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# WELCOME

Happy Holidays from the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington! A special thank you to our presenting sponsors Marsha Holloman & Kathy McGee.

We are dreaming big this year and we encourage you to dream with us! What is your wish for this holiday season?

There are many exciting changes this year for GMCW, resulting in tremendous growth both now, and for the future. We have moved back to the historic Lincoln Theatre — look around you, it is beautiful! We have moved our rehearsal location to the newly renovated Wonder Bread Factory in Shaw, and next month we will move our offices there, too. We are very proud to announce that rehearsals begin in January for our new GenOUT Chorus — the first LGBTQ youth chorus in Washington! And next season we will expand our outreach beyond the Beltway to communities that need — and want — to hear us. Then in May 2016 we will celebrate our 35th Anniversary at the Kennedy Center, all this while pursuing new heights of musical excellence!

We are not only the largest chorus in Washington, we are the most important chorus in Washington. So dream with us this holiday season, and together let's raise our voices for equality!

Wishing 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**  
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## Artistic Staff

Assistant Conductor.....C. Paul Heins  
Stage Director.....John Moran  
Choreographer.....Craig Cipollini  
Principal Accompanist.....Theodore Guerrant  
Artistic Director Emeritus.....Jeff Buhrman  
Vocal Coach Emeritus.....Philip Rogerson  
ASL Interpreter.....Jaime Coronado

## Musicians

Bass.....Mary Scott  
Percussion.....Paul Keelsing

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Dance Captain.....James Ellzy  
House Manager.....Bob Klein  
Set Building.....Emerito Amaro, Skip Concilla, Christopher Grieder,  
Rob Hall, David Karnick, Stuart Kopperman,  
Kevin Morris, Ron Norberg, John Schwanke,  
Dennis Williams, Jim Williams  
Stage Crew.....Chris Asaro, Jerry Blackmon, Michael Cunningham,  
Robert Joppa, Mark Klein  
Archival Video.....Steve Herman  
Ushers.....Burgundy Crescent Volunteers



# PROGRAM

## ACT ONE

Hallelujah.....	George F. Handel
Soloists: Garrick Jordan and Nathan Rogers	Arranged by Mervyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson and Mark Kibble
Gloria.....	Amir Shirazi
See Amid the Winter Snow.....	Eugene Butler
Oseh Shalom.....	Paul Leavitt
Pianist: Paul Leavitt	
Mary Sat A-Rockin'.....	Greg Gilpin
O Magnum Mysterium.....	Morten Lauridsen
Rock Creek Singers	
Silent Night.....	Franz Grüber
Soloists: Matt Beck, Dana Nearing and Justin Ritchie	

*You are invited to join the Chorus in singing:*

*Silent Night, Holy Night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

## INTERMISSION

## ACT TWO

Little Drummer Boy.....	Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone
	Arranged by Ted Arthur
Lux Aurumque.....	Eric Whitacre
Jingle Bells.....	James Pierpont
Rock Creek Singers	Arranged by Jay Althouse
Grown-Up Christmas List.....	David Foster
Soloist: Sam Brinton	and Linda Thompson Jenner
Christmas Time is Here.....	Lee Mendelson and Vince Guaraldi
Potomac Fever	Arranged Deke Sharon
Carol of the Bells.....	Peter Wihousky and Mykola Leontovich
Potomac Fever	Arranged by Doug Teel
Favorite One.....	Cy Coleman
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.....	Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine
Soloist: Calvin Robinson	Arranged by Mark Hayes
Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home).....	Phil Spector, Ellie Greenwich and Jeff Barry
	Arranged by Kirby Shaw

# PROGRAM

## 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.

### OSEH SHALOM

*Oseh shalom bimromav  
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleynu  
Ve'al kol yisrael  
Ve'imru Amen*

May he who makes peace in the heavens  
Make peace upon us  
And upon all of Israel  
And let us say Amen

### O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

*O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
jacentem in praesepio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum. Alleluia.*

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

### LUX AURUMQUE

*Lux, Calida gravisque pura velut aurum  
Et canunt angeli molliter modo natum.*

*Light, warm and heavy as pure gold  
and angels sing softly to the new-born babe.*

## Dancers:

Nicolas Baker

Richard Bennett

Michael "Cabbie" Caban

Kurtis Carter

Craig Cipollini

Harron Ellosso

James Ellzy

Ray Jay Garcia

Will Hernandez

Todd Katschke

Matt Komornik

Jerry Lee

Alon Mazor

Andrew Powaleny

Brad Rinaldo

Sean Robinson

L. Owen Taggart

Matt Williamson







# 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 has recently 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.

