



# GAY MEN'S CHORUS

OF WASHINGTON DC



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**Friday, March 14, 8pm**

**Saturday, March 15, 8pm**

**Sunday, March 16, 3pm**

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Chase Maggiano  
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Buhrman".

Jeff Buhrman  
Artistic Director



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## Artistic Staff

Associate Music Director.....	Thea Kano
Stage Director/Choreographer.....	James Elzy
Dance Captain.....	Craig Cipollini
Principal Accompanist.....	Theodore Guarrant
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Alex Tang
Vocal Coach Emeritus.....	Philip Rogerson
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Artistic Interpreters.....	David Bruce, Jay Penuel

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Costume Design.....	Nicolas Baker, Emerito Amaro-Carambot
Properties.....	Christopher Grieder, Stuart Kopperman
Makeup Design.....	Emerito Amaro-Carambot
Set Construction.....	Chris Asaro, Ron Norberg, Bernard Vicary, Joel Wallace, Dennis Williams, Jim Williams
Stage Crew.....	Chris Asaro, Corey Bent, Jerry Blackmon, Michael Cunningham, Robert Joppa, Mark Klein
House Manager.....	Bob Klein
Ushers.....	Burgundy Crescent Volunteers
Archival Video.....	Steve Herman

# CAST LIST

(in order of appearance)

Mother Abbess.....	Montario Hill
Sister Agatha.....	Ray Jay Garcia
Sister Bernice.....	Justin Bank
Sister Berthe.....	Bill Cutter
Sister Margaretta.....	Michelangelo Longaro
Sister Giuletta.....	L. Owen Taggart
Sister Catherine.....	Greg Plavcan
Sister Sophia.....	Rick Yarborough
Maria.....	Cooper Westbrook
Captain Von Trapp.....	Lonny Smith
Liesl.....	James Stillwell
Freidrich.....	Joel Wallace
Louisa.....	Mitch Menchaca
Brigitta.....	Mario Sengco
Kurt.....	Stuart Goldstone
Marta.....	Sidney Jonathan Jowers
Gretl.....	Marcus Brown
Four Delivery Boys.....	Michael "Cabbie" Caban, Alon Mazor L. Owen Taggart, Rick Yarborough
Max.....	John O'Brien
Baroness.....	Christopher Harris
Driver.....	Bill Cutter
Dancers.....	Michael "Cabbie" Caban, Iván Dávila Harron Ellosso, Ray Jay Garcia, Alon Mazor, Clint Novotny, L. Owen Taggart, Rick Yarborough

## Chorus:

Tim Agar	Chipper Dean	Chris Johnson	Rob Serpa
Robb Agnello	Robby Dean	Jonathan Jones	Tim Smith
Ralph Alston	Richard Dew	John Jowers	Jeb Stenhouse
Jay Ball	Jorge Docabo	Brett Kesler	Alex Surles
Eric Balthrop	KC Fonzi	Matt Komornik	Derek Swick
Eric Belkengren	Alex Ford	Don McArthur	Warren Turner
Mark Blaylock	Brett Fox	Derek Orr	Bernard Vicary
Tom Boeke	Bill Fuches	Dan Patton	Aaron Wallace
Michael Brinkman	Michael Gottlieb	Todd Paul	Bryce Weems
Charles Butler, Neto	Jim Gruschus	Michael Price	Dennis Williams
Fancy P. Butler	Ira Haber	Jack Reiffer	Mark Williams
Joe Canter	Andrew Harmon	Jerry Rigdon	
Kurtis Carter	DJ Harney	Bill Robinson	
Don Chandler	Howland Hartley	Jami Rodgers	
Larry Cohen	Sammy Hendrick	JR Russ	
Paul Colloton	Will Hernandez	John Santell	
Skip Concilla	Ken Hewitt	Justin Sawyers	

# PROGRAM

## ACT ONE

Morning Hymn/Alleluia.....Mother Abbess, Sisters and Chorus  
The Sound of Music.....Maria  
How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?.....Mother Abbess, Sisters and Chorus  
I Have Confidence.....Maria, Chorus and Dancers  
My Favorite Things.....Maria, Children, Chorus  
Sixteen Going on Seventeen.....Liesl and 4 Boys  
Do Re Mi.....Maria, Children and Chorus

