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For our 41st season we are gearing up for inspiring shows that include our annual toe-tapping cabaret, a musical celebration of the diversity of America, and a stirring production highlighting several pioneers in the LGBTQ+ equality movement over the past century. In addition, our GenOUT Youth Chorus will present its fabulous *Youth Invasion* concert at the newly-remodeled MLK Memorial Library and at THEARC in Anacostia. The diversity of our programming, our outreach to communities that really need to hear us, and our commitment to social justice is what sets us apart and makes us our nation's voice for equality.

Not even a pandemic could silence our voice. Last season we moved our entire season from the live stage to the screen, and thanks to you, we didn't miss a single beat! You were there every note along the way, for which we are profoundly grateful. Regardless of the platform, each time we perform, we move the needle towards a more equal and empathetic world. If you believe in the power of our music, please consider making a tax-deductible donation by scanning the QR code below, on the inside back cover, or by going to gmcw.org.

We hope you have a warm and healthy holiday season, filled with laughter and traditions, both old and new.

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PROGRAM

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

SparkleJollyTwinkleJingley.....Music by Matthew Sklar
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin
Arranged by Andy Beck

Christmas Tree: Nick Chantiles

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!.....Music by Jule Styne
Lyrics by Sammy Cahn
Arranged by Tim Sarsany

GENOUT YOUTH CHORUS

Mrs. Claus.....Music and lyrics by Victoria Shaw and Jessie Farrell
Arranged by Cristi Cary Miller

The GenOUT Youth Chorus is the DC area's only vocal ensemble for LGBTQ+ and allied youth. The chorus exists to give LGBTQ+ and allied youth a voice and to connect that voice to community. GenOUTers use their voices to recognize and uplift marginalized people.

ROCK CREEK SINGERS

Glow.....Music by Eric Whitacre
Words by Edward Esch
Piano accompaniment by Lisa Edwards
Adapted by Emily Crocker

The Shouldn't Be Carols.....Eric Lane Barnes
Three Queens: Rick Bennett, Ben Harris, Sean Robinson
Party-goer: John Jowers

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

Super Gay Christmas.....Music and lyrics by Kevin Yee
Arranged by Sean Ivory

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND GENOUT YOUTH CHORUS

The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights).....Music by Stephen Schwartz
Lyrics by Steve Young
Arranged by Mac Huff

Soloist: Josh Millson-Martula

POTOMAC FEVER

That's Christmas to Me.....Music and lyrics by Kevin Olusola
and Scott Hoying
Arranged by Kevin Olusola and Ben Bram

Boogie Woogie Frosty.....Music and lyrics by Waler Rollins
and Steve Nelson
Arranged by Jim Gruschus

17TH STREET DANCE

Cold Enough to Snow.....Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Soloist: Brian Tucker
Piano: Michael Gottlieb
Oboe: Alec Sherman

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Te Deseo Feliz Navidad.....Traditional
Arranged by Hilario Duran
Adapted for TTBB chorus by Steve Milloy

Soloists: Jahdiel Torres Cabá, Gabriel Lopez

SEASONS OF LOVE

This is Christmas/I Listen to The Bells.....Music and Lyrics by Luther Vandross
Arranged by Joshua Sommerville

Soloists: Tommie Adams, Jr., Kerry Neal,
Elishua Perez, Mikal Rasheed, Micah Yarbrough

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND GENOUT YOUTH CHORUS

Merry Everything.....Music and lyrics by Ernie Lijoi
Arranged by Paul Saccone

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

12 Rockin' Days of Christmas.....Traditional
Arranged by Steve Milloy

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Jim Gruschus
Gibson Haynes
Matt Holland
Abel Jimenez
Shawn Morris

Paul Negron
Paul NicholSEN
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Kevin Sweitzer
Kevin Thomason
David Treacher
Cooper Westbrook



Potomac Fever

Rock Creek Singers

Michael Aylward
Zac Barger
Billy Barry
Eric Belkengren
Jarrod Bennett
Rick Bennett
Javon Byam
Jonathan Chaffin
Ethan Chiang
André Cotten
Giancarlo D'Ella
Bob Dragoset
Rob Finn
Rob Hall
Ben Harris
Mark Hegedus
Michael Hughes
Henry Johnson

