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Tonight you'll see GMCW "unplugged." We have left the costumes and props in the shop, the dancers have left their jazz shoes at home, and the curtains have been drawn back. We'll simply share with you what our outreach is about: telling our stories.

Your being here with us shows your commitment to truly making America great. We share that same commitment. Each week throughout the year we sing out in the community at schools and public events. Next week we are taking this message on tour, through West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. We will sing at universities, churches and synagogues, and LGBT centers along the way. There are people who need to hear us and there are hearts to be changed. And there are those who are already doing the hard work on the ground — striving and fighting for equality in those states — who also need to hear us, to have their work affirmed, and to be reminded that we are in this together. Because if some of us aren't free, none of us is free.

All funds we raise at each concert on our tour will go directly to local LGBT groups. This mission-driven philosophy enables us to share our voice to empower others to work toward equality across the nation. It also means GMCW has to raise additional funds to cover costs of this important endeavor. If you are inspired by tonight's performance and you believe in the power of music to change the world and heal a nation, please visit <http://bit.ly/SupportGMCW> and give today.

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GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Speaker: Andrew Powaleny

Beautiful City.....Stephen Schwartz
From *Godspell*
We Shall Overcome/We Are A Gentle, Angry People.....Charles Albert Tindley,
Pete Seeger, Holly Near
arr. Craig Carnahan

Speaker: Pradipta Banerjee

Speaker: John Schwanke

Finlandia (Song of Peace).....Jean Sibelius

GenOUT CHORUS

Give Us Hope.....music by Jim Papoulis
lyrics by Jim Papoulis, Leo Schaff, and Regine Urbach
arr. Francisco J. Nuñez

Speaker: Jack Newman

Build Me A World.....Ginger Littleton
Soloist: Brennan Connell

GenOUT CHORUS and GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

We Are One.....music by Brian Tate
lyrics by Brian Tate, adapted from Deut. 6:4 – 9

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Speaker: Alex Tyson

It Gets Better.....Andrew Lipka
Soloists: Alex Tyson and JJ Vera arr. Ben Hagen

America.....Samuel Francis Smith
Soloists: Ben Aparicio-Coto, Iván Dávila, Rinaldo Martinez, JJ Vera

Speaker: Jack Reiffer

Sermon on the Mount: Part II.....Michael Kooman and Christopher Dimond
Soloist: Brian Jon Moran

POTOMAC FEVER

We Are Done.....The Madden Brothers
arr. Brad Stephenson

Speaker: Jay Gilliam

Imagine.....John Lennon
arr. Roel Griffioen

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Speaker: Jarrod Bennett

Worlds Apart.....Roger Miller
From *Big River*
Soloists: Jarrod Bennett and Cory Claussen

Speaker: Charles Butler, Neto

Love is Love is Love.....Abbie Betinis

Speaker: Rob Hall

We're Not Lost, We're Here.....music by Robert Seeley
From *NakedMan* lyrics by Philip Littell
Soloist: Dana Nearing

Speaker: Matthew Barth

If We Only Have Love.....Jacques Brel
From *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*

SEASONS OF LOVE

Oh Happy Day.....Edwin Hawkins

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Speaker: Jay Gilliam

Lift Every Voice and Sing.....J. Rosamond Johnson and
James Weldon Johnson

Speaker: Dillon Lewis

Make Them Hear You.....Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens
From *Ragtime* arr. Jeff Funk

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WHO'S WHO



Thea Kano, Artistic Director

Dr. Thea Kano, a Northern California native, became active in the arts at an early age. She started playing piano at age four and began taking ballet soon after, a background that has a strong influence on her conducting. Dr. Kano's graceful yet commanding presence on stage and the robust performances she obtains from her musicians have basis in her formal training as a dancer.

Dr. Kano has conducted an extensive range of repertoire with several ensembles, including the Angeles Chorale, The Washington Chorus, and in 2014 assumed the position of artistic director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, for which she also directs its acclaimed ensembles Rock Creek Singers and Potomac Fever. In addition, she oversees GMCW's outreach efforts, including its GenOUT program. A champion of music education, Dr. Kano has devoted countless hours to students of all ages and backgrounds. She believes in the power of music to nurture and believes that classical music should be accessible to all. Dr. Kano's substantial experience in this arena includes: building partnerships with organizations serving disenfranchised adults, hosting workshops with at-risk youth, leading youth arts programs of many sizes, as well as directing award-winning high school and collegiate choruses.

