received additional training in voice with Walter Blazer of the Manhattan School of Music. He has performed with such preeminent choral conductors as Robert Shaw, Roger Wagner, David Randolph and Dennis Keene.

Jeff's greatest pleasure is sharing his life with his wonderful husband, Roger, and their mini-dachshund, Mocha.

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DAVID JOBIN, Executive Director

Prior to moving to Washington in 2009, David spent 20 years in theater management, most recently as managing director of San Francisco's esteemed Magic Theatre — widely recognized as the nation's premiere home for new play development. For seven years, David was the managing director of Pittsburgh's City Theatre Company — another prominent new play theater. Plays that were developed at City Theatre during David's tenure include several staples of American regional theater including Jeffrey Hatcher's *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, Michele Lowe's *String of Pearls*, Craig Wright's *The Pavilion* and *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge* by Christopher Durang.

David began his career in theater management spending eight years with the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera as the director of the CLO Academy of Musical Theatre. Mr. Jobin also directed CLO's outreach efforts including New Horizons, which provides theater training to people with physical and developmental disabilities, and Creative Vision, a collaboration with Pittsburgh Public Schools designed to gauge the impact of arts training on young lives. David served on the boards of Theatre Bay Area, Renaissance City Choirs (Pittsburgh's Gay & Lesbian Choruses), Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, GLENDA (Gay and Lesbian Neighborhood Development Association in Pittsburgh), served on the Executive Committee of the League of Resident Theatres (LORT) and has been a frequent guest speaker for Theatre Communications Group (TCG) on marketing to new audiences and board development.

David has also been a singing member of Renaissance City Choirs in Pittsburgh, Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus in San Jose and San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus where he also performed with the small ensemble Vocal Minority. David was one of the organizers of the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force's long-running Outrageous BINGO and served as artistic coordinator of Persad's Art for AIDS annual benefit in Pittsgurgh. David currently serves on the DC Center's Community Advisory Board and the Marketing Committee for GALA Choruses.

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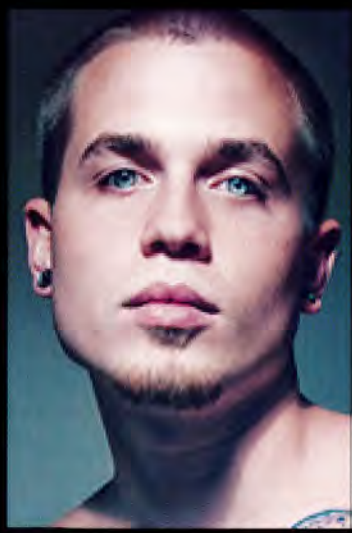

CRAIG CIPOLLINI, Director & Choreographer

Originally from Baltimore, now residing in Washington, DC, Craig began dancing at the age of 14. He has an extensive background in theater, primarily musical theater, having performed all over the East Coast. He has toured with productions of *A Chorus Line* and *42nd Street*, in addition to many regional, summer stock and dinner theater credits. He was also a member of the DC Cowboys dance troupe for many years, performing with the group all over the United States, and in Toronto and Budapest. Craig performed with the Cowboys when they appeared on NBC-TV's *America's Got Talent* where the group made it to the top 40. He has also worked extensively as a director and choreographer. Some of the shows he has directed and/or choreographed include *Cabaret, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Will Rogers Follies, Annie, Hair, The Rocky Horror Show, Carousel* and *West Side Story*, to name a few. Craig has choreographed all major concerts for GMCW for the past four seasons, and also directed the December 2010 production of *Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker*, last season's *Divas* concert and 2008's production of *That '80s Show*. By day, Craig is the business and administrative manager for GMCW and is also pursuing his Master's degree in arts management.

