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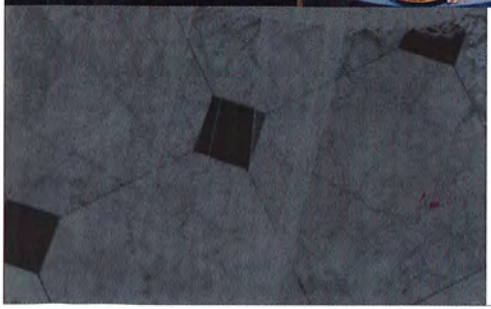

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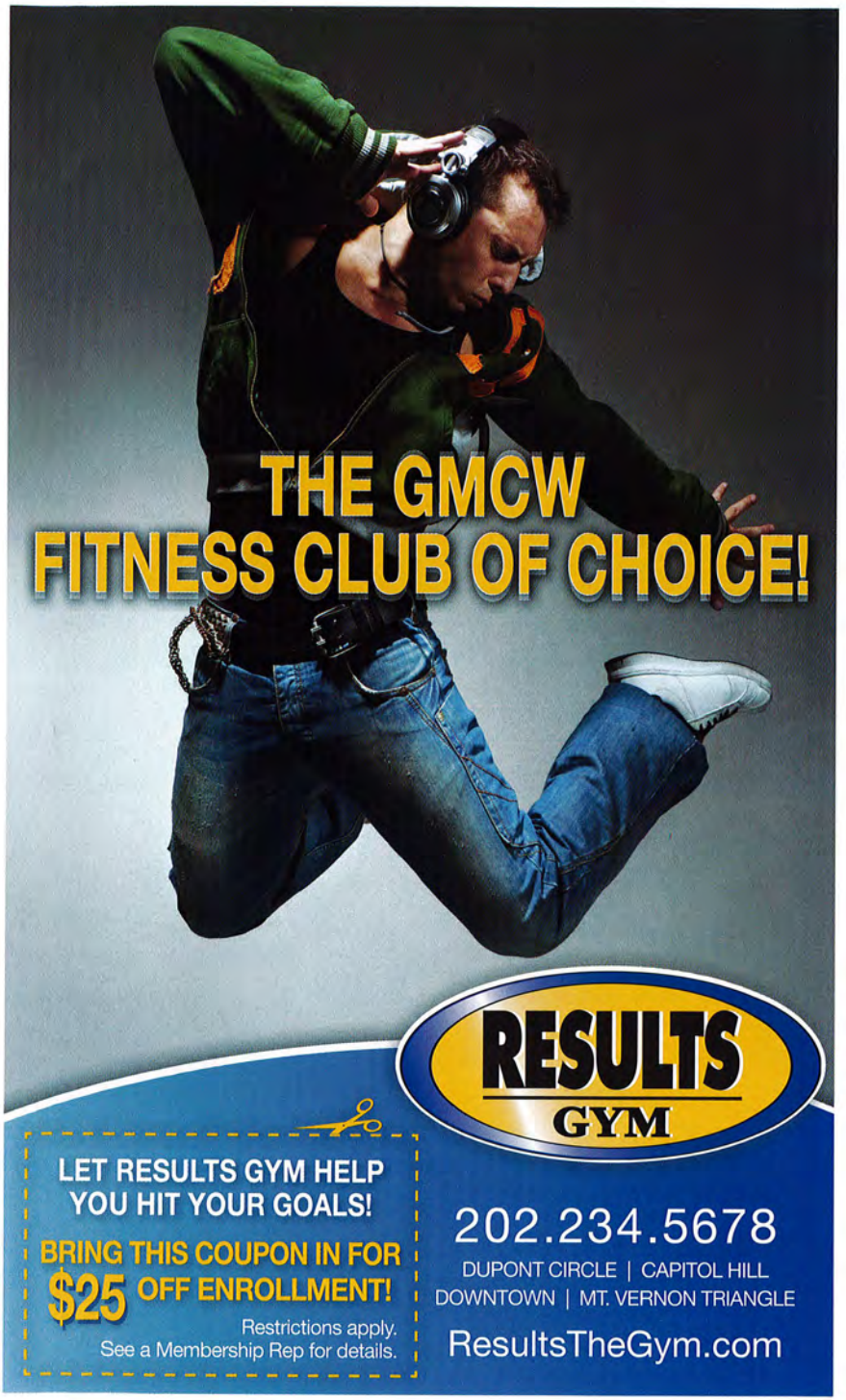
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Founded in 1981, GMCW quickly became a staple of the Washington choral music scene. Over the years, GMCW has performed at the Kennedy Center, the National Theatre, the Warner Theatre, Constitution Hall, the Lincoln Theatre and Lisner Auditorium at The George Washington University, along with a number of other venues in and around the District. In addition, GMCW has toured many of the major cities in North America and, in 1998, three Scandinavian capitals. 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.