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## **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 Gyllenhall 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 is delighted to join the GMCW artistic team in the 2014 – 15 season. Paul 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 is also the past director of the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington.

In addition to his duties with GMCW, Dr. Heins serves as an assistant conductor for the Washington Master Chorale and the accompanist for the Washington Men's Camerata. He is a frequent guest pianist, flutist and conductor in the DC area. In fall 2014, he served as interim choir director at the College of William & Mary.

Dr. Heins 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).



## **Chase Maggiano, Executive Director**

This is Chase's second season as executive director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, to which he brings a combination of corporate, performance and arts management experience. Chase comes to GMCW from Washington Performing Arts where he fundraised and worked on arts education programs.

Prior to joining the arts world, Chase was immersed in Northern Virginia's tech industry where he served as director of business development for Capterra, Inc. There he oversaw an 85% growth in revenue and honed his marketing expertise. Having performed for most of his life as a violinist, Chase decided to combine his business experience with his love of music to start a career in the arts.

A native of Northern Virginia, he has been an active freelance musician for much of his life. Most recently, Chase could be found on the stages of the Alexandria Symphony and the Savannah Philharmonic. Chase says he's not much of a singer himself, but is excited to help GMCW make music all across the city and beyond.

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## **Craig Cipollini, Choreographer**

Originally from Baltimore, 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 and abroad. He 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 Cowbys Dance Company, performing with the group all over the United States, in Toronto and in Budapest, Hungary. He also performed with the group when they appeared on NBC-TV's *America's Got Talent*

where the group made the Top 40. He most recently joined the Team Peaches Dance Company.

Craig has also worked extensively as a director and choreographer. Some shows he has directed and/or choreographed include *Cabaret*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Annie*, *Hair*, *Carousel* and *West Side Story* to name a few. He directed and choreographed *One Night in New York!* at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival where the show won Best Overall Production. He directed GMCW's productions of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *The Rocky Horror Show* and *Xanadu*, as well as *Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker* (2010), *Divas*, *Seven* and *That '80s Show*. He holds bachelor's degrees in theater and art, with a concentration in visual communications, and a masters degree in arts management. By day, Craig is the marketing director for GMCW.



## **James Elzy, II, Dance Captain**

James Elzy began his dance training at Northwestern University in 1989. He performed primarily in musical theater until starting with modern dance in 1999 in San Diego. While in San Diego, he danced primarily with San Diego Dance Theatre and with the California Ballet Company. He also performed with Butterworth Dance Company and LaDiego Dance Theater. It was also in San Diego that James began to direct. He directed the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego's full production of *Oliver Button is a Sissy* in 2000 and *Nutcracker: Men in Tights* in 2006. In 2004, he was invited to serve as one of the

international judges for Showcase!, the Australian national dance competition.

Since moving to DC in 2008, James has performed with Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company and the DC Cowboys. He serves many roles in GMCW depending on the concert: singer, dancer, dance captain, choreographer, stage director, and audition co-coordinator...and delights in them all! By day, James is an active duty family physician in the US Navy.