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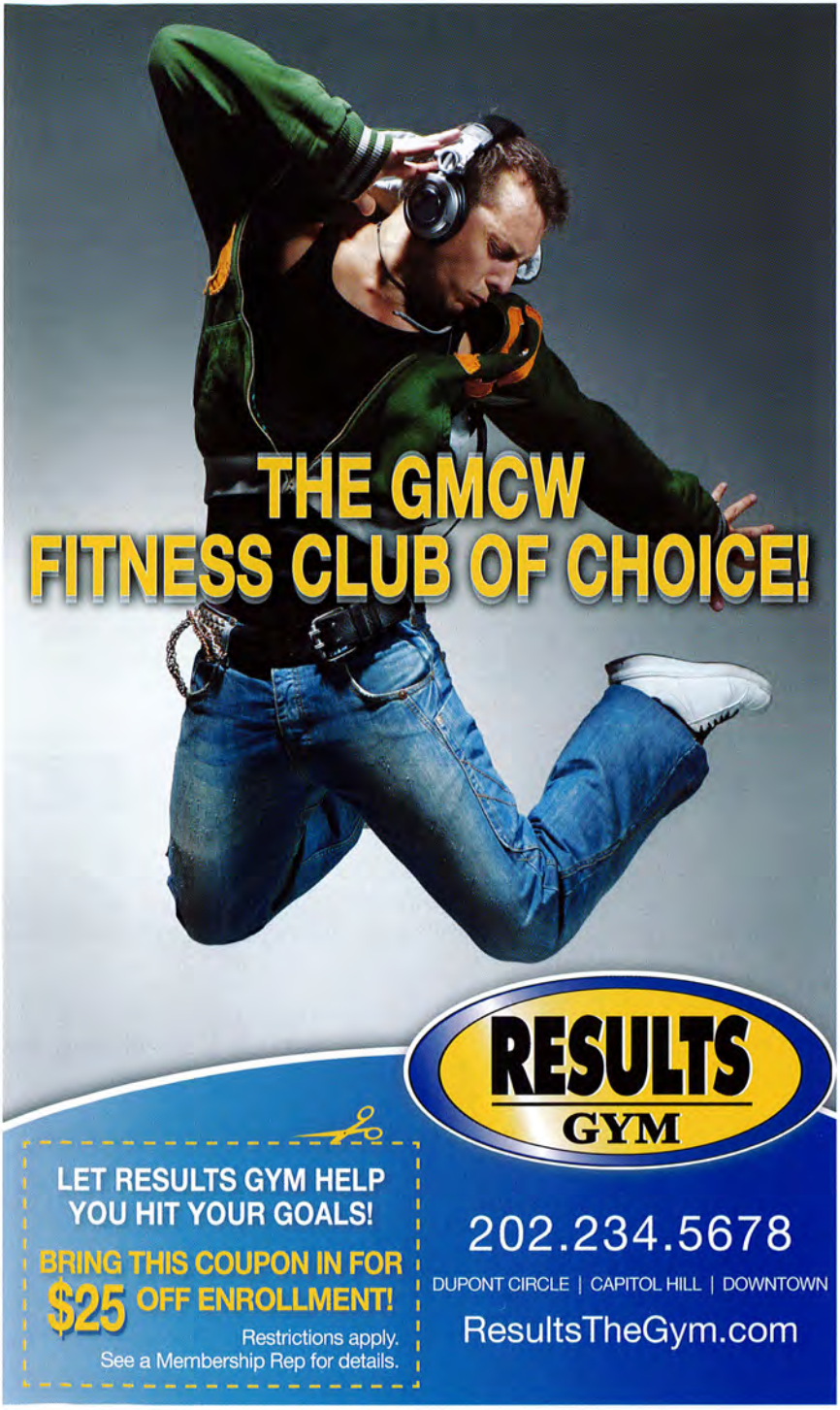
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Max Brewster 2010
Chris Burch 2009 (RCS)
Charles Butler Neto 1981 (RCS)
Joe Cannon 2003
Phillip Carson 2006 (SL)
Chad Clayton 2010
Christopher Council 2009
Stephen Crutchfield 1988
Bill Cutter 2003
Brian Day 2006 (RCS)
Paul DeMiglio 2008
Richard Dew 2004
G.R. Alex Ford 1996
Peter Fox 2002
Mark S. Hegedus 2008 (RCS)
Brian Kip Jacobs 2006
Kelly Johnson 2005
Kirby Knight 2010
Rick Knight 2009
Takeshi 2011
Franklin Leonard 2007
Matt Lewellen 2009 (PF)
Emanuel Martins 2007
John J. Masters Jr. 2005
Gordon McGraw 2003 (PF)
Patrick Nadon 2010
Lynn Nelson 2008
Soo Park 2007
Dan Patton 1995
Peelee 2008 (PF)
Gary Regan 2003
Jack Reiffer 1998 (RCS)
Justin Ritchie 2010 (RCS)
Bill Robinson 2011
Dipal Shah 2010
David Shotwell 2011
Jonathan Simmonds 2007
Jeb Stenhouse 2008 (PF)
David Streit 2003
Kevin Thomason 2010
Tim Tourbin 2005
Will Trokey 2003
Jeffrey Van Luyn 2003
Eric Verchot 2009
Aaron Ware 2011
Kevin Webster 2003
James Williams 1991
Rick Yarborough 2009

