

# Congratulations to the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC on 35 amazing years!



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### COMPASS



Happy Holidays from the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC!

This year marks our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we are celebrating in many wonderful ways! We recently started the first LGBTQ youth chorus in Washington, we just released our *Live From Cuba* CD following our historic tour to Havana promoting LGBT equality, and now we are preparing for our big anniversary celebration at the Kennedy Center in May.

More than 80% of our work is dedicated to our outreach programs, and as we are continuing to dream how to expand, we encourage you to dream with us! With your help there is no limit to how large we can grow our GenOUT program, how far we can take our outreach — from schools to the Supreme Court to small towns across the country — and on which national stages we'll sing (The Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap and Lincoln Center this season alone!).

Dream with us this holiday season, and together we can change hearts, open minds and raise our voice for equality!

The warmth of the season to you and your family,



Thea Kano Artistic Director



Chase Maggiano Executive Director





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### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

#### **Thea Kano** Artistic Director

### Chase Maggiano

**Executive Director** 



#### Artistic Staff

Assistant Conductor	C. Paul Heins
Stage Director	
Choreographer	
Principal Accompanist	
Vocal Coach Emeritus	
ASL Interpreter	

#### Musicians

Bass	Mary Scott
Percussion	Dane Krich
Piano	Brad Rinaldo, Theodore Guerrant

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Dance Captains	Craig Cipollini, James Ellzy
Costumes	Charles "Mo" Jones-Hanners, Matt Komornik,
	D'Arcee Neal, Tony Prestridge
Lighting Design	John Moran
House Manager	Bob Klein
Sound Engineering	Mark Klein, Chris Asaro
Master Carpenter	Ron Norberg
Properties	Christopher Grieder, Stuart Kopperman
Snow	Eric Johnson
Stage Decorations	Matt Komornik
Stage Crew	
-	Robert Joppa & the Lincoln Theatre crew
Archival video	Steve Herman
Ushers	

### PROGRAM

#### ACT ONE

GAY MEN'S CHORUS	
Christmas Rhapsody	Freddie Mercury
	Arranged by Mark Brymer
	New Lyrics by Michael B. Smith
Festival Gloria	Randall Johnson
The Rose/Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming	
Soloist: Kevin Thomason	German Carol
The Coventry Carol	Traditional
	Arranged by Mark Hayes
Over the Skies of Yisrael	Music by Robert Seeley
	Words by Robert Espindola
POTOMAC FEVER	
Go Tell It	
Soloists: Robert T. Boaz, Jay Gilliam, Paul Negron	, Arranged by Patrick Rose
A.J. Rawls, Michael B. Smith, Kevin Sweitzer,	
Kevin Thomason, Cooper Westbrook	
All I Want for Christmas is YouM	-
Soloist: Paul Negron	Arranged by Stefan Flügel
GAY MEN'S CHORUS	
O Holy NightAdolphe Charle	s Adam and John Sullivan Dwight
Soloist: Cooper Westbrook	Arranged by Mark Hayes
Sleigh RideLe	<b>3</b> , , ,
Sleightilde	Arranged by Eddy Clement
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	<b>3 3 3</b>
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#### INTERMISSION

#### ACT TWO

GAY MEN'S CHORUS	
A Cuban Holiday	Music by the Xavier Cugat Orchestra
Little Drummer Boy	Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone
	Arranged by Ted Arthur

ROCK CREEK SINGERS	
Do You Hear What I Hear?	Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne
	Arranged by Harry Simeone

### GENOUT CHORUS

The NutcrackerIn About Three Minutes	Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
	Arranged by Mark Weston
Don't Be a Jerk! It's Christmas	Tommy Kenny and Andy Paley
	Arranged by Roger Emerson
Five Favorite Holiday Songs	Traditional
	Arranged by Alan Billingsley

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS

Al Shlosha D'Varim	Allan E. Naplan

Variations on Fa La La	Traditional
Guest conductors: Michael Hughes (Dec. 12), Jeffrey Slavin (Dec. 13)	Arranged by Chuck Bridwell
Let It Snow	Arranged by Julien Neel
Soloists: Rick Bennett, Cory Claussen,	
Adrian Gonzalez, Rich Grant	
Twelve Days After Christmas	Frederick Silver
Soloists: Michael Aylwayd, Dennis Carew, Skip Co	oncilla, Romm Gatongay,
Tim Gillham, Ben Harris, Charles "Mo" Jones-Han	ners, John Knapp,
Ross Miller, Brad Rinaldo, Darryl Waller, Micah Yarl	brough
Favorite One	Betty Comden and Adolph Green
Christmas on Broadway	Arranged by John Higgins

#### **TEXTS and TRANSLATIONS**

#### GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Glory in the highest to God. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We worship Thee. We glorify Thee. Thanks we give to Thee because of Thy great glory. Lord God, King of heaven.