## INTERMISSION

## ACT TWO

Do Re Mi/ABC.....Children, Dancers and Chorus  
No Way to Stop It.....Baroness, Max, Captain  
The Sound of Music (reprise).....Maria, Children, Captain  
Something Good.....Captain, Maria, Chorus  
The Lonely Goatherd.....Chorus and Dancers  
Edelweiss.....Captain, Maria, Children and Chorus  
So Long, Farewell.....Children and Chorus  
Climb Every Mountain/You'll Never Walk Alone.....Full Cast

## MUSICIANS:

Piano: Alex Tang

Synthesizer:

Guitar:

Bass:

Percussion:





## WHO'S WHO



### Chase Maggiano, Executive Director

This is Chase's first season as executive director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, and he brings a combination of corporate, performance and arts management experience. Chase comes to GMCW from the Washington Performing Arts Society 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.



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## Jeff Buhrman, Artistic Director

This is Jeff Buhrman's 14th season as artistic director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington. Under his leadership, GMCW has become recognized as one of the finest and most prominent men's choruses in the country, with more than 250 singing members and a reputation for musical diversity and innovation. From classical music to newly commissioned works to fully-staged productions of Broadway shows, GMCW is a leader in the LGBT choral movement; Jeff is a member of the board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses).

During Jeff's tenure GMCW has received many honors. In January 2009, the Chorus was selected to sing "America" at *We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration* on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

In December 2010, the Chorus performed with Angela Lansbury, Carol Channing and Chita Rivera at the Kennedy Center Honors tribute to Broadway composer Jerry Herman. In December 2002, the Chorus was featured at the Kennedy Center Honors tribute to Elizabeth Taylor. Under Jeff's direction the Chorus's small outreach ensemble, Potomac Fever, performed for President and Mrs. Obama at the White House in 2012 and has entertained on five occasions at the home of Vice-President and Dr. Biden. Last week Jeff directed singers from Potomac Fever and Rock Creek Singers in a performance as part of the White House holiday tour.

Jeff has led the Chorus in recording nine compact discs, including three original commissions: *Alexander's House*, *Songs of My Family* and *Changing Hearts*. Under Jeff's leadership the Chorus has won five WAMMIE awards from the Washington Area Music Association including the 2013 Outstanding Choral Recording for *Alexander's House*. Other WAMMIES include awards for Best Choral Group in 2003, 2005 and 2010. GMCW's 20th anniversary CD, *I Dream of a Time*, won the 2002 WAMMIE award for outstanding choral recording. GMCW's latest commission *Alexander's House* was performed by the Miami Gay Men's Chorus last June, and will have performances by gay choruses in Boston, Dallas and Columbus in 2014.

Jeff joined GMCW as a singing member in 1986. Two years later he began directing Potomac Fever, a job he held for the next 10 seasons, culminating in a European tour during which Potomac Fever sang at the opening ceremonies of Various Voices, the European LGBT choral festival in Munich. He resumed directing Potomac Fever in 2003. Under Jeff's direction, Potomac Fever has attained a wide following with its distinctive style, characterized by fluid phrasing and warmth of tone. In July, 2014 Potomac Fever and Rock Creek Singers will perform at the 2014 Various Voices choral festival in Dublin.

In 1989 Jeff began an eight-year run as assistant director of the Chorus, working with Music Director Jim Holloway. Jeff had the honor of directing GMCW at an inauguration concert for President Clinton in 1997. Jeff also directed the festival chorus at the first World Outgames in 2006 in Montreal.

Having worked with high school students as a choral director and school counselor for many years, Jeff is most proud of founding GMCW's youth outreach program in 2002, which has grown significantly and is now known as GenOUT. Through GenOUT, the Chorus visits area high schools and provides free concert tickets to LGBTQ youth, their parents, teachers and friends.

Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and voice from Montclair State University and a Master of Arts in counseling from The George Washington University. He has performed with such preeminent choral conductors as Robert Shaw, Roger Wagner, David Randolph and Dennis Keene. Jeff's greatest pleasure is sharing his life with his wonderful husband, Roger, and their mini-dachshund, Mocha.