TENOR TWO

Brent Almond 2008
Carl Baldwin 1992
Jay Ball 2001
William Ballard 2010
William F. Bartolini 2011
Jeremy Bauer 2005
Eric F Belkengren 2001
Sherman Blow 2004 (PF, B)
Yoni Bock 2007
J. Kevin Boswell 2005 (PF)
Bruce Chamberlin 2010
Scott A. Concilla 2010
Chris Costa 2008
Tony Cunningham 2002
Jonathan Davitte 2010
K Jeffrey de Hart 2010
Howard Ducat 2006
Danny Duch 1989
Kasey Dunton 2009
John S. Fazakerley 2011
John W. Fichtel 2010
Alvin Figer 2003
Bill Fuchs 2007
Arthur Gleckler 1994
Patrick Grayshaw 2010
Don Griesheimer 2008
Martin Haley 2004
Andrew Harmon 2002 (RCS)
Christopher D. Harris 2010
Mark Hennen 2004
David Hokey 2010
Kyle Holland 2008 (RCS)
Jermaine Ivy 2010
Jeff Jarnigan 2009
David Jonas 2001 (RCS)
John Jowers 2008 (RCS)
Matt Komornik 1993
Joel Kopperud 2009
Kevin Loeffler 2007
Christopher Lyon 2009
James P. Madigan III 1991 (RCS)
Louis Masochini 2010
Ryan Masser 2005
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Donald McArthur 2006
Robert Millar 2010
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John O'Brien 2004
Daniel O'Neill 2008
Guy Parker 2006
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Stan Piotroski 1991
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Brandon Quesnell 2009
JR Ransome 2007
Joseph Rendeiro 2011
Jay Richards 2008
Reg Richards 2003
Calvin Robinson 2010
David G. Robinson 1988
Sean Robinson 2000 (RCS)
Ryan Robison 2008 (RCS, SL)
Edward Rodriguez 2010
James Royston 2010
Christopher Ryon 2010
Charles Sarner 2004
Rob Serpa 2006 (B)
Salman Shamsi 2007
Michael Shea 2008
Robert Smith 2003
Thomas Spinelli 2010
Courtney Suss 2008
Matthew Thompson 2010
Michael Toth 2004 (RCS)
Mark Vernon 2010
Anthony Vitelli 2002
Stuart Wales 2008
Bryce Weems 2002 (SL)
Ryan Williams 2004 (B)
Jerry Yoder 2005
Mark Young 2006
Justin Zimmerman 2004

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Tim Agar 2010
Robert M. Agnello 2002
Eric Akridge 1995
Tim Allen 2003
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Clay Arnold 2011
Nick Ashburn 2011
Ramon Atienza 2009
Justin Bank 2006
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Robert T. Boaz 1997 (PF)
PJ Brennan 2004
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Bill Lipsett 2003
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Raymond Vetter 2009
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Michael Brinkman 2000
Marcus Brown 2004 (SL)
Russ Capps 1999 (PF, B)
Ivan Davila 2009
Rick Davis 2008
Peter Dennebaum 2010
Tom DiGiovanni 1998
Bob Dragoset 1984 (RCS)
Justin Estoque 1998
Craig Ferrier 2003
Brett Fox 2006
Ken Fox 2005
Joey Gavrilovich 2010
Teodoro Gelabert 2011
Jim Gruschus 1995
Ira Haber 2008
John-Paul Hayworth 2005
Brian Henes 2007
Michael Hughes 2002
Dennis Jaffe 1999
David Jansing 1999
Christopher Johnson 2009
Jonathan King 2010
Kelly Gordon Knape 2010
John Laster 2006
Drew Leaser 2010
Jerry Lee 1993 (B)
Stephen McGregor 2005
Reginald Meneses 2005
Brian Miranda 2010
Ron Moser 2009
James Murphy 1988 (RCS)
Robert Muse 2011
Rob Neighbour 1993
Bill Nickel 2008 (SL)
Yoshi Nishio 1999 (RCS)
Ronald Norberg 2002
Edward Oseroff 2000 (RCS)
Todd Paul 1994
Steve Pflasterer 1987
Dennis Powell 2010
John "JQ" Quinones 1990
Bob Reeg 1995
Dean Reichard 2010
James T. Rhodes 2010
Craig Ruskin 2001
Bill Sachau 2006
Josh Schein 2011
Morgan Slusher 2000
Steve Spar 1996
Carl Stewart 2010
Tom Stockley 2010
Tom Stovall 2010
Warren Turner 1993
Andrew Tuttle 2011
Mark D. Uhen 2007
Andrew Van Etten 2006
Lyn Van Noy 2002 (RCS)
Brian Walther 2003 (RCS)
James Weinstein 2006
Dennis Williams 2004
Paul Winters 2000

