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Welcome to *The Holiday Show* with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC!

Let's forget about politics for a while, shall we? After all, 'tis the season of love and gratitude! Tonight we celebrate our diversity through stories and song. Tonight we raise our voice to encourage and promote equality, and to sing against the hate that is threatening our country. And tonight we celebrate YOU!

We are grateful to our supporters who enable us to raise our voice in the quest for equality. Thanks to your tremendous support, we are able to take center stage in theaters, in schools, at festivals, and at protests — locally, nationally, and around the world — and sing to inspire equality and inclusion, promoting justice and dignity for all.

This holiday season we encourage you to take a moment to express love for family and friends, and embrace the diversity that is the fabric of our country. Build peace. Seek out a forgotten friend. Write a love letter. Write more thank you notes. Encourage youth. Thank a member of the military for their service. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Try to understand. Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Speak up against hate. Express gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again! And make them hear you. Together, let's make America great — and GAY — again!

May joy, peace, and love be yours this holiday season and in the year to come.



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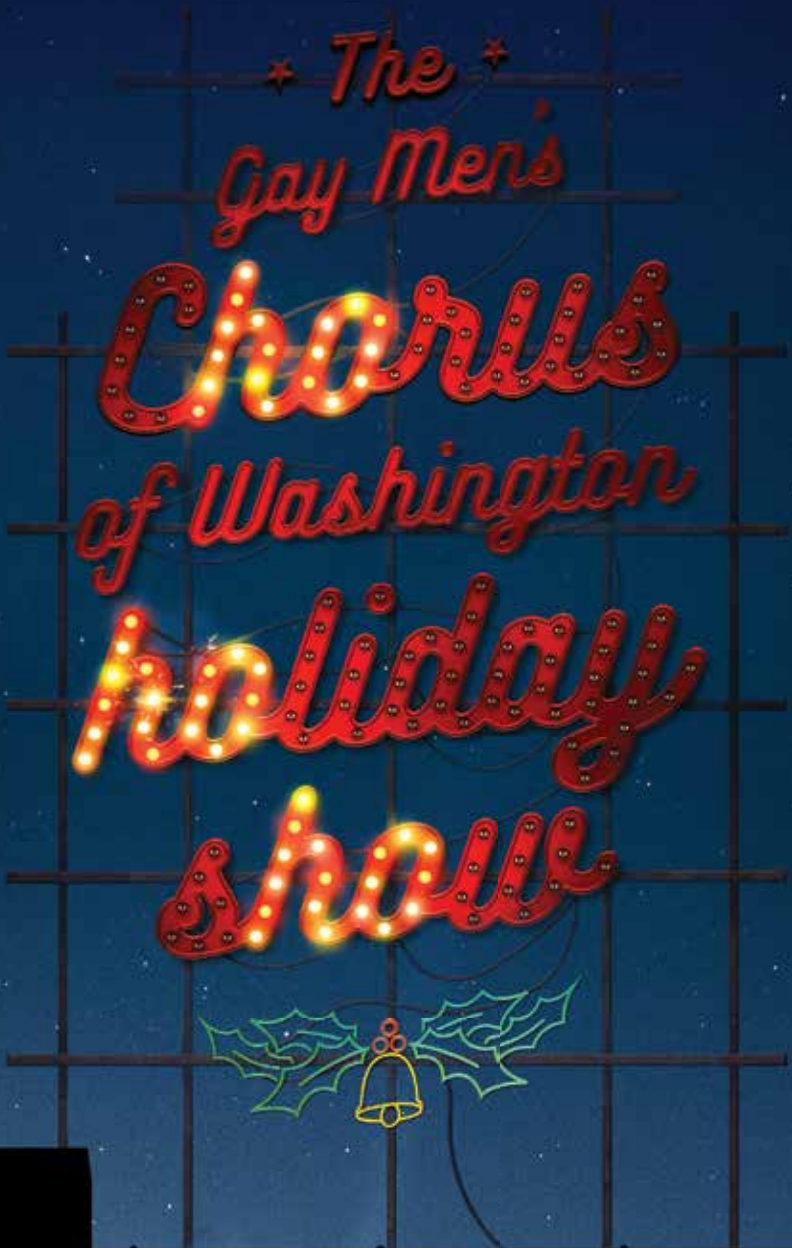
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Bass.....Mary Scott
Drums.....Adam Ashforth
Guitar.....Yoshiyuki Nishio
Cello.....Tommie Adams, Jr.

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Production Manager.....Joe Vignali
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Stage Manager.....Caitlyn Fitzgerald
GenOUT Director.....C. Paul Heins
17th Street Dance Director.....Craig Cipollini
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ACT ONE

Elf with sign: Jay Gilliam

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Gloria Fanfare.....Jeffrey L. Ames

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Nutcracker Jingles.....Music and Lyrics by James Pierpont

Additional Music from THE NUTCRACKER SUITE by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Arranged by Chuck Bridwell

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The Christmas Song.....Music and Lyrics by Mel Tormé and
Robert Wells
Arranged by Mark Hayes

ROCK CREEK SINGERS

Ríu, Ríu, Chíu.....Traditional Carol
Arranged by Jim Leininger

All is Calm.....Lyrics by Joseph Mohr
Music by Franz Gruber
Arranged by C. Lyn VanNoy

GMCW

One Light.....Traditional Welsh Carol
Music based on "Tua Bethlem Dref"
Words and Arrangement by Evan Ramos

Christmas Angel.....Carolyn Hanney
Soloists: Robert T. Boaz, Shawn Morris, Alex Tyson

GMCW and 17TH STREET DANCE

Sleigh Ride.....Words by Mitchell Parish
Music by Leroy Anderson
Arranged by Hawley Ades

