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CHORUS**  
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# The Holiday Show



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We hope that the joy and love we share with you will permeate and stick with you. We encourage you to spread these positive feelings far and wide, throughout the rest of this year and all of the next.

With best wishes for the finest of holidays seasons and success in the year to come,



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# The Holiday Show

## Production Staff

Production Manager.....Chipper Dean  
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and John U. Robinson  
Stage Manager.....Solomon HaileSelassie  
Stage Directors.....Thea Kano and Betsy Libretta  
GenOUT Director.....C. Paul Heins  
Seasons of Love Director.....Greg Watkins  
17th Street Dance Director.....Craig Cipollini  
Choreographers.....Craig Cipollini and James Ellzy  
Dance Captain.....James Ellzy  
Chorus Wrangler.....John U. Robinson  
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Sound Designer.....Mark Klein  
Costume Designer.....Gary Turner  
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Property Master.....John U. Robinson  
Set Designers.....Bryan Adams and Pradipta Banerjee  
Set Construction.....GMCW Members  
Production Crew Chiefs.....Tigger Schwanke and Bernard Vicary  
Stage Crew.....Chris Asaro, Jerry Blackmon,  
Michael Cunningham, and Kris Muench  
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Archival Video.....Steve Herman  
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ASL Interpreter.....Jamie Sycamore

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Piano.....Theodore Guerrant  
Bass.....Mary Scott  
Drums.....Don Johns

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## The Holiday Show

### ACT ONE

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

Christmas, A Gift of Love For All.....Ronald W. Cadmus, Jeffrey R. Smith  
Soloists: Michael Aylward, Michael and Robert S. Cohen  
Hammerstrom, Will Hernandez

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC and 17th STREET DANCE

Jingle Bells.....James L. Pierpont  
Arranged by Philip Lawson

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

What Child is This?.....William Chatterton Dix  
Cello: Tommie Adams Setting by Kathy Clark  
Soloist: Ben Harris

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC and 17th STREET DANCE

Dak II Tas.....Traditional Judaeo-Spanish Chanukah Melody  
Arranged by Ira Rogers

#### ROCK CREEK SINGERS

I Wonder As I Wander.....Appalachian Folk Carol  
Setting by Kathy Clark

#### GenOUT CHORUS

The Holly and the Ivy.....18th Century English Carol  
Arranged and Adapted by Kirby Shaw  
Streets of Snow.....Poetry by Sara Teasdale  
Flute: Lily Matthews Setting by Franklin Gallo

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

Silver Bears.....Jay Livingston and Ray Evans  
Parody Text by Robert Groves  
Arranged by Pax Ressler

#### POTOMAC FEVER

Silent Night.....Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber  
Soloist: Kevin Thomason Arranged by Patrick Rose  
12 Days of Christmas/Africa.....Arranged by Richard Gregory and Ken Purchase

Speakers: William Boyle; Charles Butler, Neto; Michael Dumlao; John "Tigger" Schwanke;  
Mario Sengco; Bernard Vicary

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

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.....B. Backer, B. Davis, R. Cook and R. Greenaway  
Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

**INTERMISSION**

**ACT TWO**

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

Ad Amore.....Lee R. Kessleman  
Text by Dante Alighieri  
The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights).....Stephen Schwartz and Steve Young  
Soloist: William Boyle Arranged by Mac Huff

Speaker: Romm Gatongay

I'll Be Home For Christmas.....Walter Kent and Kim Gannon  
Arranged by Mark Hayes

**GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC and 17th STREET DANCE**

Favorite One.....Cy Coleman  
Guest Elf: Eve Hill (December 15 8pm)

**SEASONS OF LOVE**

Mary Sat a-Rockin'.....Greg Gilpin  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....Felix Mendelssohn  
Text by Charles Wesley  
Arranged by Michael McElroy

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

Am I Welcome Here?.....Eric Lane Barnes  
Soloist: Adrián González  
Spanish Translation: Ben Aparicio-Coto and Adrián González  
There is No Mrs. Santa Claus.....Michael Dansicker  
Soloist: Raymond Bradley Rinaldo

**GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC and 17th STREET DANCE**

Puttin' on the Holiday Drag.....Steve Huffines  
Soloist: Michael Dumlaio

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

The Work of the Holidays Begins.....Steve Huffines  
Text by Howard Thurman



# GMCW ENSEMBLES



## Potomac Fever

Mike Allen  
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Peter Cheney  
Jay Gilliam  
Jim Gruschus  
Gibson Haynes