The more than 270 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. While in Scandinavia, GMCW was received by Sweden's Princess Christina to thank Chorus members for singing in support of Noah's Ark, a Swedish AIDS services organization. In addition, 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 has won a number of awards, including the prestigious Mayor's Arts Award for artistic excellence in 1989, and four Washington Area Music Association's WAMMIE awards: in 2005 and 2003 for outstanding choral group, in 2002 for outstanding classical-choral recording (for *I Dream of a Time*) and in 1995 for outstanding gospel-inspirational performance (for *Live at the Lincoln*).

GMCW is a proud member of Chorus America, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses), the Consortium of Gay Choruses, the Cultural Alliance of Washington, the Washington Council of Agencies, the GLBT Arts Consortium of Washington and the Center for Non-Profit Advancement.

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.

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

I find great inspiration in many of the great choral works. Unfortunately, there are very few that have been written for men's choruses. But I didn't want that to prevent GMCW from experiencing the beauty of this music — or from sharing it with our audience. Previously, we have commissioned men's chorus versions of Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* and Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat*, finding that these works translate beautifully for men's chorus. I think you will find the same when you hear Johannes Brahms' lovely *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, Opus 52.

In the mid-19th century Brahms was a little known composer, having written chamber music and songs, and solo piano compositions. The appearance of his *Requiem*, Opus 45; *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, Opus 52; and *Rhapsody*, Opus 53, in rapid succession from 1866 – 1869, brought Brahms wide acceptance from the general public. Brahms is often known as a composer in the dark brooding romantic tradition. However, this is not the case with his waltzes. The 18 waltzes represent the mingling of the folk music of northern Germany (the composer's former homeland) and the waltzes and Ländler of Upper Austria (his new homeland). In effect, Brahms' *Liebeslieder* are stylized Viennese waltzes. They are fresh, sunny and emotionally uncomplicated songs. As texts, Brahms chose poems from Georg Friedrich Daumer's *Polydora*, a collection of translations and imitations of Russian, Polish and Magyar folk poetry. The rapture of love is the overwhelming sentiment; however they represent both the positive and negative attributes of love.

After Brahms received a copy of the first edition, he wrote to the publisher, "I must confess that it was the first time I smiled at the sight of a printed work of mine!"

For the past six Sundays we have had a wonderful time learning Brahms' challenging music and we hope to bring a smile to your face as we share them with you as our special Valentine's gift.

— Jeff Buhrman

FROM THE ASSISTANT MUSIC DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe, but this is my sixth season as assistant music director of GMCW and director of Rock Creek Singers — I could not be more proud of our growth and how much we've accomplished!

For years composers and arrangers have been inspired by the subject of *Love*. The theme obviously appears in a large percentage of the choral repertoire, so in programming Rock Creek Singers' repertoire I tried to keep in mind several aspects of it, from joy and longing to bliss and "diss!" You'll hear beautiful melodies with rich harmonies in styles from French lyric to madrigal to Pop, all warming the heart and perhaps also putting a grin on your face.

Thank you for joining us tonight. If this is your first concert, welcome! We encourage you to visit our website, **www.gmcw.org**, and join our mailing list to receive information about our upcoming events and performances. To our returning audience members, thank you for your continued support.

Happy Valentine's Day!

— Thea Kano

P.S. The Rock Creek Singers will travel to the Big Apple to join the New York City Master Chorale to perform the Duruflé *Messe Cum Jubilo* on Saturday, May 22, 8 pm. As a GMCW patron you are eligible for discount tickets! For more information please visit www.nycmasterchorale.org or call 917-326-1422.

