

youth invasion

GenOUT CHORUS

with special guest
The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir



Saturday, February 10, 2018
8:00 PM
Atlas Performing Arts Center, Lang Theatre

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featuring
GenOUT Chorus (C. Paul Heins, conductor)
The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir (Greg Watkins, conductor)

PROGRAM

GenOUT Chorus and The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir

Elijah Rock.....traditional
arr. Moses Hogan
I Am Light.....India Arie
Soloists: Becca Schaefer & T'naja McCain

GenOUT Chorus

Build Me a World.....Ginger B. Littleton
Soloist: Brennan Connell
Electricity.....music by Elton John, lyrics by Lee Hall
from *Billy Elliot* arr. Mac Huff

Camilla Barillas & Sanera Powell, soloists

For Good.....Stephen Schwartz
from *Wicked*

GenOUT Chorus

Hold Fast to Dreams.....music by Susan La Barr, text by Langston Hughes
You Will Be Found.....Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
from *Dear Evan Hansen* arr. Mac Huff
Soloist: Daniella Zapata

The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir

Geographical Fugue.....Ernst Toch
Love Train.....Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff
Soloist: Dashia Drummond
Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor.....music by Irving Berlin, text by Emma Lazarus
America?.....Greg Watkins
This Is Me.....Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
from *The Greatest Showman*
Soloist: Kyresha Bowman

GenOUT Chorus

Imagine.....John Lennon
Soloist: Sydney Colella arr. Mac Huff

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GenOUT Chorus



The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir



PROGRAM

I Ask for One Day.....music by Jim Papoulis, lyrics by Claire Latimer
 There is a Treasure.....Greg Gilpin

Destiny Smith, soloist

A New Life.....music by Frank Wildhorn, lyrics by Leslie Bricusse
 from *Jekyll & Hyde*

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I Was Here.....Gary Burr, Hillary Scott, and Victoria Shaw
 arr. Alan Billingsley

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Seasons of Love.....Jonathan Larsen
 from *Rent* arr. Roger Emerson

We Are One.....Brian Tate

GenOUT Chorus

- Camilla Barillas, *co-president*
- Mia Barutta
- Sydney Colella
- Brennan Connell, *social media coordinator*
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The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir

- Kyresha Bowman
- Dashia Drummond
- Malachi Johnson
- Isaiah King
- Joshua Lynch
- Malachi Mack
- T'naja McCain
- Jobari Yarbrough

Band

- Derryck Dawkins, bass
- Greg Watkins, keyboard
- Demetrius Whitsey, drums

WHO'S WHO



C. Paul Heins, GenOUT Director

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 25 representing 16 schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Over the past three years, more than 60 students from nearly 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 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*.



Greg Watkins, The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir Director

Greg Watkins is a born and bred Washington, DC native. He is considered by many to be a well-respected artist and virtuoso of his generation. He is a proud graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts and Howard University (B.M. Music Education). Greg's undeniably sharp skills in musical direction have landed him opportunities to perform in productions alongside such celebrated artists as Debbie Allen, Linda Eder, e'Marcus Harper, Lynda Gravatt, Clay Aiken, Brian McKnight, Jennifer Holliday, Hinton Battle, and Wendy Raquel Robinson. His gifts as a trained singer and pianist have planted him on historic stages including DC's

Warner Theatre, Lincoln Theatre, Howard Theatre, Ford's Theatre, Music Center at Strathmore, Washington National Cathedral, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the White House, and the Grand Philharmonic Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia. Approaching his eighth year of musical service, Greg continues to serve as The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir's Music Director.

About the GenOUT Chorus:

The GenOUT Chorus was founded as an outreach ensemble of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC in January 2015. Membership is open to all youth, LGBTQ+ and allies, ages 13 – 18, and new members may join at the start of each concert cycle (September, January, and April). The two-fold mission of the GenOUT Chorus is to give young LGBTQ+ and allied youth a voice and to connect that voice to community.

In its first four seasons, the GenOUT Chorus has performed at the Lincoln Theatre, the John F. Kennedy Center, the White House, Washington National Cathedral, and the 2016 GALA Choruses Festival in Denver. GenOUT is delighted to return to the Atlas Performing Arts Center for its second annual *Youth Invasion* concert.

Each summer, GenOUT hosts a weeklong summer camp to welcome new members, learn music, explore important LGBTQ+ topics, and have fun! GenOUT Camp always includes a field trip and concludes with a performance for the community. This year's camp will be held at Clarendon Presbyterian Church the week of July 16 – 20, 2018. For more information and to sign up to sing with GenOUT, visit gmcw.org/genout.

About The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir:

The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir is an astounding year-round performance ensemble which provides an educational experience geared toward talented and driven young vocalists in the DC metropolitan area. Its focus is to fulfill the educational needs of DC-area youth by utilizing music as a vehicle to impart core values, promote higher education, and instill the belief that excellence can be achieved despite disadvantages. The MusicianShip Washington Youth Choir is dedicated to nurturing and enriching youth with meaningful experiences through vocal artistry and artistic development that will build character, boost confidence, and inspire them to lead purposeful lives.



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