Matt Holland  
Jonathan Jones  
Paul Negron  
Paul Nicholsen  
Michael B. Smith

Jeb Stenhouse  
Kevin Sweitzer  
Kevin Thomason  
Cooper Westbrook  
Josh Wolf

## Rock Creek Singers

Michael Aylward  
Billy Barry  
Eric Belkengren  
Jarrod Bennett  
Richard Bennett  
Javon Byam  
Jonathan Chaffin  
Ethan Chiang  
Robert Dean  
Bob Dragoset  
Rob Finn  
Rob Hall

Andrew Harmon  
Mark Hegedus  
Kyle Holland  
George Huffman  
Michael Hughes  
John Jowers  
Paul Kelsch  
James Madigan  
Joal Martin  
Kevin Morris  
James Murphy  
Patrick Nelson

Joshua Peterson  
Larry Poole  
Jack Reiffer  
Raymond Bradley Rinaldo  
Sean Robinson  
Craig Ruskin  
Lonny Smith  
Lyn VanNoy  
Aaron Ware  
Brian Watts  
Joseph Wenninger

## Seasons of Love

Tommie Adams, Jr.  
Ben Aparicio-Coto  
Marcus Brown  
Matthew Horton  
Joseph Jozlin

Nick Lawton  
Joseph Levin-Manning  
Keygan Miller  
Shawn Morris  
Tyler Niggel

Thomas Reiker  
Raymond Bradley Rinaldo  
Calvin Robinson  
Lamar Smith  
Cooper Westbrook

## GenOUT Chorus

Brennan Connell  
Quincy DuBois  
Amélie Gerber  
GG Guajardo  
Maggie Hacker  
Dylan Kleiman  
Luke Maddox

India Matthews  
Lily Matthews  
Matthew Neri  
Gabriel Morrison  
Jack Newman  
Elliot Oppenheim  
Molly Parker

Chris Pisinski  
Kat Rowe  
Emma Schmiedigen  
Gidget Shirley  
Destiny Smith  
Ryan Swayze

## 17th Street Dance

Sean Cator  
Peelee Clark  
Craig Cipollini  
Iván Dávila  
James Elzy

Will Hernandez  
Jeffrey Hollands  
Jeremy Hill  
Aaron Jackson

Michael McGovern  
Brian Jon Moran  
Brandon Steele  
Matthew Williamson

## Additional Dancers

Paul Breakiron

Erich Sommerfeldt





Potomac Fever



Rock Creek Singers

Seasons of Love



17th Street Dance



GenOUT Chorus



# TRANSLATIONS

## DAK IL TAS

*Beat the plate, take the plate  
The little girls play  
On the Shabbat of Chanukah,  
To kindle the light of Chanukah.*

*The chicken in the kitchen,  
Give it to the neighbor to taste  
So that it will be medicine.  
On the Shabbat of Chanukah,  
To kindle the light of Chanukah.*

*Put the meat in the oven,  
We will play a good santur  
On the Shabbat of Chanukah,  
Eight days of Chanukah,  
To kindle the light of Chanukah.*

*The wine of the evening meal  
Is very much to my taste  
To drink at Chanukah,  
Eight days of Chanukah,  
To kindle the light of Chanukah.*

## AD AMORE

*That infinite and ineffable  
Good which is on high  
Runs to love even as  
The sunbeam comes to a lucid body.*

## AM I WELCOME HERE?

*It's midnight on Christmas Eve.  
The dark sparkles with snow.  
I'm walking home the long way  
Through streets I don't know.  
I'm thinking of the church I loved  
So many years ago.  
And as I walk, I start to sing*

*Noel, noel, noel.  
I sing to bless the newborn king:  
Noel, noel, noel.  
Can you hear me, God?  
Sometimes I can't tell.  
This is all I have to bring:  
Noel, noel, noel.*

*I crest a hill, I stop to rest.  
I see a church below.  
The doors are hung with holly.  
The stained-glass windows glow.  
If I enter through those doors  
Will I be told to go?  
I listen, and I heard them sing  
Noel, noel, noel.  
They sing to bless the newborn king:  
Noel, noel, noel.  
Can you hear them, God?  
Can you hear me as well?  
This is all I have to bring:  
Noel, noel, noel.*

*I'm standing at the church door,  
But no, I'd better leave.  
I should find another way  
To spend Christmas Eve.  
But then the doors fly open.  
I can hardly believe.  
Come inside and help us sing  
Noel, noel, noel.  
We sing to bless the newborn king.  
Noel, noel, noel.  
You belong to God,  
God belongs to you as well.  
Your heart is all you need to bring.  
Noel, noel, noel.*