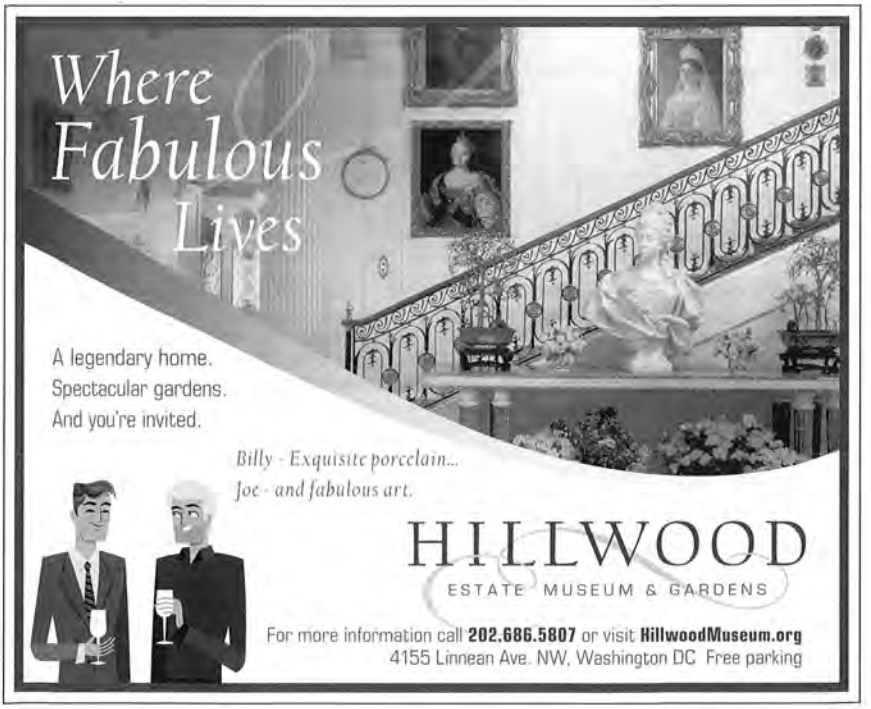
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A year ago to the day, I was singing "Some Enchanted Evening" with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus at their Valentine's concert. I announced to my fellow chorus members that evening that I would be moving to Washington, DC, to become GMCW's executive director. It was a big move across country to one of my favorite cities. Having lived in Pittsburgh during the '90s, I had made many road trips to the nation's capital to enjoy DC's culture and vibrant gay life — but I was unaware of just how quickly I would feel at home within the Beltway. Much of the ease with which I've made the move is due to the generosity of spirit of the members of the Chorus, our volunteer board and our loyal audience.

I've quickly come to appreciate that GMCW is much more than a group of men who sing on stage. We are a family to our singing and non-singing volunteers, we provide a vital sense of kinship to our audience and we are an important agent of social change to the greater community. Steadfast to our mission of entertaining through musical excellence, affirming the place of gay people in society and educating about the gay experience, GMCW is one of the most visible arts organizations in the region. With your support, we will continue to change hearts and minds through the power of our music.

On behalf of the Chorus, thank you for being with us this Valentine's season. And on a personal note, thank you for your friendship and support as I complete my first year with GMCW.

— David Jobin



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ACT I

ROCK CREEK SINGERS

Vive L'Amour . . . . . arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Plaisir D'Amour . . . . . arr. Bruce Trinkley

O, My Love's Like A Red, Red Rose . . . . . Robert Burns and David C. Dickau

What More Can I Say . . . . . William Finn
from *Falsettoland* arr. Larry Moore

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Liebeslider Waltzes Opus 52 . . . . . Music by Johannes Brahms
Text from *Polydora*, by Georg Friedrich Daumer
English Translation by Basil Swift
Transcribed for men's chorus by Robert T. Boaz

1. Answer, Maiden
2. Deep in thunder roars the tide
3. Oh, these women
4. Like the evening sunset's rapture
5. The tender hopvine wanders
6. There was a tiny, pretty bird
7. How dear, alas, was life together
   Soloist: Rick Knight
8. When your eyes so fondly seek
9. On Danube's border
10. Oh, how calm the river
11. No, I will not listen to them
12. Locksmith, go and bring me padlocks
13. Every bird that soars the sky
14. See how bright the fountain gleams
15. Nightingale, you sing so sweet
16. My love is a well
17. Don't wander, my light
    Soloist: Rick Knight
18. Each tender leaf is trembling

ACT II

ROCK CREEK SINGERS

Down in the Valley ..... arr. George Mead

Shall I Compare Thee? ..... Stephen Paulus

And So It Goes ..... Billy Joel
arr. Kirby Shaw

Three Fagrigals ..... David Maddux

If We Only Have Love ..... Jacques Brel
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Brothers, Sing On! ..... Music by Edvard Grieg
Lyrics by Ed Segel

Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal ..... Music by Roger Quilter
Lyrics by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Some Enchanted Evening ..... Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
arr. William Stickles

We Kiss in a Shadow ..... Music by Richard Rodgers
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arr. by William Stickles

The Awakening ..... Music and lyrics by Joseph M. Martin

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JEFF BUHRMAN, Artistic Director

Jeff Buhrman is in his tenth season as artistic director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC. During his tenure the Chorus has performed in Carnegie Hall in New York, Symphony Hall in Boston and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. In December 2002 GMCW was featured at the Kennedy Center Honors, appearing in the CBS television special in which the Chorus sang a tribute to Elizabeth Taylor.

Under Jeff's leadership the Chorus has grown to over 250 singers and has recorded five compact discs. GMCW's 20th anniversary CD, *I Dream of a Time*, won the 2002 Washington Area Music Association's WAMMIE award for outstanding choral recording. GMCW was also awarded the 2005 WAMMIE for best choral group. Consistently praised by local critics, GMCW was hailed as "one of the finest male choruses in the world" by *The Washington Post*. Another critic 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 began his association with GMCW directing the small ensemble Potomac Fever in 1988, a job he held for the next ten seasons. In 2004 Jeff returned to directing the group. In 1989 he began an eight year run as assistant director of GMCW, working with Music Director Jim Holloway. Jeff had the honor of directing GMCW at an inauguration concert for President Clinton in 1997.

Under Jeff's direction, Potomac Fever has attained a wide following with its distinctive style, characterized by fluid phrasing and warmth of tone. One of two GMCW outreach ensembles, Potomac Fever has performed hundreds of concerts and fundraisers within the gay community and the community at large. Jeff led the group on a European tour highlighted by a performance at the opening ceremony of the European Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses festival in Munich.

A lifelong musician, Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and voice from Montclair State University and a Master's degree from The George Washington University. In addition, he studied voice with Marden Bate, 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.

THEA KANO, Assistant Music Director

A native of northern California, Thea Kano began studying the piano at the age of four. In 2004, she completed her doctorate in choral conducting under Donald Neuen at the University of California, Los Angeles. She earned her Master of Music degree in choral conducting from UCLA, and earned her undergraduate degree in choral music education and piano performance from Arizona State University. Dr. Kano taught high school vocal music and musical theater in southern California for several years. Her ensembles received several prestigious awards, including Most Outstanding Performance at the Reno International Jazz Festival.

While attending graduate school, Dr. Kano studied conducting with Paul Salamunovich as part of her research for the Duruflé *Requiem*. She was a teaching associate and administrative assistant for the Department of Choral Music at UCLA where she directed the University Chorus. Additional responsibilities included serving as the assistant conductor of the UCLA Chorale and the UCLA Chamber Singers. In addition, she served as the assistant director of the Angeles Chorale and was the artistic director of the San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus in Los Angeles.

Dr. Kano has prepared choruses for Zubin Mehta, Esa-Pekka Solonen, Emil de Cou, David Hayes, Enrique Diemecke, Norman Mamey, Michael Kamen, Randall Craig Fleischer, Victor Vener, Paul Salamunovich and Donald Neuen. She has sung and conducted at Walt Disney Concert Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

Dr. Kano moved to Washington, DC in 2004 upon her multiple appointments as associate conductor of The Washington Chorus, assistant music director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, and artistic director of the Capitol Hill Youth Chorus. In 2005, she founded the New York City Master Chorale as its artistic director and now resides in both Washington and New York City.

THEODORE GUERRANT, Principal Accompanist

Now in his 27th season as GMCW's principal accompanist, "Dr. Teddy" began his musical life in his native College Park, Georgia, with piano lessons from his mother at age three, an Atlanta television appearance at age four on Freddie Miller's *Stars of Tomorrow* and formal piano lessons with Regina Pudney at age five. At age 11 he began organ lessons with his then next door neighbor, Frank Willingham. By the time he was a senior in high school at Woodward Academy and studying piano with his aunt, Eliza Holmes Feldmann, then artist-in-residence at Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, Teddy was accompanying five choral groups and playing five church services every week. He went off to colleges with various scholarships and assistantships and eventually earned five degrees in keyboard performance (three in piano, one in harpsichord and one in organ) from the Universities of Georgia, Wisconsin and Maryland, as well as the Peabody Conservatory. He spent an idyllic summer in England studying piano with Denise Lassimonne in 1984, and ultimately settled down to juggle the six part-time positions he presently holds as organist-choirmaster at Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church (Washington); associate organist at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church (Hyattsville); accompanist/rehearsal assistant for the Central Maryland Chorale, the National Philharmonic Chorale at Strathmore Hall and GMCW; and coach-accompanist in the University of Maryland School of Music where, among a wide variety of duties, he leads graduate students through their comprehensive exams, works with the resident faculty and artists such as Evelyn Lear, and accompanies his other men's chorus, UMen. In his spare time, Dr. Teddy works at maintaining a century-plus old home in Laurel, Maryland's historic district and several keyboard instruments older than his house.