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## **Thea Kano, Associate Music 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.

In 2005 Dr. Kano founded the New York City Master Chorale and has served as artistic director since its inception. The 60-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).

In addition to her work with the New York City Master Chorale, Dr. Kano has conducted an extensive range of repertoire with the Angeles Chorale, The Washington Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, for which she serves as associate music director and directs its acclaimed chamber ensemble, Rock Creek Singers. 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, Disney Hall, Église Saint-Sulpice (Paris) and on the National Mall for the 2009 inaugural ceremonies.

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 all sizes, as well as directing award-winning high school and collegiate choruses.

Dr. Kano received her doctorate in 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 Masters of Music degree from UCLA and a bachelors' 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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### **James Elzy II, Director and 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. 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. Having choreographed for GMCW several times in recent years, he is delighted to expand into directing with them as well. By day, James is an active duty family physician in the US Navy.



### **Craig Cipollini, Dance Captain**

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. 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 troupe, performing with the group all over the United States, in Toronto and in Budapest, Hungary. He performed with the group when they appeared on NBC-TV's *America's Got Talent*

where the group made the Top 40.

He 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. Craig has choreographed all major GMCW concerts for the past seven seasons. He also directed our productions of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *The Rocky Horror Show* and *Xanadu*, as well as *Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker*, *Divas*, *Seven* and *That '80s Show*. By day, Craig is the Director of Marketing for GMCW and recently completed his master's degree in arts management from George Mason University.

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## **Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist**

Now in his 31st 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 Jeff and Thea, 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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 Michael Aylward 2009 (RCS)  
 David Ayoroa 2011  
 Matt Beck 2011 (RCS)  
 Rick Bennett 2009 (RCS)  
 Joe Bloomer 1999  
 Thomas Boeke 2006 (SL)  
 Fancy P. Butler 2007  
 Charles Butler, Neto 1981  
 Phillip Carson 2006 (B)  
 Chad Clayton 2010  
 Christopher Council 2009  
 Stephen Crutchfield 1988  
 Bill Cutter 1998  
 Brian Day 2006  
 Richard Dew 2004  
 Kasey M. Dunton 2009  
 G. Alex Ford 1996  
 Ray Jay Garcia 2011  
 Jay R. Gilliam 2007 (PF)  
 Mark S. Hegedus 2008 (RCS)  
 Matt Holland 2009 (PF)  
 Nicandro Iannacci 2014  
 Brian Kip Jacobs 2006  
 Garrick T. Jordan 2013  
 Rick Knight 2009  
 Kirby Knight 2010  
 John J. Masters Jr. 2005  
 Kerry K. Neal, Esq. 2002  
 Soo Park 2007  
 Robert L. Patlán 2011 (RCS)  
 Dan Patton 1995  
 Gary Regan 1990  
 Jack Reiffer 1998 (SL, RCS)  
 Raymond Bradley Rinaldo 2011  
 Justin T. Ritchie 2010 (PF)  
 Bill Robinson 2011  
 Justin Sawyers 2013  
 Eric Selk 2014  
 Mario R. Sengco 2011  
 David Shotwell 2011 (B, RCS)  
 Jeb Stenhouse 2008 (PF)  
 David Streit 1988  
 Kevin Thomason 2010 (PF)  
 Kevin Webster 1993  
 James W. Williams 1991  
 Richard Yarborough 2009 (RCS)