# WHO'S WHO



## Theodore Guarrant, Principal Accompanist

Now in his 32nd 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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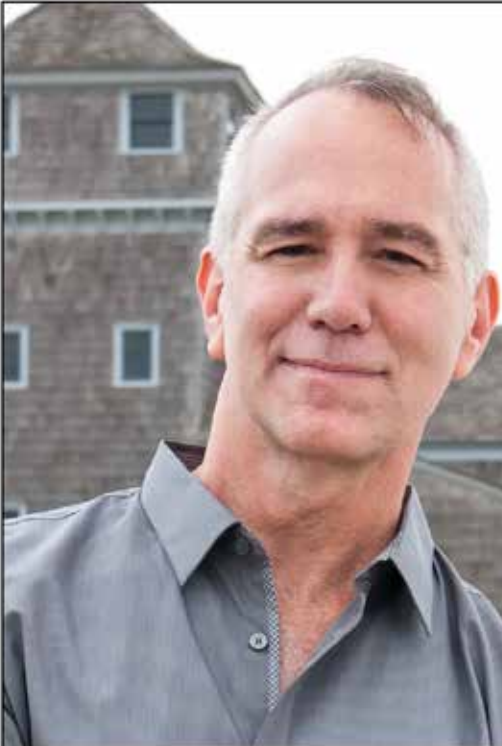
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 Lonnie T. Bickel 2014  
 Joe Bloomer 1999  
 Thomas Boeke 2006 (SL)  
 Laurence C. Boylan 2014  
 Charles Butler, Neto 1981  
 Fancy P. Butler 2007  
 Phillip Carson 2006 (B)  
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 Paul George 2003  
 Timothy Gillham 2014  
 Jay R. Gilliam 2007 (PF)  
 Mark S. Hegedus 2008 (RCS)  
 Reed Higgins 2014  
 Matt Holland 2009 (B, PF)  
 Brian Kip Jacobs 2006  
 Garrick T. Jordan 2013  
 Todd Katschke 2003 (D)  
 Kirby Knight 2010  
 Rick Knight 2009  
 John J. Masters Jr. 2005  
 Rene Molina 2014  
 Phillip Nguyen 2014  
 Mark C. Paist 2014  
 Soo Park 2007  
 Robert L. Patlán 2011  
 Dan Patton 1995  
 Gary Regan 1990  
 Raymond Bradley Rinaldo 2011 (D)  
 Justin T. Ritchie 2010  
 Bill Robinson 2011  
 Nathan Rogers 2014  
 Justin Sawyers 2013  
 Eric Selk 2014  
 Mario R. Sengco 2011 (CL)  
 Michael Shea 2008  
 David Shotwell 2011 (B, RCS)  
 Jeb Stenhouse 2008 (PF)  
 David Streit 1988  
 Justin Thomas 2014  
 Kevin Thomason 2010 (PF)  
 Will Trokey 2003  
 Kevin Webster 1993  
 James W. Williams 1991  
 Richard Yarbrough 2009

## TENOR TWO

Danny Aldous 2013  
 Brent Almond 2008  
 Tom Augustin 2014

Evan Ayars 2011  
 Nicolas Baker 2011 (D)  
 Jay Ball 2001  
 Eric F. Belkengren 2001 (RCS)  
 Guy Bosworth 2012  
 Michael "Cabbie" Caban 2013 (D)  
 Kurtis M. Carter 2014 (D)  
 Jonathan Chaffin 2012  
 Chris Cochran 2004  
 Scott A. Concilia 2010  
 Chris Costa 2008  
 Tony Cunningham 2002  
 Bryann Donnelly DaSilva 2014  
 Robby Dean 2012 (RCS)  
 Danny Duch 1989  
 James Dryburgh 2014  
 Phil Evans 2012  
 John Fichtel 2010  
 Bill Fuchs 2007  
 Andrew K. Ganesh 2014  
 Scott D. Garrett 2012  
 Matt Geyer 2014  
 Curtis Gilbert 2012  
 Richard Grant 2014  
 Don Griesheimer 1999  
 Martin Haley 2004  
 Adam D. Hand 2014  
 C. Mo Hanners 2014  
 Dwayne Harney 2014  
 Will Hernandez 2014 (D)  
 David Hokey 2010  
 Kyle Holland 2008 (RCS)  
 Raymond Honeycutt 2011  
 Spencer Hurd 2014  
 Elcindor Johnson 2014  
 David Jonas 2001  
 John Jowers 2008 (RCS)  
 Sidney Jonathan Jowers 2011  
 Adam D. Hand 2014  
 Dwayne Harney 2014  
 Kody Howard Kinsley 2013  
 Matt Komornik 1993 (D)  
 Scott Linder 2013  
 Kevin Loeffler 2007  
 Luke Lukens 2014  
 Christopher Lyon 2009  
 James P. Madigan III 1991 (RCS)  
 Carlos Maza 2014  
 Alon Mazor 2013 (D)  
 Donald McArthur 2006  
 Dan Nguyen 2013  
 John O'Brien 2004 (SL)  
 Benjamin Paulsen 2014  
 Jason Peeples 2013  
 Eric C. Peterson 2009 (RCS)  
 Michael A. Price 2014  
 A.J. Rawls 2014 (PF)  
 Reg Richards 2003  
 Calvin Robinson 2010 (RCS)  
 David G. Robinson 1988  
 Sean Robinson 2000 (RCS, D)