SUPPORT

Jim Arshem
Chris Asaro 2006
John Benton (B)
Charlie Berardesco (B)
Jerry Blackmon 2010
Paula Bresnan Gibson (B)
Barry Bugg 1996
Michael Cunningham 1987
Joaquin "Jocko" Fajardo (B)
Robert Featherstone 1998
Mark Fox
Jack Gerard 1981
Theodore Guerrant 1983
JT Hatfield Smith (B)
Steve Herman 1981 (B)
Eric Hildebrand 2010
Marsha Holloman 2000
Michael Horton 2003
Eric Johnson 1995
Steve Katsurinis 2004 (B)
Robert Klein 1999 (SL)
Greg Kubiak 2003
Betsy Libretta 2004
Kathleen McGee 2000
Tom Mounteer (B)
Patrich O'Donnell 2004
Shirley Paul 2000
Jay Rickert 2005
Laurence A. Rosen 1993
Shannon Rozner (B)
William Edward Senn (B)
Geno Sexton (B)
Steven Toporoff 2008
Jim Tozzi (B)
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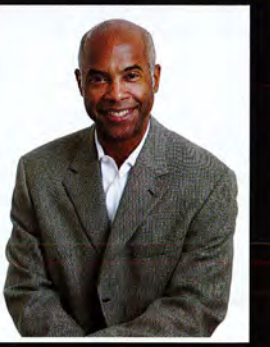
B = Board



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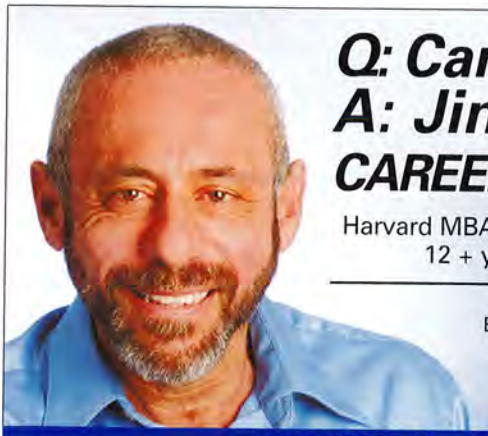

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Harry Powers
Michael Rivard
Rick Rosendall
David Sisson
Duward Sumner

1993
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Peter Brayton
Phil Rogerson

1994
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Scott Pierce *
David Streit
Robert Wheeler

1995
Darrell Lewis
Len Padgett
Jim Peterson

1996
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Roger Bergstrom
Dick Dorr
Dennis Swick *

1997
Jack Gerard
Charlie Merk
Michael Milano
Gary Regan

1998
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Robb Rexroth
Larry Rosen

1999
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Bob Dragoset
Thom Gibb

2000
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Joe Vignali
Marvin Weeks

2001
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Teddy Guerrant
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John Perkins
Michael B. Smith

2002
Carl Baldwin
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Michael Cunningham
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Todd Paul

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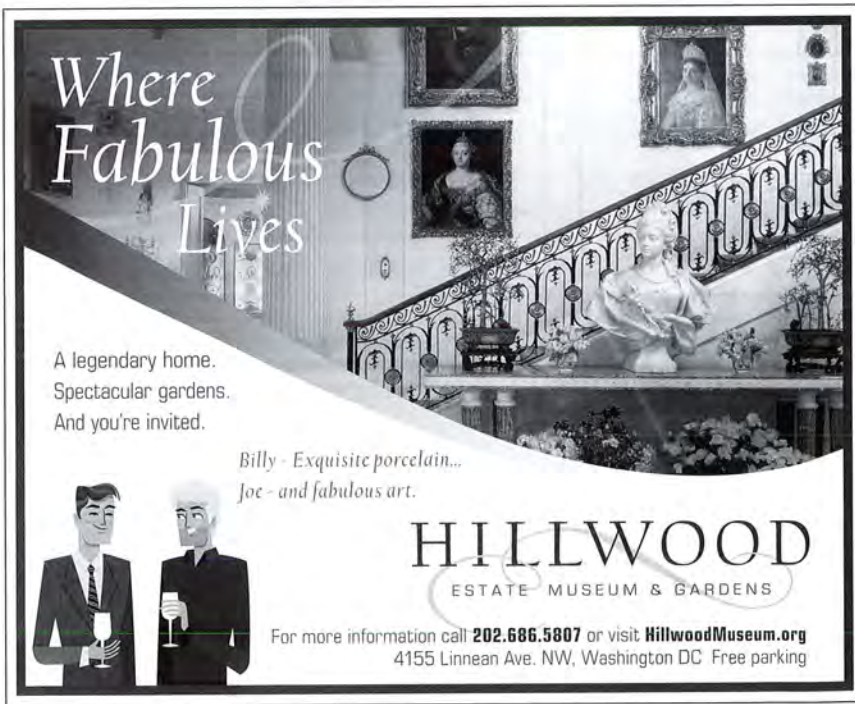