## TENOR TWO

Brent Almond 2008  
 Nicolas Baker 2011  
 Jay Ball 2001

Eric F. Belkengren 2001 (RCS)  
 Yoni Bock 2007  
 Guy Bosworth 2012  
 Michael "Cabbie" Caban 2013  
 Geoffrey Carlson 2013  
 Kurtis M. Carter 2014  
 Jonathan Chaffin 2012  
 Scott A. Concilla 2010  
 Chris Costa 2008  
 Tony Cunningham 2002  
 Robby Dean 2012 (RCS)  
 John Fichtel 2010  
 Bill Fuchs 2007  
 Scott D. Garrett 2012  
 Curtis Gilbert 2012  
 Don Griesheimer 1999  
 Martin Haley 2004  
 Andrew Harmon 2002 (RCS)  
 Dwayne Harney 2014  
 Christopher D. Harris 2010  
 Mark Hennen 2004  
 Will Hernandez 2014  
 Montario Hill 2013 (PF)  
 David Hokey 2010  
 Kyle Holland 2008 (RCS)  
 Raymond Honeycutt 2011  
 Bill Hulseman 2012  
 David Jonas 2001  
 John Jowers 2008 (RCS)  
 Sidney Jonathan Jowers 2011  
 Matthew Kenney 2013  
 Kody Howard Kinsley 2013  
 Matt Komornik 1993  
 Casey Kreft 2012  
 Chad Justin Lang 2013  
 Scott Linder 2013  
 Kevin Loeffler 2007  
 Christopher Lyon 2009  
 James P. Madigan III 1991 (RCS)  
 Alon Mazor 2013  
 Donald McArthur 2006  
 Dean E. Miller 2013  
 Jake Miller 2014  
 Dana Nearing 2013  
 Dan Nguyen 2013  
 Paul Nonte 2013  
 John O'Brien 2004  
 Eric C. Peterson 2009 (RCS)  
 Brandon Quesnell 2009  
 Joseph Rendeiro 2011  
 Reg Richards 2003  
 Sean Robinson 2000 (RCS)  
 David G. Robinson 1988  
 Calvin Robinson 2010 (SL, RCS)  
 Ryan Robison 2008 (RCS)

Jami J. Rodgers 2013  
 Mark Rupp 2011  
 Jayson Scirratt 2011  
 Rob Serpa, Jr. 2006  
 Ken Skrzesz 2013  
 Tom Spinelli 2010  
 Jack Spirakes 2011  
 Matthew L. Swanson 2012  
 Kevin Sweitzer 2012 (PF)  
 Matthew Thompson 2010 (RCS)  
 Michael Toth 2004 (RCS)  
 Matt Townsend 2011  
 Mark Vernon 2010  
 Bernard Vicary 2013  
 Stuart Wales 2008  
 Aaron Z. Wallace 2012  
 Joel Wallace 2013  
 Bryce Weems 2002 (SL)  
 Cooper Westbrook 2013 (PF)  
 Mark Williams 2011  
 Ryan L. Williams 2004  
 Adam Winstanley 2013  
 Justin Zimmerman 2004

## BARITONE

Tim Agar 2010  
 Robert M. Agnello 2002 (SL)  
 Tim Allen 2003  
 Ralph Alston 2013  
 Emerito Amaro-Carambot 2006  
 David B. Baker 2013 (SL)  
 Justin Bank 2006  
 Corey Bent 2003  
 Joseph Berlin 2006  
 Robert T. Boaz 1997 (PF)  
 Bart Brooks 2013  
 Raymond Burditt 2008  
 Joe Canter 1994  
 Donald Chandler 1997  
 Cory Claussen 2008  
 Larry Cohen 1986  
 Paul Colloton 2006  
 Dan Couladis 2013  
 Chip Crews 1991  
 Iván Dávila 2009  
 Thom Dimmock 2013  
 Jorge Docabo 2013  
 Nick Duong 2013  
 Harron Elloso 2012  
 James Elzy, II 2011  
 Austin R. Faganel 2013  
 KC Fonzi 2013  
 James Gatliff 2013  
 Cliff Gilbert 2008  
 Stuart Goldstone 2001