#### OVER THE SKIES OF YISRAEL

Baruch ata Adoshem, elokeynu melech haolam, Shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh. Amen.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this season. Amen.

#### AL SHOSHA D'VARIM

Al shlosha d'varim ha-olam kayam. Al ha-emet v'al hadin v'al ha-shalom. The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice and by peace.

#### GenOUT Chorus

Camilla Barillas Catalina Bennhold-Samaan Elliot Benson Tori Benson Julia Byrne Brennan Connell Ernesto Fritts

#### Dancers

Richard Bennett Michael "Cabbie" Caban Craig Cipollini Iván Dávila Harron Elloso James Ellzy Sammy Graceson Genevieve Harms Carmela Holt Linden Huffman Maddie Lowe May McLaughlin Emma Nelson

Ray Jay Garcia Will Hernandez Charles "Mo" Jones-Hanner Matt Komornik Jerry Lee Margaret Nicholson Sanera Powell Julia Reider Calem Riggs Brack Thomas-Fischer Breanna Walton Madeleine Yando

Alon Mazor Jonathan Moss Lucas Regnér Thomas Schmitt Matthew Williamson





































### #GMCW35

### 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 last year 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.

 $\mbox{Dr.}$  Kano speaks French and actively conducts ensembles in New York City, Paris and Washington, DC.





#### John Moran, Stage Director

John Moran has produced and directed cabaret and theater premieres and revivals, worked on a number of presidential inaugural events, as well as countless other ceremonies, awards programs, conferences and shows around the country.

He had the honor to produce and direct *Time of Remembrance*, a National Mall event, for the Families of the Fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan, featuring the Joint Chiefs, the military bands, George Stephanopoulos and Kevin Bacon. The ceremonies conferred the Medal of Remembrance on the Children of the Fallen.

He designed and continues to produce/direct the annual Kennedy Center Gala for Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards with Hillary Clinton and international celebrities (Sally Field, Angelina Jolie, Ben Affleck, Nicholas Kristof, Muhammad Yunis, Judy Collins, Brian Williams, Melanne Verveer, Norah O'Donnell, Joe Biden and many more).

Annually he produces and directs the National Arts Awards for Americans for the Arts in New York City (Julie Andrews, Robert Redford, Angela Lansbury, Hal Prince, Frank Gehry, Jeff Koons, Beverly Sills, Renee Fleming, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Tommy Tune, Anna Deavere Smith, Robert Downey Jr., Jake Gyllenhaal and Dakota Fanning, among others).

With Marvin Hamlisch, he directed a "Tribute to Tibet" featuring Harrison Ford and Elie Wiesel honoring the Dalai Lama.

GMCW audiences will remember he directed the sold-out productions of *Grease*, *Men in Tights: A Pink Nutcracker* (2004) and the cabaret *Everything's Coming Up Sondheim* along with several other Chorus concerts. He also emceed the very first bi-coastal gay chorus concert with the Seattle Men's Chorus, Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles and hosted by GMCW at Lisner Auditorium.

John's production of *In Gay Company* was named one of the most important events of the 1980s by the *Washington Blade*. He directed the GLAAD nominated revival of *The Boys in the Band* and the Washington area premiere of Jerry Herman's *Dear World* for the American Century Theater. A big band revue, *In the Mood*, has toured the world after being rewritten and directed by John.

In 2007, he was selected for the Wakefield High School Hall of Fame.



### WHO'S WHO



#### C. Paul Heins, Assistant Conductor

C. Paul Heins joined the GMCW artistic team as assistant 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),

and an interim position as choir director at the College of William & Mary.

Dr. Heins is delighted to be the conductor of the GenOUT Chorus, founded last season and featured at all of GMCW's major concerts this year. The GenOUT Chorus is open to all young people ages 13 - 18, and its twofold mission is to give a voice to young LGBTQ people and their allies and to connect those young people to community. This season, the GenOUT Chorus will be featured at the Kennedy Center and at the GALA Choruses Festival in Denver.

Dr. Heins is the director of choirs at the Bullis School and 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*.



