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## WELCOME

Dear Friends,

A dream is a wish your heart makes! We are dreaming big this year and we encourage you to dream with us; what is the wish your heart makes when you dream?

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, and we have moved our rehearsal location and our offices to the newly renovated Wonder Bread Factory in the Shaw district. We are very excited to have recently started the GenOUT Chorus — the first LGBTQ youth chorus in Washington! — which will have its debut at our *Born This Way* concert in May. 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 growing to new heights of musical excellence!

We are the largest chorus in Washington, and the only chorus in the area that sings for equality. May tonight's fairy tales and wishes inspire you to dream with us, and together let's raise our voices!

Best wishes,



Thea Kano Artistic Director



Chase Maggiano Executive Director



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## GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Thea Kano Artistic Director

## Chase Maggiano

**Executive Director** 



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

## Musicians

Bass	Mary Scott
Percussion	Dane Krich

## Administrative Staff

Director of Marketing and Communications	.Craig Cipollini
Director of Patron Services	Kirk Sobell

## **Production Staff**

Production Manager	Ira Haber
Costume Design	Nicolas Baker
Properties	Christopher Grieder, Stuart Kopperman
Lighting	Dan Covey
Makeup and Hair	Emerito Amaro, Soo Park
	James Ellzy
Videos	Michael B. Smith
House Manager	Bob Klein
Costume Crew	Emerito Amaro, Raymond Burditt,
	Soo Park
Set Building	Mike Allen, Corey Bent, Romm Gatongay,
-	David Karnick, Ronald Norberg
Stage CrewChris Asa	ro, Jerry Blackmon, Michael Cunningham,
-	Robert Joppa, Mark Klein
Archival Video	Steve Herman
	Burgundy Crescent Volunteers

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## PROGRAM

## ACT ONE

Be Our Guest/Belle (from Beauty and the Beast)	Howard Ashman and
Narrator: Cory Claussen	Alan Menken
Concertina: C. Paul Heins	Arr. Roger Emerson
When You Believe (from The Prince of Egypt)	Stephen Schwartz
Soloist: Lonny Smith	Arr. Audrey Snyder
A Whole New World (from Aladdin)	Alan Menken and Tim Rice
Dancers: Joshua Chambers and Craig Cipoll	ini
Soloists: Rick Bennett and Phil Evans	
Meet the FlintstonesWilliam	Hanna, Joseph Barbera and
	Hoyt Curtain
When You Wish Upon a Star (from Pinocchio)	Ned Washington and
Rock Creek Singers	Leigh Harline
	Arr. SPEBSQSA
I'm Just a Bill (from Schoolhouse Rock!)Lynn Soloist: Michael Aylward	Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Raining Sunshine (from Cloudy with a Chance of Me	eatballs)Jay Landers,
Matthew	Gerrard and Charlie Midnight
	Arr. Mac Huff
The Bare Necessities (from The Jungle Book)	Terry Gilkyson
Soloists: John Knapp and Matt Thompson	
Bears: Brent Almond, Jarrod Bennett, Marcu	s Brown,
Phil Evans, C. Mo Hanners, Matt Komornik,	
Sean Lyons-Burke, Clint Novotny, John O'Bri	en
Ryan Poirier, Sean Robinson, John Santell, M	lark Uhen
What's Opera, Doc?Rick	hard Wagner and Milt Franklin
Under the Sea (from The Little Mermaid)Howa	rd Ashman and Alan Menken
	Arr. Philip Lawson

## INTERMISSION

## ACT TWO

Happy (from Despicable Me 2)	Pharrell Williams
Soloists: Jay Gilliam and Marcus Johnso	on Arr. Mark Brymer
When Your Heart Has Wings (from Marco Polo: I	Return to Xanadu)Ron Merk,
Soloist: Kevin Thomason	Chris Holter and Chris Many
	Arr. Danny Wesley Ray
Somewhere Out There (from An American Tail).	James Horner, Barry Mann
Potomac Fever	and Cynthia Weil
	Arr. Audrey Snyder
Spider Pig (from The Simpsons Movie)	Bob Harris and
Potomac Fever	Paul Francis Webster
	Parody Lyrics by James L. Brooks,
	Matt Groening and Friends
	Arr. Hans Zimmer
Hallelujah (from Shrek)	Leonard Cohen
	Arr. Jonathan Wikeley

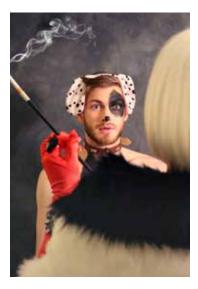
## PROGRAM

A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes (from Cindere	ella)Mack David,
Rock Creek Singers	Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston
	Arr. Audrey Snyder
Let it Go (from Frozen)	Robert Lopez and
Soloists: Richard Bennett, Christopher Du	nay, Kristen Anderson-Lopez
Phil Evans, Stuart Goldstone, Dana Nearin	ıg,
Justin Ritchie, L. Owen Taggart	
The Spellblock Tango	John Kander and Fred Ebb, Jr.
Soloists: Bryann DaSilva, Robert Garcia,	Based on a concept by
Alon Mazor, D'Arcee Neal, Stuart Wales,	Todrick Hall
Cooper Westbrook	
Poor Unfortunate Souls (from The Little Mermaid)	Howard Ashman and
Soloist: D'Arcee Neal	Alan Menken
The Circle of Life (from The Lion King)	Elton John and Tim Rice
	Arr. David Maddux

## Dancers:

Mike Allen	Peelee Clark	Todd Paul
Nicolas Baker	lván Dávila	Ryan Poirier
Richard Bennett	James Ellzy	Zachary Powell
Michael "Cabbie" Caban	Jay Garcia	Thomas Schmitt
Kurtis Carter	Will Hernandez	Dan Stephens
Joshua Chambers	Matt Komornik	Matt Williamson
Craig Cipollini	Clint Novotny	Rick Yarborough

Beethoven	Theodore Guerrant
Lucy	Todd Paul
Edna Mode	Soo Park





## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

When You Wish is a musical romp through the tunes that underscored screen animation song and dance. The best animated movies have always played to children on one level and to adults on another. We are serving up these memorable musical moments like a fine martini with a Meyer lemon twist.