DAVID JOBIN, Executive Director

Prior to moving to Washington in 2009, David spent twenty 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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Marc Clodfelter 2004
Jonathan Conners 2010
Dominic Cosmano 2009
Chris Council 2009
Stephen R. Crutchfield 1988
Bill Cutter 1998
Brian Day 1999 (RCS)
Paul DeMiglio 2009
Richard Dew 2004
Rob Driggers 2002
Greg Finch 2003
G. Alex Ford 1996 (SL)
Peter Fox 2002
Paul George 2001
Stephen Mark Graham 2007
Michael Hayes 2004
William Healey 2005
Chip Heath 1994
Mark S. Hegedus 2008
Rich Hooks Wayman 2007
Brian Kip Jacobs 2006
Kelly Johnson 2005
Todd Katschke 2000
Rick Knight 2009 (RCS)
Bert le Roux 2004 (RCS)
Frank Leonard 2007
Matt Lewellen 2009 (PF)
Emanuel Martins 2008
John Masters 2005
John Paul McCarty 2008
Gordon McGraw 1998 (PF)
Patrick Nadon 2010
Kerry Neal 2002 (PF)
Lynn Nelson 2009
Soo Park 2007
Dan Patton 1995
Peelee 2008 (PF)
Paul Pompeo 2004
Gary M. Regan 1990
Jack Reiffer 1998
Jonathan Simmonds 2007 (RCS)
Jeb Stenhouse 2008 (PF)
David F. Streit 1988
Tim Tourbin 2005
William Trokey 2004 (RCS)
Jeff Van Luyn 1983
Eric Verchot 2009
Kevin R. Webster 1993
Leon Wiebers 2009
James W. Williams 1991
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Eric Adams 2005
Brent Almond 2008
Carl H. Baldwin 1992
Jay R. Ball 2001
Jeremy Bauer 2005 (SL)
Gregory Blankenship 2008
Sherman Blow 2004 (B)
Yoni Bock 2007
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Josh Brammer 2009
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Matthew E. Komornik 1993
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Justin Latus 2007
Kevin Loeffler 2007
Christopher Lyon 2009
James P. Madigan III 1991 (RCS)
Louis Masochini 2010
Ryan L. Masser 2005
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Sean Robinson 2000 (RCS)
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Edward Rodriguez 2010
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James Royston 2010
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Jay Sigler 2009
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Robert Smith 2003
Scott R. Starin 2000
Courtney Suss 2008
Michael Toth 2004 (RCS)
Justin Turpin 2007
Anthony Vitelli 2002
Gary Voudrie 2005
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Nathan White 2008
Ryan Williams 2004
Edmund Wong 2010
Jerry Yoder 2005
Mark Young 2006 (B)
Justin Zimmerman 2004 (PF)

BARITONE

Robb Agnello 2005
Eric Akridge 1995
Tim Allen 2003
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BASS

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Christopher Asaro 2006
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Scott Button 2000
Jaime Coronado 2008
Michael Cunningham 1987
Suzette Derrevere (B)
David Edmiston 1996
Jocko Fajardo 2006
Robert J. Featherstone 1998
Jack Gerard (B)
Steven Haber 1989
J.T. Hatfield Smith (B)
Randy Hebert 2005
Steve Herman 1981 (B)
Marsha S. Holloman 2000
Michael S. Horton 2000
Eric Johnson 1995
Steve Katsurinis 2004 (B)
Robert S. Klein 1999 (SL)
Mark Kornmann 2009 (SL)
Greg Kubiak (B)
Jason Kuznicki 2000
David Loneman 2010
Jina Lynne 2006
Kathleen A. McGee 2000
Tom Mounteer (B)
Patrick O'Donnell 2004
Shirley Paul 2000
Steve Ranger 2003
Jason Rickert 2009
Philip M. Rogerson 1981
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Mary C. Scott 2003
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PF = Potomac Fever
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Sometimes at great risk to the respect and support of their own traditions, sometimes in prophetic leadership roles in their communities, sometimes as quietly and naturally as living out their core values, these groups are a rich source of meaning, community, service and worship for many of our singers and audience members.