*My heart is all I need to bring.  
Noel, noel, noel.*

# PERFORMERS

## Silver Bears

Tom Augustin  
Jarrod Bennett  
Paul Breakiron  
Marcus Brown  
Joe Burton  
Charles Butler, Neto  
Scott Concilla  
James Dryburgh

Paul George  
Jim Gruschus  
Andrew Harmon  
Howland Hartley  
John Knapp  
Bill Robinson  
Sean Robinson

Craig Ruskin  
Michael Toth  
James Turner  
Bernard Vicary  
Brian Walthers  
Jim Weinstein  
James Williams

## "Puttin' On The Holiday Drag" Queens

Fancy Butler  
Michael Dumlao  
Matt Holland

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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 20 singers representing 14 schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Over the past three years, more than 70 students from over 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.

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*.



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

Now in his 36th 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 recordings.

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 Buriton, 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.



# WHO'S WHO



## Greg Watkins, Seasons of Love Director

Greg is a born and bred Washingtonian and well-respected singer, pianist, musical director, composer and arranger, actor, voice talent, and entertainer. He is a graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Howard University (B.M. Music Education), and a former graduate student of Catholic University. For 11 years, Greg has served as musical director and primary musical theater instructor of The Performing Arts Training Studio's Children's Theatre Workshop. He taught musical theater as well as choral and general music at Friendship Collegiate Academy, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Takoma Academy, and Alice Deal Middle School. Greg currently serves as artistic director of The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir and minister of music at the Dayspring Community Church.

Greg is the recipient of the 2008 ASCAP Foundation/Cherry Lane Foundation/Music Alive Award in honor of Dr. Quincy Jones. He is also the recipient of the 2015 Coalition for African-Americans in the Performing Arts' Emerging Artist Award.

Greg has appeared in several operas including *The Lyrics of Sunshine and Shadows*. He has appeared as an actor in the WSC Avant Bard's productions of *The Gospel at Colonus* and *King Lear*. Other credits include Theater Alliance (*Black Nativity*); Stanford in Washington (*Blues for a Royal Flush*); Arts Centric (*Sister Act*); Toby's Dinner Theatre (*Dreamgirls*); Workhouse Arts Center (*Rock of Ages*); Delaware Theatre Company (*Crowns*); Harrison & Berg (*Soul Harmony*); Anacostia Playhouse (*Happy Ending*); and Constellation Theatre Company (*Aida*.) His talents as a singer and pianist have taken him from the White House and the Kennedy Center, to international soil: Germany, Russia, Italy, China, Antigua and Barbuda, and Colombia.



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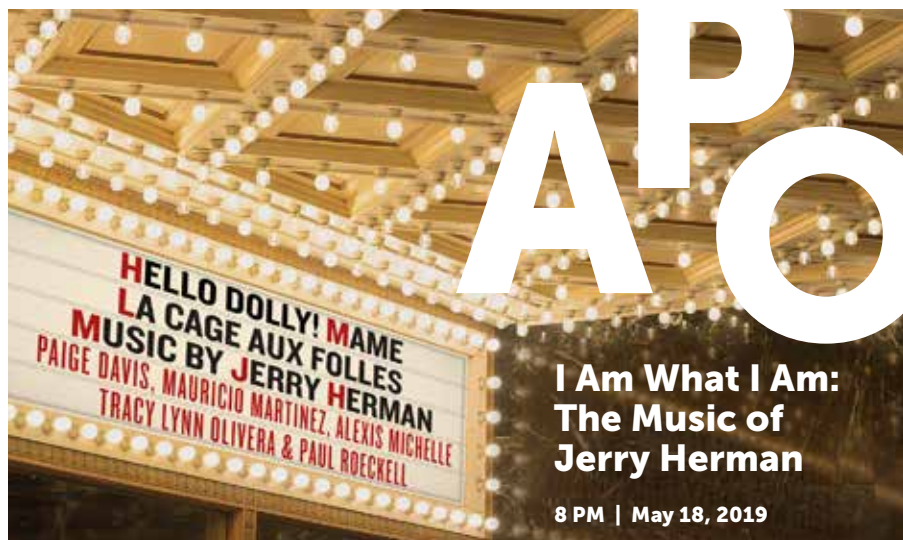
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For further information about GMCW's Ovation Society or if you are interested in learning more about the many ways you can include GMCW in your plans, please contact Executive Director Justin Fyala at 202-293-1548 or [jfyala@gmcw.org](mailto:jfyala@gmcw.org).

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