Ryan Robison 2008 (RCS)  
 Jami J. Rodgers 2013  
 Mark Rupp 2011  
 Jayson Scirratt 2011  
 Salman Shamsi 2007  
 Rob Serpa, Jr. 2006 (B)  
 Tom Spinelli 2010  
 Jack Spirakes 2011  
 Scott R. Starin 2000  
 Matthew L. Swanson 2012  
 Kevin Sweitzer 2012 (PF)  
 Matthew Thompson 2010  
 Michael Toth 2004 (RCS)  
 JJ Vera 2014  
 Bernard Vicary 2013  
 Stuart Wales 2008  
 Aaron Z. Wallace 2012 (RCS)  
 Joel Wallace 2013  
 Bryce Weems 2002 (SL)  
 Silvio Weisner 2008  
 Cooper Westbrook 2013 (PF)  
 Ryan L. Williams 2004  
 Matthew Williamson 2014 (D)  
 Ken Woodhouse 2014

## BARITONE

Tim Agar 2010  
 Robert M. Agnello 2002 (SL)  
 Tim Allen 2003  
 Ralph Alston 2013  
 Emerito Amaro-Carambot 2006  
 David B. Baker 2013 (SL)  
 Corey Bent 2003  
 Joseph Berlin 2006  
 Robert T. Boaz 1997 (PF)  
 Samuel Brinton 2014  
 Bart Brooks 2013  
 John Brown 2014  
 Raymond Burditt 2008 (CL)  
 Joe Canter 1994  
 Dennis Carew 2014  
 Donald Chandler 1997  
 Cory Claussen 2008  
 Larry Cohen 1986  
 Dan Couladis 2013  
 Iván Dávila 2009  
 Thom Dimmock 2013  
 Jorge Docabo 2013  
 Nick Duong 2013  
 Harron Elloso 2012 (D)  
 James Ellzy, II 2011 (D)  
 Chris Fredericks 2005  
 KC Fonzi 2013  
 Kent Gay 2006  
 Cliff Gilbert 2008  
 R. Warren Gill III 2014  
 Stuart Goldstone 2001  
 Michael Gottlieb 2010  
 Matthew Graf 2007  
 Christopher Grieder 1990  
 Rob Hall 2002 (B, RCS)

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Howland Hartley 2000 (B)  
 Kenneth R. Hewitt 2012  
 Michael E. Hill 2003  
 Sean Hoag 2014  
 Ray Hoffman 2014  
 Alan Huddleston 2014  
 George Huffman 2000 (RCS)  
 David Karnick 2011 (CL)  
 Paul Kelsch 2002 (RCS)  
 Brett Kessler 2014  
 Stuart Kopperman 1996 (B)  
 Bill Lipsett 1991  
 Sean Lyons-Burke 2014  
 Mark Mann 2004  
 David C. McAuley, Jr. 2013  
 Phil Melemed 2008  
 Mitch Menchaca 2010  
 Thomas Mienk 2014  
 Brad Miller 2012  
 Ralph Moore 2003  
 Kevin M. Morris 2014  
 D'Arcee C. Neal 2012  
 Dana Nearing 2013  
 Paul J. Negron 2014 (PF)  
 Patrick R. Nelson 2009 (SL, RCS)  
 Bill Nickel 2008  
 Clint Novotny 2008  
 Franc O'Malley 2011  
 Erik Oppers 2011  
 Derek K. Orr 2012  
 Gregory J. Plavcan 2013  
 Ryan Poirier 2014  
 Larry Poole 2005 (RCS)  
 Andrew Powaleny 2010 (D)  
 Caleb Queen 2014  
 Artemio Rivera III 2012  
 Gary Roebuck 2014  
 Bob Sheavly 1999  
 Jared Shortmeier 2014  
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 Derek J. Smith 2013  
 Lonny Smith 2011 (RCS)  
 Michael B. Smith 1990 (PF)  
 Tim Smith 2006  
 Eric Sommerfeldt 2014  
 Carl Stewart 2010  
 Tom Stockley 2010  
 Alex Surles 2012  
 Derek D. Swick 2013  
 L. Owen Taggart 2002 (D)  
 Mike Weber 2006  
 John Weibel 1985  
 Steven Willis 2010