We celebrate that we perform in the Washington, DC metropolitan area **TOGETHER IN HARMONY** with these colleagues in several faith traditions.

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IN MEMORIAM

We remember our brothers who have been lost to us over the years. Their spirit lives on with us and we honor their memory. Respectfully we request if you know anyone whose name has been omitted from this list, please contact the GMCW office at (202) 293.1548 so that we may continue to celebrate and honor the contributions of all of our members.

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Circle of Excellence Awards are chosen annually by members of GMCW to recognize the outstanding contributions made by members of the Chorus, including paid music and administrative staff, the support section and the Capital Circle. These awards honor those individuals who have exemplified the spirit of camaraderie, brother- and sisterhood and community in the Chorus and whose work has had lasting impact over many years.

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Steve Herman
Jim Holloway
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Dr. Jim Richardson
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Michael Ziskind

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Michael Bohn
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Harry Powers
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Darrell Lewis
Len Padgett
Jim Peterson

1996
Michael Baker
Roger Bergstrom
Dick Dorr
Dennis Swick *

1997
Jack Gerard
Charlie Merk
Michael Milano
Gary Regan

1998
Kevin Doss
Robb Rexroth
Larry Rosen

1999
Jerry Carpenter
Bob Dragoset
Thom Gibb

2000
Christopher Grieder
Gary Turner
Joe Vignali
Marvin Weeks

2001
Joe Cannon
Teddy Guerrant
Steven Haber
John Perkins
Michael B. Smith

2002
Carl Baldwin
Barry W. Bugg
Michael Cunningham
Dan Patton
Todd Paul

2003
Tom DiGiovanni
Rick Johnson
Kathy McGee
Chuck Walker

2004
Scott Button
Robert Klein
Jerry Lee
Harold Lewis
Jack Reiffer

2005
Jeff Van Luyn
Stuart Kopperman
Edward P. Oseroff

2006
David Bielenberg
Joe Canter
Bill Cutter
Matt Komornik
Barrett Whitener

2007
Russ Capps
Rob Hall
Marsha Holloman
Paul Leavitt
Jim Murphy

2008
Greg Kubiak
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*Awarded posthumously.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GMCW actively supports the gay community and the community at large by sharing our gifts, experiences and talents. Through our community outreach activities we seek to enlighten, educate and enrich the lives of others. Our Community Outreach Committee continues to coordinate our efforts. Here are some examples of GMCW's community outreach:

FOOD & FRIENDS
The kick-off project for the Chorus's Community Outreach Committee involved committing ourselves to Food & Friends by providing a steady stream of volunteers to this worthy organization. GMCW provides 6 – 8 volunteers each month.

TOY DRIVE
Each December GMCW hosts a toy drive, collecting more than 500 new toys for under-privileged children in the Washington, DC, area. The tradition, begun by late founding member Bob Wonneberger, has become an annual Chorus event. Toys are distributed through Community Family Life Services.

AIDS WALK
This fall GMCW continued its expanded participation in the annual AIDS Walk. Chorus members raised $8,685.00 for Whitman-Walker Clinic. The Chorus again sang the national anthem as part of the morning's festivities.

OUTREACH PERFORMANCES
Over the past several years, the Chorus has reached beyond the borders of the city and performed for new audiences and rural gay communities. Audiences at Riderwood Retirement Community, Sussex County AIDS Council, Montgomery College, Carroll County Community College, Frostburg State University and James Madison University have all welcomed us in recent years. Most recently, the Chorus performed with Josh Groban and Heather Headley on Sunday, January 18, 2009, as part of President Obama's Inauguration Opening Ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial.

NIGHT OUT AT THE NATIONALS
GMCW performed the national anthem for the fourth year in a row for Team DC's Night Out at the Nationals. Team DC is an organization established to encourage and support involvement in team and individual sports within the GLBT and broader community in the Washington metropolitan area.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Each Christmas Eve, members of GMCW visit the National Institutes of Health to sing carols for patients and staff to make their holiday brighter.