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Michael Gottlieb 2010  
 Matthew Graf 2007  
 Christopher Grieder 1990 (PF)  
 Rob Hall 2002 (B, RCS)  
 Howland Hartley 2000 (B)  
 Rafael Heras 2009  
 Kenneth R. Hewitt 2012  
 Michael E. Hill 2003  
 Kendrick Hogan 2012  
 Terry Horner 2012  
 Alan Huddleston 2014  
 George Huffman 2000 (RCS)  
 Stephen Johnson 2013  
 David Karnick 2011  
 Paul Kelsch 2002 (RCS)  
 Brett Kessler 2014  
 Stuart Kopperman 1996 (B)  
 Sean Kullavanijaya 2008  
 Bill Lipsett 1991  
 Mark Mann 2004  
 David C. McAuley, Jr. 2013  
 Phil Melemed 2008  
 Mitch Menchaca 2010  
 Brad Miller 2012  
 Ralph Moore 2003  
 Charlie Mountain 2002  
 D'Arcee C. Neal 2012  
 Paul J. Negron 2014  
 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  
 Larry Poole 2005 (RCS)  
 Andrew Powaleny 2010  
 Artemio Rivera III 2012  
 James L. Roth 2013  
 Christopher J. Rowland 2012  
 Frank C. Salamone 2008  
 Bob Sheavly 1999  
 Derek J. Smith 2013  
 Michael B. Smith 1990 (PF)  
 Tim Smith 2006 (RCS)  
 Lonny Smith 2011 (RCS)  
 Carl Stewart 2010  
 James Stillwell 2013  
 Alex Surles 2012  
 Derek D. Swick 2013  
 L. Owen Taggart 2002  
 Mike Weber 2006  
 John Weibel 1985  
 Richard M. Weinberg 2009 (PF)  
 Steven Willis 2010

David Wilson 2010

## BASS

Eric Akridge 1995  
 Mike Allen 2010 (PF)  
 Benjamin Aparicio-Coto 2013  
 W. Eric Balthrop 1993  
 Jarrod Bennett 2009  
 R. Mark Blaylock 2002  
 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  
 Mitchell Galloway-Edgar 2013  
 Girard Griggs 2014  
 Jim Gruschus 1995 (PF)  
 Ira Haber 2008  
 John-Paul Hayworth 2005 (B)  
 Sammy Hendrick 2011  
 Michael Hughes 2002  
 Dennis Jaffe 1999  
 Christopher Johnson 2009  
 Jonathan L. Jones 2012 (PF)  
 Dan Kaufman 1990  
 N. Lee Klein 2013  
 Kelly Gordon Knappe 2010  
 John Laster 2006  
 Drew Leaser 2010  
 Joseph Lee 2012  
 Jerry Lee 1993  
 Michael John Longaro 2013  
 James Murphy 1988 (RCS)  
 Rob Neighbour 1993  
 Yoshiyuki Nishio 1999  
 Ron Norberg 2002  
 Edward P. Oseroff 2000 (RCS)  
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 Mark D. Uhen 2007 (SL)  
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 Dennis Williams 2004  
 Mike Witkop 2013

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 Kathy McGee 2000  
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 Tom Munteer 2004 (B)  
 Gene Robinson 2013 (B)  
 Laurence A. Rosen 1993  
 Shannon Rozner 2006  
 William Ed Senn 2012 (B)  
 Jason Sherlock 2011 (RCS)  
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**Justin Bank (Sister Bernice)** originally hails from Miami, Florida where he attended New World School for the Arts. He is proud to be a graduate of the Florida State University Musical Theater program. He has an MBA from Tennessee Technological University. Justin has been fortunate enough to travel extensively around the world performing. He was in the European Tour of *Evita* and has performed in revues and in his solo cabaret on many cruise ships. He has worked in many regional theaters. With the Chorus, he has performed in *Grease* (Johnny Casino) and *The Rocky Horror Show* (ensemble). Justin sends a special shout out to the students and staff from Robert E Lee High School's GLBTQ and Friends club, proud participants in GMCW's GenOUT program.



**Marcus Brown (Gretl)**, a native of Bennettsville, South Carolina, has resided in Washington, DC, for the past 20 years. He has been a member of GMCW for the last 10 of those years. During his tenure with GMCW, Marcus has served in various roles, including Chorus President, and he has been a featured performer in the Chorus's performances of *Showboys* and *A Gay Christmas Carol*. Most recently, he played Hermes in GMCW's production of *Xanadu*. By day, Marcus is a technical trainer for the U.S. Department of Education, specializing in Microsoft training and support.