Michael Brinkman 2000  
 Marcus Brown 2004  
 Russ Capps 1999  
 Ethan Chiang 2012  
 Rick Davis 2008  
 Chipper Dean 2012 (SL)  
 Bob Dragoset 1984 (RCS)  
 Mike Fila 2012  
 Brett Fox 2006  
 Ken Fox 2005  
 J. Robert Garcia 2014  
 Jim Gruschus 1995 (PF)  
 Gibson Haynes 2014 (PF)  
 John-Paul Hayworth 2005 (B, CL)  
 Sammy Hendrick 2011  
 Michael Hughes 2002  
 Christopher Johnson 2009  
 Jonathan L. Jones 2012 (PF)  
 Dan Kaufman 1990  
 N. Lee Klein 2013  
 Kelly Gordon Knappe 2010  
 John Knapp 2014  
 John Laster 2006  
 Jerry Lee 1993  
 Joseph Lee 2012  
 Michelangelo Longaro 2013  
 James Murphy 1988 (RCS)  
 Rob Neighbour 1993  
 Yoshiyuki Nishio 1999  
 Ron Norberg 2002  
 Edward P. Oseroff 2000 (RCS)  
 Todd Paul 1994  
 Steve Pflasterer 1987  
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 Dean Reichard 2010  
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 Morgan Slusher 2000  
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 Rod Sterling 2011  
 Warren Turner 1993  
 Mark D. Uhen 2007  
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 Lee Voegler 2011  
 Brian Walther 2003 (RCS)  
 James Weinstein 2006 (B)  
 Robert P. Wilkinson 2014  
 Josh Willett 2014  
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 Michael Cunningham 1987  
 Suzette Derrevere 2006 (B)  
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B = Board Member  
 CL = Chorus Leadership  
 D = Dancer  
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 PF = Potomac Fever  
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## BASS

Eric Akridge 1995  
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## MEET A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS



### **John Brown, Baritone**

John is one of our newest members. He grew up near Ithaca in the Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York and has a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in education, and a master's in educational administration. John currently works for the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society in the Education Department, Training and Professional Development. He is a former member of the Rochester, Orlando and New York City Gay Men's Chorus, and a past member of Uptown Express, a select pop group of the NYC chorus. John has performed numerous lead and supporting roles in musical theater productions in upstate New York. "I've always been in love with music. I started singing at two, and I haven't stopped since!" To Rohn and Nancy, and his new family with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, John offers his heartfelt thanks for welcoming him to Washington and supporting him as he continues his lifelong musical performance journey.



### **Cliff Gilbert, Baritone**

Cliff joined the Chorus in 2008. He grew up in Chevy Chase, MD and graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park. He has lived in New York City and Miami Beach, and has worked as a real estate broker, in the natural food business and sold animation art, among other jobs. "Singing is a great workout for my mind, body and soul. Gay activism is a shout across the world I want to participate in," says Cliff. He has been active in our Care Corps as well as helping with Spring Affair and Christmas caroling. "To me, the Chorus is a home away from home. A place to get inspired by results. Witnessing how well hundreds work together." He also enjoys photography, design and vintage collectibles.



### **John Knapp, Bass**

John is one of our newest members. He grew up in St. Francis, Wisconsin, holds a B.S. in biomedical engineering from Marquette University and is currently working as corporate director of clinical engineering at LifeBridge Health System in Baltimore. He sang for 12 years with Richmond Men's Chorus, then relocated to Baltimore. "My husband really wanted to sing in GMCW and convinced me even though I wanted to take a little break." His hobbies include theater, music, cooking and baking. He is one of the founders of Richmond Triangle Players, the longest continuously-running LGBT theater company on the east coast at 22 years. For the past 18 years, he was the company's artistic director, and directed 27 plays and musicals. He has been with his partner Tim for over 24 years and married for over 4 years.





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# QUIZ

How many of these can you guess correctly?



1. What flop movie musical was the inspiration for our March 2013 musical?



2. What is the name of this guest star who appeared with us in May 2014 at The Kennedy Center for *A Gay Man's Guide to Broadway*?



3. Can you name the four characters depicted here in our March 2012 musical *The Rocky Horror Show*?



4. What is the name of this February 2012 concert that featured a live gay marriage ceremony on stage?



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



6. What is the name of this March 2014 show that spoofed the movie and stage musical *The Sound of Music*?



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



8. What is the name of this guest star who performed with us for our 2013 holiday concert *Sparkle, Jingle, Joy*?

1. *Xanadu* 2. Laura Benanti 3. Frank N. Furter, Columbia, Magenta and Riff Raff 4. *My Big Fat Gay Wedding* 5. Christopher Peterson 6. *Von Trapped* 7. *Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker*

**Answers:**

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