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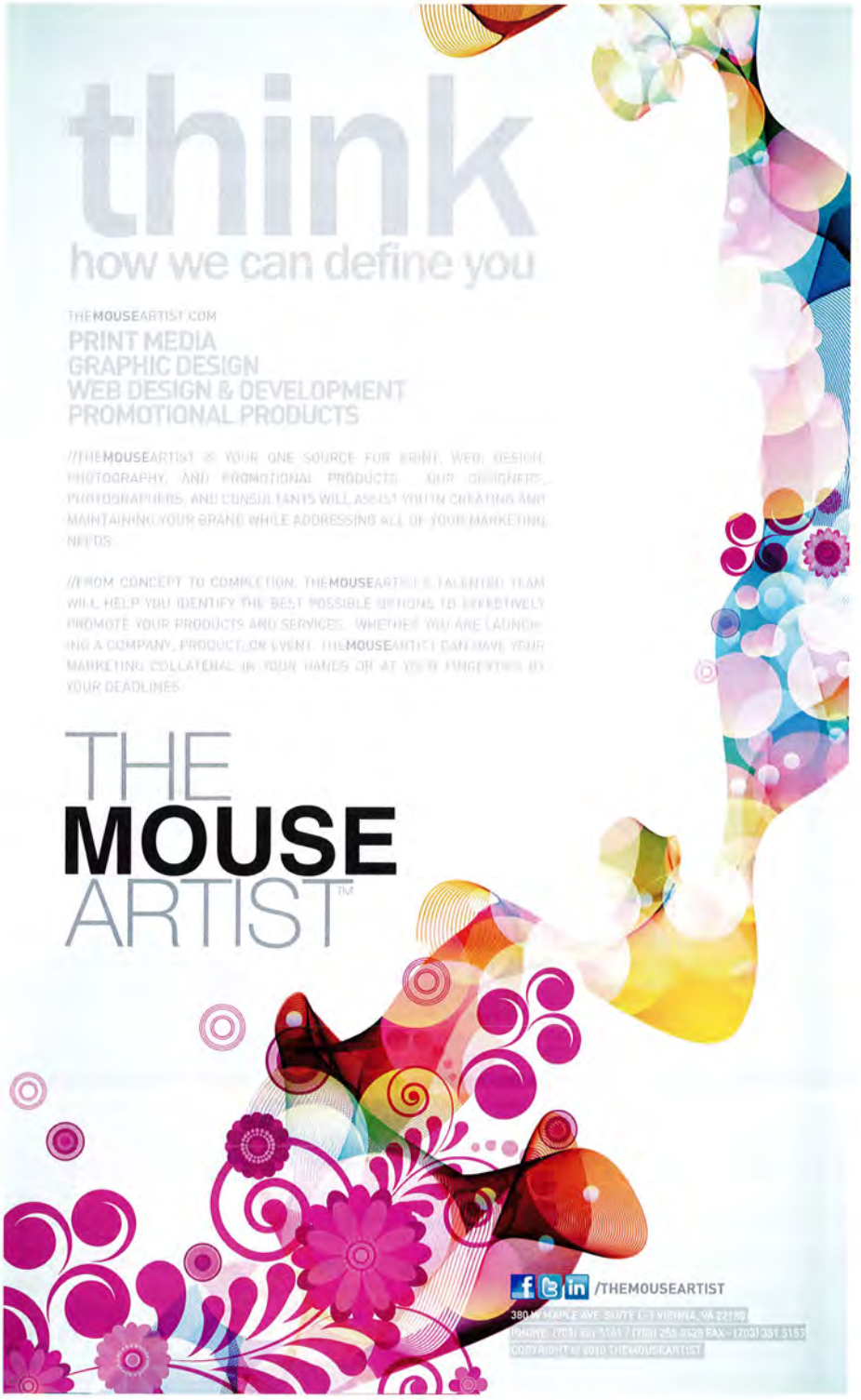
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