**Michael "Cabbie" Caban (Dancer)** has performed in the Queens College productions of *Pajama Game*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Tenderland* and *Jeremy and the Thinking Machine* (a children's musical). Cabbie also worked with noted choreographers Jennifer Archibald, Edie Cowin, Byron Easley and Yin Mei Critchell. He also choreographs storytelling pieces inspired by the human experience. This is Cabbie's second year performing with GMCW. Cabbie teaches dance and theater classes for youth arts programs in DC, NY and Vermont and is an administrative assistant at the World Bank. He currently resides in Washington, DC.



**Bill Cutter (Sister Berthe)** is a proud native of the Detroit area who joined GMCW in 1998. His Chorus credits include *The Wizard of Oz* (Glinda, both 2002 and 2007), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Ursula), *America, the FABULOUS!* (Miss Route 66), *A Gay Christmas Carol* (Fred) and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Dr. Scott). When not terrifying audiences with his appalling lack of talent on stage, he is creative director at SmithGifford, an advertising and branding firm in Falls Church.

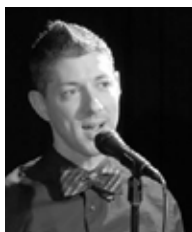
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**Harron Ellosa (Dancer)** was born in Manila, Philippines and joined the Chorus in 2012. Now residing in Virginia, he works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is pursuing a degree in accounting from George Mason University. Harron was featured as one of the dancers in *Sparkle*, *Jingle*, *Joy* and *Seven*. "This concert, to me, is a chance to showcase our artistic abilities. It is also to show everyone that we're not only here to entertain, but also to serve as a beacon of hope for anyone — young and old — to let them know that there is a place where everyone can feel at home."



**Ray Jay Garcia (Sister Agatha, Dancer)** started his dance (and singing) training in the late 1980s, schooled in the privacy of his bedroom, instructed by the programming of MTV, under the direction of Madonna, George Michael, Cyndi Lauper, Boys II Men, 'N SYNC, and the late Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston. At age 13, he joined a group of high schoolers to form a local dance crew called The Street Fighter (yes, same as the video game). Through college and medical school, he continued his training by going to various dance clubs on weekends.



**Stuart Goldstone (Kurt)** has been a proud member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC since 2001. In addition to many concerts, he has appeared on the GMCW stage in *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), *When Pigs Fly* (Jay) and *Xanadu* (Calliope). Outside the Chorus, credits include *Pageant* (Miss Bible Belt), *Falsettos* (Dr. Mendel) and *Assassins* (Charles Guiteau). In "real life", Stu is an oncology nurse.



**Christopher David Harris (Baroness)** is originally from Poquoson, Virginia, and has been a member of GMCW since 2010. Since returning to the stage after eight years in the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants, Chris has appeared in *Les Misérables* (Grantaire), *The Full Monty* (Dave), *Sweeney Todd* (Beadle), in GMCW's production of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Doatsy Mae) and his WATCH Award-winning turn as Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray*. Most recently he was featured as the February 2014 artist-in-residence for the acclaimed LaTiDo Cabaret at the Black Fox Lounge.



**Montario Hill (Mother Abbess)** has recently toured with national recording artist, Ball In The House, and just released a CD titled *Mandate* with Vox Pop. He has performed in shows such as *Ragtime* (Booker T. Washington), *Dreamgirls* (Tiny Joe Dixon/Frank), *Smokey Joe's Café* (Victor), *The Producers* (Ensemble), *The Secret Garden* (Fakir), *Rent* (Tom Collins), *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* (George), *Godspell* (Herb), *Lust 'n Rust* (Red), *Pirates Of Penzance* (Frederic), *Oliver!* (Mister Bumble), *Little Shop Of Horrors* (Audrey II), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Maude), *Grease* (Teen Angel) and *Into The Woods* (Wolf).

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**Sidney Jonathan Jowers (Marta)** has been involved with GMCW since the concert *Let's Hear It for the Boys* in February of 2011. Since then he has participated in many GMCW functions and concerts. His most recent performance was for last year's Pride concert where he sang "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" portraying Marilyn Monroe. Other productions include *Anything Goes* (Billy), *Sleeping Beauty* (Prince Alexander) and *Grease* (Eugene). In November, Sidney married the love of his life, fellow Chorus member John Jowers.