#### Maria Watson, Choreographer

Maria Watson is a professional theater director, choreographer and dancer. Maria has been a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers for 20 years. A New York City-based dancer and actor for 15 years, Ms. Watson studied with Ann Reinking, Chet Walker, Tony Stevens and Christopher Chadman. Ms. Watson was classically trained at the Washington School of Ballet and the North Carolina School of the Arts. In New York, she studied directing with Tony Award-wining director Vivian Matalon and at The Acting Studio with James Price. She served as artistic director

of the Mohawk Theatre Guild in Massachusetts, Millbrook Playhouse in Pennsylvania and as director/choreographer at the Forestburgh Playhouse in New York. Maria is the director of dance at Georgetown Day School and on faculty at Ballet Nova in Falls Church, Virginia.



#### **Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist**

Now in his 33rd 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 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 several GMCW recordings and in Paula Bresnan Gibson's book, *Voices from a Chorus*.

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, throughout his high school years. He eventually found himself, as a high school senior, accompanying five choral ensembles and playing five Sunday church services weekly. From there he went on to receive 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 Buriton, England, with Denise Lassimonne.

Aside from GMCW, Dr. Teddy is organist-choirmaster at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (where Dignity worships), accompanist for the National Philharmonic Chorale (formerly the Montgomery County Masterworks Chorus and now 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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### GMCW HISTORICAL SOCIETY



For many people, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington's holiday show is the kick-off of their seasonal celebrations. And over the past 35 years, GMCW has delighted audiences with vivid and unique holiday memories.

Our fabulous Snow Queens have made various appearances at our holiday concerts over the years. Who can forget one of our favorite Snow Queens, Grande Dame Bob "Wanda Mae" Wonneberger's appearances as Suzie Snowflake? They were showstoppers!

GMCW also has a history of transforming classic holiday tales and presenting them with a gay twist. Did you experience



The Seven Dwarfs (Snow, 2009)



Snow White and Prince (Snow, 2009)



Suzie Snowflake (Santa's Workshop, 1990)

GMCW's re-telling of classic tales in the guise of *A Pink Nutcracker* or *Snow White and 175 Faeries* with Snow's retinue of dwarfs, including Spanky, Bitter and Pushy Galore (at a concert presented during a blizzard, no less)?

GMCW holiday shows have moved audiences, too. We never tire of hearing Tom Nichols and Dan Chadburn's "And In That Moment," a musical retelling of the annunciation to Mary and the Christmas story. Perhaps our most memorable holiday moment occured in 2010. Were you lucky enough to be in Lisner Auditorium for our holiday show that year to join in the spontaneous singing of the national anthem to celebrate the Senate's passage of the bill that ensured the repeal of

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell?" Dry eyes were scarce.

GMCW's holiday traditions go beyond the auditorium. Since 2002, GMCW has collected toys for children at its holiday shows for distribution through Community Family Life Services. Your contributions have brightened the holidays for hundreds of families. Another GMCW tradition is caroling at the NIH Clinical Center on Christmas Eve. For more than 30 years, GMCW members have brought the healing power of music to patients and their families who find themselves at NIH during the holidays.

As GMCW marks its 35 years, we invite you to reflect on your own memories of GMCW performances past. Which ones



Christmas Elves (Baby It's Gay Outside, 2008)



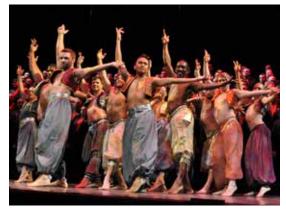
The Sugar Plum Fairy (A Pink Nutcracker, 2010)

stand out? How did a performance delight you? How did a performance move you? How is GMCW part of your holiday traditions?

The GMCW Historical Society seeks to secure, share and celebrate the rich and evolving history of GMCW with its members, supporters, audience and the general public — helping build the organization's bright future. If you would like to know more about GMCW's history or to share your own memories, contact the Historical Society at history@ gmcw.org.



Bolly Jolly Holiday (*Winter Nights*, 2012)



Bolly Jolly Holiday (Winter Nights, 2012)



The Hallelujah Chorus Nuns (*Sparkle, Jingle, Joy*, 2013)



Snow Queens (Red & Greene, 2011)

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Matthew Swanson 2012 Kevin Sweitzer 2012 (PF) Jim Tavenner 2015 Michael Toth 2004 (RCS) JJ Vera 2014 Mark Vernon 2015 Bernard Vicary 2013 Stu Wales 2008 Bryce Weems 2002 (SL) Silvio Weisner 2007 Cooper Westbrook 2013 (PF) Ryan L. Williams 2004 Matthew Williamson 2014 (RCS, D) Ken Woodhouse 2014 Micah Yarbrough 2015