We have the most sophisticated theatrical and musical audiences who appreciate the surprise and wonder of our concerts. Let's just say — we're keeping it GAY. We aim to represent the artistic

best of not just the gay community but the overall musical and theatrical community.

The genius in the art of animation, combined with optimism, the ribbons of over-coming adversity and the triumph of the under-dogs, are just a few of the factors with which we all identify. Most people, especially the children, see the beautiful simplicity of the stories, and the adults see those same points but with more complexity. Great writing and composing create a cornucopia of thoughts and emotions.

And who can resist all those happy endings?

Every effort has been made to represent the broad range of animated music. You may pick a favorite, or two, but we love them all. It is the way we wish more people would view the world.

Someone asked me "When you were growing up, was there one animated character in particular that you wanted to be?" My answer was "Yes, Superman and/or Cinderella, but I did not understand that combination until much later."



— John Moran





## **PROGRAM NOTES**

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## 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.



## 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.



## 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 Northen 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.



## 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 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 marketing director for GMCW.



#### James Ellzy, II, Dance Captain

James Ellzy 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.



## **Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist**

Now in his 32nd season as GMCW's principal accompanist, "Dr. Teddy" is arguably the longest-tenured collaborative planist 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.



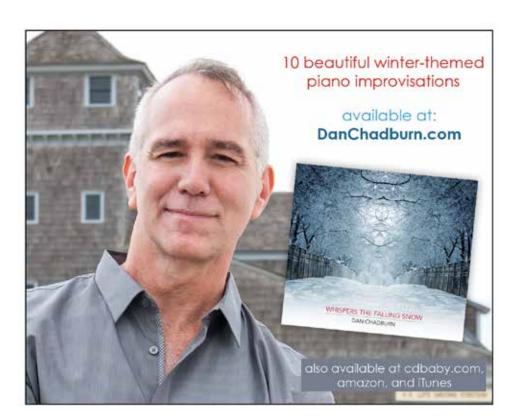
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William Trokey 2003 G. Darryl Waller 2015 Kevin Webster 1993 James W. Williams 1991 Richard Yarborough 2009 (D)

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## QUIZ

## How many of these can you guess correctly?



1. Jennifer Holliday was our guest star in 2011 for our 30th anniversary. Can you name the title of that concert?



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



5. What was the name of the 2009 commission GMCW performed about crystal meth addiction?



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



2. What is the name of this 2002 GMCW musical that was a spoof of Elvis Presley and originally starred Chita Rivera on Broadway?



4. What is the name of our 2011 musical an all-male version of the musical about the infamous Chicken Ranch?



6. GMCW has performed *The Wizard of Oz* two times. Can you name the years?



8. GMCW has twice performed as part of the Kennedy Center Honors. Can you name the two honorees?

Answers: 1. And I Am Telling You 2. Bye Bye Birdie 3. "Sweet Transvestite" 4. The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 5. Through A Glass, Darkly 6. 2002 and 2007 7. Alexander's House 8. Elizabeth Taylor and Jerry Herman 7. Alexander's House 8. Elizabeth Taylor and Jerry Herman



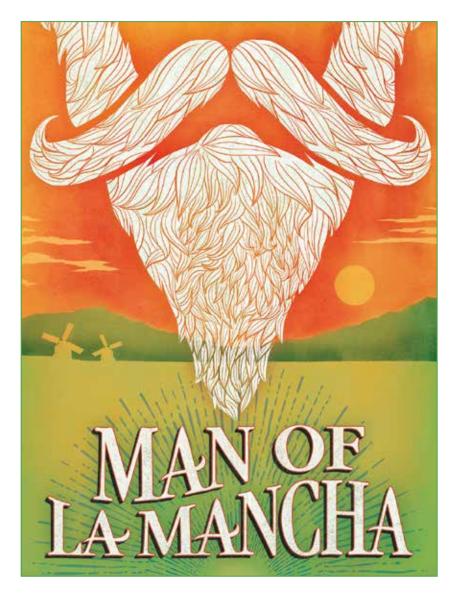
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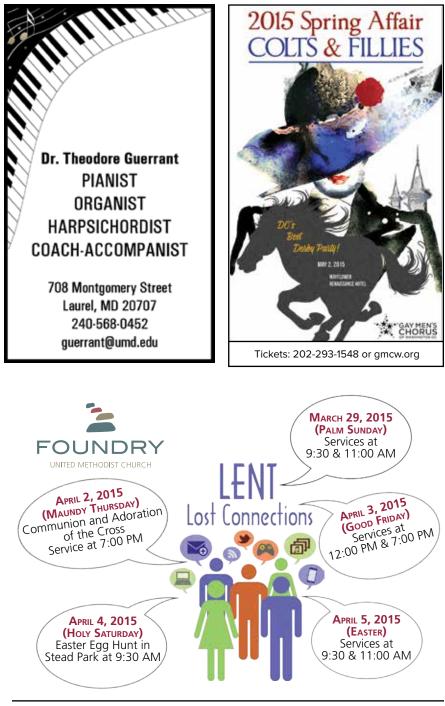
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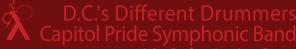
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