**Michelangelo Langaro (Sister Margaretta)** is overjoyed to have been cast as Sister Margaretta in GCMW's production of *Von Trapped*. This is Michael's first musical production with the Chorus since joining in August of last year. In the past Michael has had roles in *Guys and Dolls* (Sky Masterson), *Ragtime* (Tateh) and *Carousel* (Mr. Snow). Michael would like to thank Jeff, James and his fellow "sisters" for making this show such a collaborative and fantastic experience.



**Alon Mazor (Dancer)** is a West Coast transplant enjoying his first year with GMCW. He has been dancing since he was little but took his first real lesson while at the University of California, Berkeley where he studied dance and performance studies. He has been involved in music and musical theater his whole life from playing in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Harvey Johnson), to playing trumpet in marching band in high school, to being a founding member of his Jewish a cappella group in college. He is excited to be back on stage.



**Mitch Menchaca (Louisa)** is originally from Phoenix, Arizona and his past credits include roles in Suzan Lori Parks's *Venus* and Ruben Amavizca's *The Women of Juarez*. For GMCW, he has appeared in *Seven* (emcee), *Xanadu* (Thetis) and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Narrator). He is a Classics in Context panelist for the Shakespeare Theatre Company, discussing recent productions of *Coriolanus*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Julius Caesar*. Mitch is the chief operating officer for Chorus America, the national service organization for the choral field.



**Clint Novotny (Dancer)** is a Jersey boy who loves performing on stage. Favorite roles include *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevye), *Into the Woods* (Wolf), *Noises Off* (Gary/Roger) and *Singin' in the Rain* (Don Lockwood). With GMCW, he has appeared in *Grease* (Kenickie), *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Angel), as well as a dancer and singer in various other shows. When not singing, dancing or playing the piano, he is a research engineer at NIST.

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**John O'Brien (Max)** lives in Baltimore and has been a member of GMCW since 2004. He has served as a “buddy” to new members, a section leader, Vice President of Membership and President. His credits include *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd), *The Sound of Music* (Captain Von Trapp), *9 to 5* (Franklin Hart) and *Baby* (Nick). John is an assistant principal at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology in Towson, MD.



**Gregory Plavcan (Sister Catherine)** is originally from the great garden state of New Jersey. Greg has been singing since the age of 10, participating in jazz choirs, show choir, gospel choir, musicals, and has directed and designed sets for his college student musical theater organization at Villanova University. His credits include *Into the Woods* (Cinderella's Father), *A Chorus Line* (Paul) and in *Once on This Island* (Agwe). Greg is a sustainability specialist at Gensler, an architecture and design firm located in Washington, DC.



**Mario Sengco (Brigitta)** started playing the piano at the age of four, whether he wanted to or not (Thanks, Mom!). He has been an accompanist, church choir director and founder of several music groups. Mario also sings with the Choral Arts Society of Washington and a local chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Recent stage credits include *Amadeus* and *The Three Sisters* (Southampton Players), and *Guys and Dolls* (Annapolis Chorale). He is also a marine biologist and oceanographer working at the Environmental Protection Agency.



**Lonny Smith (Captain Von Trapp)** has sung with GMCW since 2011, performing in the Home Cooked Cabaret and the Rock Creek Singers. He is originally from Brainerd, Minnesota, and has lived in the Washington area for 12 years. As a cabaret singer and actor, he has performed locally at Germano's, Sotta Sopra, the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, the Kennedy Center, Signature Theatre, MetroStage, the DC Arts Club and as part of the Washington Fringe Festival. He graduated from Carleton College and received a master's degree in theater research from the University of Wisconsin — Madison.



**James Stillwell (Liesl)** joined the Chorus last year and is thrilled to part of a group that connects to the community and the world through the power of song. He works by day as an adjunct professor and program coordinator for undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy. His past roles include performing in *The Goddess Diaries* as part of last year's Capital Fringe Festival, and *Six Degrees of Separation* (Hustler/Detective/Doorman) and *My Fair Lady* (ensemble) at Harvard University.