In addition to her work with GMCW, Dr. Kano serves as the artistic director of the New York City Master Chorale, which she founded in 2005. The 80-member group is recognized as one of the finest vocal ensembles in New York City and has performed to sold-out audiences on two continents. Dr. Kano is known for her expressiveness and dynamic conducting and the Chorale has been praised for its balance and richness in tone in performing a variety of musical styles. Under her direction, the Chorale made its debuts at Lincoln Center (2006) and Carnegie Hall (2009), as well as its international debut in Paris, France (2011).

Dr. Kano has prepared choruses for Zubin Mehta, Esa-Pekka Solonen, Emil de Cou, David Hayes, Craig Fleischer, Victor Vener, and Paul Salamunovich. Dr. Kano's various ensembles have performed at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Disney Hall, Église Saint-Sulpice (Paris), and on the National Mall for the 2009 inaugural ceremonies.

Dr. Kano received her doctorate in choral conducting from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2004. At UCLA, Dr. Kano studied under Donald Neuen, her professional mentor. For her dissertation on Duruflé's *Requiem*, Dr. Kano completed research with L'Association Duruflé in Paris and studied privately with Paul Salamunovich. Dr. Kano holds a Master of Music degree from UCLA and a bachelor's degree in choral music education and piano performance from Arizona State University. Dr. Kano speaks French and actively conducts ensembles in New York City, Paris, and Washington, DC.





C. Paul Heins, Associate Conductor

C. Paul Heins joined the GMCW artistic team as associate conductor in the 2014 – 15 season. Dr. Heins was previously the director of the Concert Choir at Georgetown University, where he also taught music theory, piano, and introduction to voice, and served as music director for the university's opera and musical theater productions. He served as director of the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington for nine seasons and was music director for three GMCW musicals (*Ruthless*, *When Pigs Fly*, and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*). Past appointments also include the Washington Master Chorale (assistant conductor), Washington Men's Camerata (accompanist/associate conductor), and an interim position as choir director at the College of William & Mary.

Dr. Heins's principal role with the GMCW is directing the GenOUT Chorus, an outreach ensemble for LGBTQ+ and allied youth founded in 2015. Under Dr. Heins's leadership, GenOUT has grown from its inaugural class of nine singers to a current enrollment of 25 singers representing 16 schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Over the past three years, more than 60 students from nearly three dozen schools have participated in GenOUT Chorus and Camps, and notable performance venues have included the John F. Kennedy Center, the White House, Washington National Cathedral, and the 2016 GALA Choruses Festival in Denver.

Dr. Heins is a frequent guest pianist, flutist, and conductor in the DC area. He was trained in piano and flute at Bowling Green State University (B.Mus.), flute at the University of Maryland (M.Mus.), and choral conducting at the University of Maryland (D.M.A.). His principal teachers have been Edward Maclary, Patrick Walders, and Mark S. Kelly (conducting); William Montgomery and Judith Bentley (flute); and Virginia Marks and Victoria Harris (piano). His doctoral work centered around Lukas Foss's cantata *The Prairie*.



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Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist

Now in his 35th season as GMCW's principal accompanist, "Dr. Teddy" is arguably the longest-tenured collaborative pianist for a single chorus within the entire GALA Choruses network. He has been honored in various ways throughout his more than three decades of service including a Circle of Excellence Award in 2001, with a plaque honoring his 25-year milestone in 2008, and, finally, with a Distinguished Service Award from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance in 2011 for his long tenure with GMCW. He began with GMCW in 1983 as co-accompanist with Jim Holloway, and has served under every GMCW conductor from founding director Jim Richardson to Thea Kano, traveled with the Chorus to various cities across the United States, two Canadian provinces, three Scandinavian countries, and can be heard on GMCW record.

Dr. Teddy, who grew up in College Park, Georgia during the 1950s, studied with his aunt, Eliza Holmes Feldmann, who was then artist-in-residence at Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia. As a high school senior, he accompanied five choral ensembles and played five Sunday church services weekly. He received degrees in keyboard performance from the University of Georgia (B.M. piano cum laude; M.F.A. harpsichord), the University of Wisconsin (M.M. piano), the University of Maryland (D.M.A. piano), and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University (G.P.D. organ), and studied piano additionally in Buryton, England, with Denise Lassimonne.

Dr. Teddy is also organist-choirmaster at Christ Church Parish Kensington (Episcopal), accompanist for the National Philharmonic Chorale (the resident chorus of the Strathmore Music Center in Rockville), where he was recently given an award for his 30 years of service to that organization, and associate director-accompanist for the Central Maryland Chorale. He teaches on the staff of the University of Maryland School of Music (where he has also served for more than 30 years) as a coach-accompanist.



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