ANNUAL MLK, JR. CELEBRATION
GMCW participates in an annual celebration of the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event is co-sponsored by the GLBT Arts Consortium of Washington, DC, and Capital Pride. In addition to singing at the celebration, members of the Chorus collected non-perishable food items this past January and donated them to New York Avenue Presbyterian Church as part of our MLK, Jr. Day "Day of Service" as suggested by President-elect Obama.

CLOTHING DONATIONS
Members of the Chorus make extra room in their closets by donating their gently used clothing to The Store at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 2008, GMCW participated with the national non-profit agency One Warm Coat, and through generous donations of Chorus members and coat drives at various locations around the city, we were able to donate over 350 coats to NYAPC, GMCW's rehearsal home.

CAPITAL PRIDE
Each June, GMCW participates in the Capital Pride Parade and performs as part of the Capital Pride Festival.

STUDENT TICKET FUND
GMCW encourages high school and college students to attend Chorus performances by making free and discounted tickets available in coordination with Gay/Straight Student Alliances and other student groups.

BENEFIT SUPPORT & PERFORMANCES
The Chorus regularly supports and performs at events for other area not-for-profit organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign, Whitman-Walker Clinic, Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer, Community Family Life Services, HERO, PFLAG-DC, Food & Friends, NOVAM, Christ House and Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