SEASONS OF LOVE

Mary, Did You Know.....Music and Lyrics by Mark Lowry
Arranged by Pentatonix

First Noel/It Is Well.....Music by Phillip Bliss
Soloists: Marcus Brown, Romm Gatongay, Lyrics by Horatio Spafforo
Tyler Niggel, Calvin Robinson Arranged by Jason Long
Jason Long, piano

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel.....15th Century French Processional
Soloist: Matthew Horton Arranged by Trevor Johnson and
Keith McKay Evans

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

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Gaudete! Christus Natus Est.....Anonymous (from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582)
Soloists: Guy Bosworth, Arranged by Kevin Robison
Gibson Haynes

POTOMAC FEVER

Carol of the Bells.....Peter Wihousky and Mykola Leontovich
Arranged by Doug Teel

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.....Traditional English Carol
Soloists: Robert T. Boaz, Arranged by McKay Crockett
Kevin Sweitzer, Cooper Westbrook

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Ocho Kandelikas.....Music and Lyrics by Flory Jagoda
Soloist: Brandon Steele Arranged by J.A. Kawarsky

GenOUT CHORUS

Shoulda Been A North Pole Elf.....Lyrics by Andy Beck and Brian Fisher
Music by Andy Beck
Mid-Winter.....Words by Christina Rosetti
Music by Bob Chilcott

GMCW and 17TH STREET DANCE

Favorite One.....Cy Coleman
Special Guest: Brian Reck (Dec 16 8pm)

The Reindeer Tango.....Eric Lane Barnes
Dasher: Iván Dávila
Blitzen: Alon Mazor
Donner: Erich Sommerfeldt

GMCW and GenOUT CHORUS

Imagine Christmas.....Ted Arthur
Soloist: Will Hernandez

THERE WILL BE ONE FIFTEEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION



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Robert T. Boaz
Jay Gilliam
Jim Gruschus
Gibson Haynes

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Paul Nicholson
A.J. Rawls

Michael B. Smith
Jeb Stenhouse
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Tim Gillham
Rob Hall

Andrew Harmon
Mark Hegedus
Kyle Holland
George Huffman
Paul Kelsch
James Madigan
Kevin Morris
James Murphy
Patrick Nelson
Joshua Peterson
Larry Poole

Jack Reiffer
James T. Rhodes
Raymond Bradley Rinaldo
Calvin Robinson
Sean Robinson
Craig Ruskin
David Shotwell
Lonny Smith
C. Lyn VanNoy
Matthew Williamson

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Marcus Brown
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Adrian Gillem
Joseph Jozlin

Nick Lawton
Jason Long
Jay Michal
Tyler Niggel
Matthew Ong

Jon Perry
Thomas Reiker
Calvin Robinson
Lamar Smith
Cooper Westbrook

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Paul Breakiron
Sean Cator
Joshua Chambers
Craig Cipollini
Iván Dávila

James Ellzy
Will Hernandez
Jeffrey Hollands
Jaremy Hill
Aaron Jackson

Alon Mazor
Michael McGovern
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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, Eglise 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.



Frank D. Shutts II, Stage Director

Frank is thrilled to be working with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC again. A native of northern Virginia, his interest in theater began at an early age and was shaped by his mentor, Dorthie R. Kogelman. A member of the Educational Theater Association, Frank has directed over 60 productions on the educational, community, and professional levels. Some of his favorites include *Forever Plaid*, *Falsettoland*, *Cabaret*, *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, *The Full Monty*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Avenue Q*, *In the Heights*, and *The History Boys*. Frank is a long-serving board member of The Little Theatre of Alexandria where he served as president for many years. Although they have been together for 36 years, Frank married his high-school sweetheart, Myke, three years

ago this month. An English major with a concentration in dramatic literature, Frank is a major Bardolator! "*Totus mundus agit histrionem.*" Frank directed GMCW's production of *And The Tony Goes To...* in June 2017.



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), 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 in January 2015 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 mission is to give a voice to young LGBTQ+ people and their allies, and to connect that voice to the community. In 2016, the GenOUT Chorus was featured at the Kennedy Center, the White House, and at the 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*.





Craig Cipollini, Choreographer & 17th Street Dance Director

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 Cowboys 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.

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 and Best Choreography. He directed and choreographed 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), *Seven Divas*, *A Gay Man's Guide to Broadway*, 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 director of marketing for GMCW.



Joshua Chambers, Choreographer

Joshua Chambers first joined GMCW as a dancer for our production of *When You Wish* in 2015 where he was finally given the opportunity to perform as a mermaid. His choreographic work can also be seen showcased with the Congressional Chorus of Washington, DC. Josh received his BFA in Dance Education from Shenandoah University in 2007 and quickly joined Regent Seven Seas Cruises as a dancer and dance captain aboard one of their ships. Josh toured with the Shenandoah Dance Ensemble in Taiwan, opened his own adult dance and fitness studio, and currently serves as a counselor in Fairfax County.



James Elzy, II, Choreographer

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. He directed the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego's full productions 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.



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 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 Christ Church Parish Kensington (Episcopal), 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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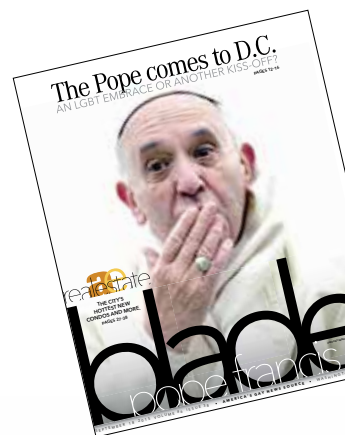
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