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Tommie Adams 2015 Robb Agnello 2002 Ralph Alston 2013 Corey Bent 1994 Joseph Berlin 2006 Robert T. Boaz 1997 (PF) Sam Brinton 2014 Bart Brooks 2013 John Brown 2014 Barry Cahen 2014 Joe Canter 1994 Dennis Carew 2014 Mike Caster 2015 Don Chandler 1997 Corv Claussen 2008 Larry Cohen 1986 Iván Dávila 2009 (CL, D) Harron Elloso 2012 James Ellzy 2011 (D) Paul Foster 2015 Chris Fredericks 2005 Warren Gill 2014 Stu Goldstone 2001 Adrian Gonzalez 2015 Michael Gottlieb 2010 Matt Graf 2007 Joe Greene 2015 Christopher Grieder 1990 Rob Hall 2002 (B, RCS) Ben Harris 2015 Howland Hartley 2000 (B) Jeff Haslow 2015 Ken Hewitt 2012 (SL) Ray Hoffman 2014 George Huffman 2000 (RCS) Ricky Junquera 2015 David Karnick 2011 Paul Kelsch 2002 (RCS)

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#### 1992

Michael Bohn Eric Korpon Darrell Netherton Harry Powers Michael Rivard Rick Rosendall David Sisson Duward Sumner

#### 1993

Craig Bowen\* Peter Brayton Phil Rogerson

#### 1994

Rod Fiorito Scott Pierce\* David Streit Robert Wheeler

#### 1995

Darrell Lewis Len Padgett Jim Peterson

#### 1996

Michael Baker Roger Bergstrom Dick Dorr Dennis Swick<sup>\*</sup>

#### 1997

Jack Gerard Charlie Merk Michael Milano Gary Regan

#### 1998

Kevin Doss Robb Rexroth Larry Rosen

#### 1999

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#### 2000

Christopher Grieder Gary Turner Joe Vignali Marvin Weeks

#### 2001

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#### 2002

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### QUIZ

#### How many of these can you guess correctly?



1. In what year did GMCW first perform our all-male production of *The Wizard of Oz*?



2. Can you name the song written by Sondheim and recorded by both Sinatra and Streisand that was NOT included in our cabaret *The S\* Show?* 



3. Can you name the song about greed and shopping that we sang in our 2013 holiday concert *Sparkle, Jingle, Joy*?



5. Can you name the guest star depicted here dressed as Carol Channing in our 2010 concert *Divas*?



7. What is the name of our 2010 holiday concert that spoofed a famous 1892 ballet popular at Christmas time?



4. What is the name of this 2004 GMCW musical that was a spoof of Elvis Presley and originally starred Chita Rivera on Broadway?



6. What is the name of our May 2015 guest star who sang with us for our *Born This Way* concert? Bonus: Who was her voice teacher in high school?



8. What is the name of the Disney song depicted in the photo above from our Spring 2015 concert *When You Wish*? Hint: Think Ariel and Sebastian the Crab.

Answers: 1. 2002 2. "Send In The Clowns" 3. "Bring on the Greed" 4. Bye Bye Birdie 5. Christopher 1. 2002 2. "Send In The Clowns" 3. "Bring on the Greed" 4. Bye Bye Birdie 5. Christopher Peterson 6. Maiya Sykes, Thea Kano 7. Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker 8. "Under the Sea"



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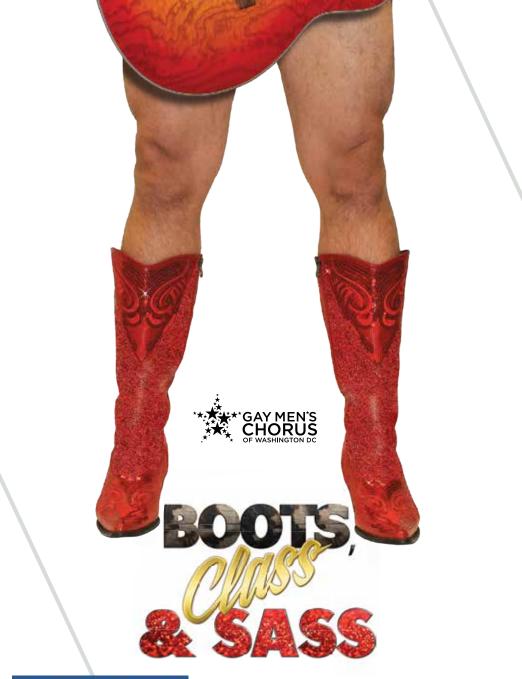




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