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**L. Owen Taggart (Sister Giuletta, Dancer)** is originally from Charlottesville, VA and has a degree in musical theater from Birmingham-Southern College. He's been singing with GMCW since 2002, which has given him the opportunity to play in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Kim MacAfee), *Oliver Button Is a Sissy* (Oliver Button) and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Snoopy). He has also sung in seven cabarets and performed numerous concert solos. When not performing with the Chorus, he is studying to become a physician assistant.



**Joel Wallace (Friederich)** is excited to be in his first GMCW production. Past roles include *Once Upon A Mattress* (Jester), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Motel) and ensemble in *Guys and Dolls*, *The Sound of Music*, *Oliver!* and *Grease*. Joel is a native of Syracuse and moved to DC last year after spending 12 years in South Florida. He says, "Thanks to my family, friends and Consuela."



**Cooper Westbrook (Maria)** is a recent transplant to the area, and has climbed every mountain to get to GMCW, including getting a BFA in media and performing arts from SCAD. A few of his favorite past productions include *A New Brain*, *Hair*, *Carousel* and, of course, GMCW's holiday concert. Cooper also sings with GMCW's *a cappella* small ensemble, Potomac Fever. He wishes to thank Jeff Burhman for giving him the opportunity of Maria and for helping him find his voice again.



**Rick Yarborough (Sister Sophia, Dancer)** started singing in church at the age of 10, and has had music in his life ever since. He's been a member of GMCW since 2009. He also sings with the Rock Creek Singers and dances with the Chorus. Rick has played a number of roles in GMCW productions including *Grease* (Sonny), *Alexander's House* (Father), *Snow White and 175 Faeries* (Pushy Dwarf) and *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (ensemble).

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# QUIZ

How many can you guess correctly?



1. This guest headlined our 2010 concert *Divas* impersonating Marilyn Monroe (among others). Can you name him?



2. What was the name of our February 2013 concert that featured a live marriage ceremony on stage?



3. GMCW has performed *A Pink Nutcracker* two times. Can you name the years?



4. Name the song pictured here from our 2011 musical *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*.



5. What was the name of the 2011 commission GMCW performed about families and forgiveness?



6. What is the name of the first song Dr. Frank N. Furter sings, depicted here in our 2012 musical, *The Rocky Horror Show*?



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From the great body of Broadway and other stage musicals, GMCW has performed a variety of favorites, including *The Pirates of Penzance* (March 1998), *Bye, Bye, Birdie* (March 2004), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, (2004, 2005), *Grease* (March 2010), *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (March 2011), Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show* (March 2012), and *Xanadu* (March 2013). For more information about GMCW history and the GMCW Historical Society, contact us at [history@gmcw.org](mailto:history@gmcw.org).



### Pictured:

Top: *Grease* (2010)  
Bottom (clockwise from upper left): *Pirates of Penzance* (1998), *Wizard of Oz* (2007), Program Season 1989-1990, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (2011)



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## 1991

Fred Boykin  
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Steve Herman  
Jim Holloway  
Steve Maddox\*  
Dr. Jim Richardson  
Ron Sabacek  
B. J. Sobus  
Bruce Trinkley  
Everett Waldo  
Bob Wonneberger  
Michael Ziskind

## 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

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Roger Bergstrom  
Dick Dorr  
Dennis Swick\*

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Jack Gerard  
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Michael Milano  
Gary Regan

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Kevin Doss  
Robb Rexroth  
Larry Rosen

## 1999

Jerry Carpenter  
Bob Dragoset  
Thom Gibb

## 2000

Christopher Grieder  
Gary Turner  
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Marvin Weeks

## 2001

Joe Cannon  
Teddy Guerrant  
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## 2002

Carl Baldwin  
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Michael Cunningham  
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## 2003

Tom DiGiovanni  
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## 2004

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## 2005

Jeff Van Luyn  
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## 2006

David Bielenberg  
Joe Canter  
Bill Cutter  
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## 2007

Russ Capps  
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Marsha Holloman  
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## 2008

Greg Kubiak  
Rob Driggers  
Michael Hill

## 2009

Chip Crews  
Mark Hennen  
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## 2010

Jay Ball  
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Andy Van Etten

## 2011

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Peter Fox  
Andrew Harmon

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