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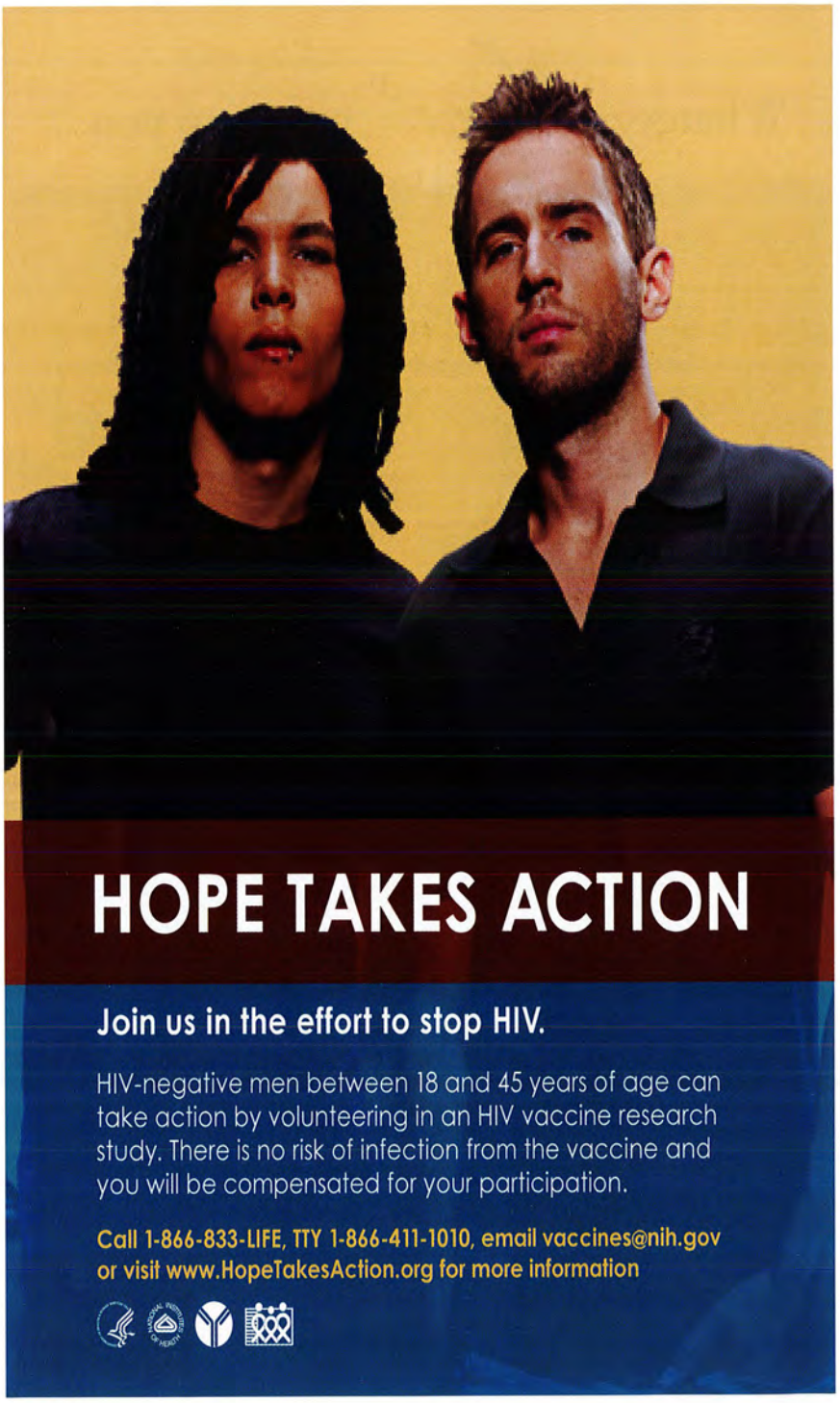
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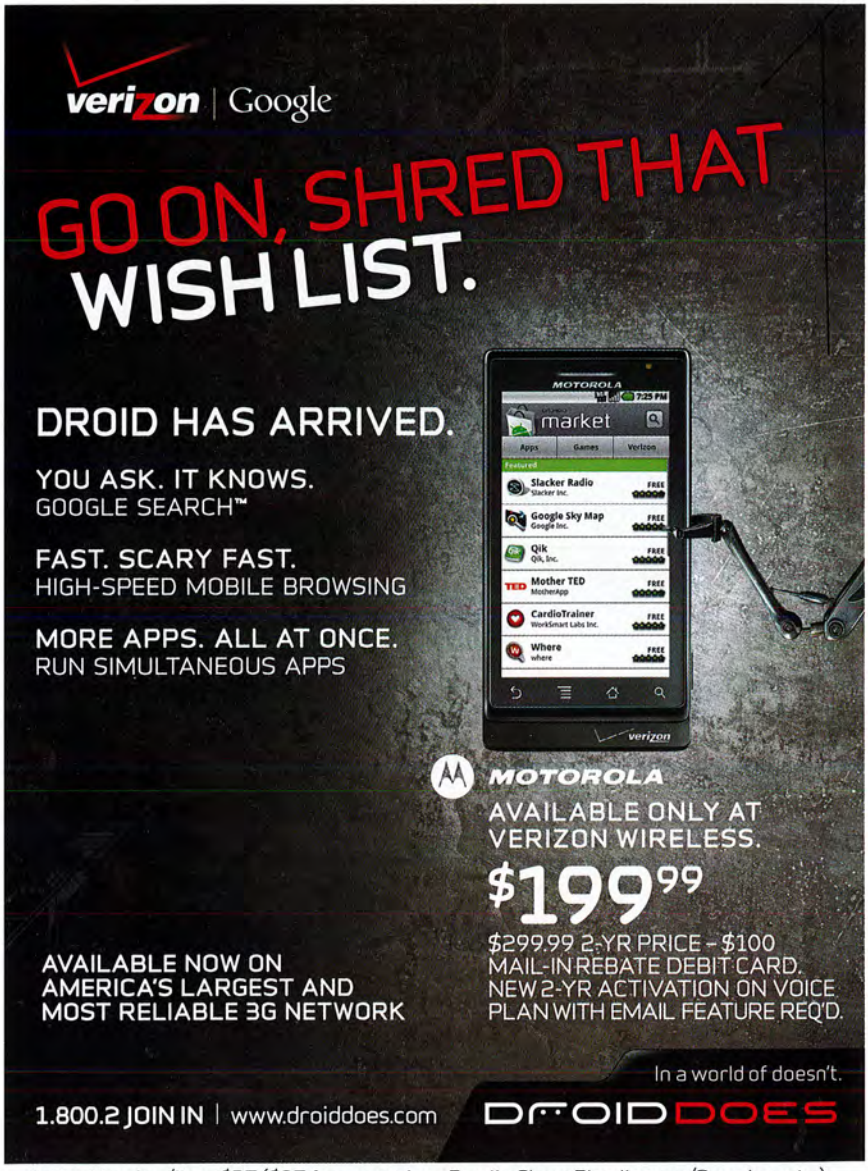

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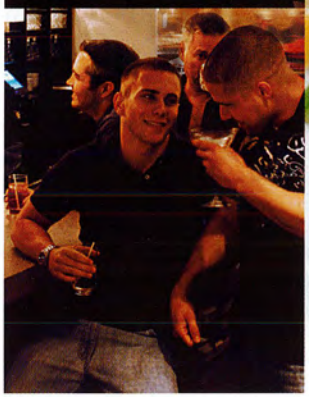

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