John Jowers
Paul Kelsch
Jim Madigan
Joal Martin
Kevin Morris
James Murphy
Patrick Nelson
Josh Peterson
Larry Poole
Jack Reiffer
Sean Robinson
Raymond Rinaldo
Craig Ruskin
Lonny Smith
Jason Suggs
James Turner
Brian Watts



Rock Creek Singers

Seasons of Love

Tommie Adams, Jr.
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Ben Aparicio-Coto
Marcus Brown
Johel Brown-Grant
Xitlali Dobbs
Michael Dumlaio
James Frisby
Cliff Gilbert
Adrian Gillem
Hunter Jackson
Cole Jaconski
Joseph Jozlin
Ezra Kottler
Joseph Levin-Manning
Gabriel Lopez
Don Medor

Kerry Neal
Jack Newman
Neil Offner
Elishua Perez
Alexis Rangel
Mikal Rasheed
Thomas Reiker
Ellery Rhodes
Calvin Robinson
Jamel Sazuete-Jones
Lamar Smith
Conrad Sylvanus
Matthew Teubert
Santos Torres
Jahdiel Torres Cabá
Ray Yankey
Micah Yarbrough



Seasons of Love

17th Street Dance

Danny Aldous
Carlos Barilla
Sean Cator
Craig Cipollini
Iván Dávila
James Ellzy

Jeffrey Hollands
Cole Jaconski
Michael McGovern
Darryl Piliate
Brandon Steele
Matt Williamson



17th Street Dance

GenOUT Chorus

Maysie Bedsole
Cal Cain
Lilly Caldwell
Carys Clayton
Hannah Clopper
Alexandra Davies
Maddy Dean
Adam Downey
Elliot Eiseman
Liam Grochowski
Tory Kidwell

Claire Lynch
Zero McDaniel
Emory Neuman
Lucas Olivo
August Rowe
Emma Schmiedigen
Jay Schwartz-Stanton
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GenOUT Youth Chorus
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We are overjoyed to welcome you back to our first in-person concert, *The Holiday Show* at Lincoln Theatre. It's been too long since we have been able to perform for you.

On behalf of GMCW's Board of Directors, we are so grateful for your support for GMCW these past two years. You kept our performance halls full, whether it was at our virtual concerts or events. You shared virtual applause during our concerts. You supported us at our *Summer Soirée* and *Spring Affair*. And you joined us in looking back at and celebrating 40 years of singing for equality.

Without your attendance to our full season of virtual activities and steadfast generosity in 2020 and 2021, we couldn't be here today. You made sure GMCW was truly unbreakable!

We hope that you are as excited as we are to deck the halls and spread a little sparkly, jolly, twinkly, and jingle joy to the world. We can't wait to make this year's holidays fabulous and festive!



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ABOUT US

MISSION

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC (GMCW) sings to inspire equality and inclusion with musical performances and education promoting justice and dignity for all.

OVERVIEW

GMCW is the largest LGBTQ+ chorus in the nation's capital. We are a renowned performance group. Since 1981, we've performed shows nationally, internationally, and at-home in Washington, DC. To date, we have 250+ singing members, four select ensembles, a youth chorus, over 500 donors, and an annual audience of 10,000+. Our mission is to use music to promote equality, achieve justice, and overcome our differences. Over the last 40 years, we've put on numerous shows and done hours and hours of community outreach. We've sung and danced our hearts out around the country, including our Equality Tours in 2017, 2018, and 2019. We've been around the world, too, including stops in Cuba, Iceland, and Ukraine. We've sung for the Clintons, the Bushes, the Obamas, and the Bidens. Alongside Alan Cumming, Carol Channing, Chita Rivera, and Angela Lansbury. We've visited many prestigious venues, including the Kennedy Center, the White House, and Carnegie Hall, just to name a few.

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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 founded the New York City Master Chorale in 2005 and served as the artistic director until spring 2019. 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 – 2015 season. Dr. Heins's principal role with GMCW is directing the GenOUT Youth 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 33 singers representing more than two dozen schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Over the past six years, more than 110 students from over 60 schools have participated in GenOUT Youth Chorus and camps, and notable performance venues have included the Kennedy Center, the Library of Congress, the Washington National Cathedral, and the White House for President Obama. In addition to its regular performances with GMCW, GenOUT's collaborations have included Nashville's Major Minors, The Musicianship's Washington Youth Chorus, The Washington Chorus, NYC's Youth Pride Chorus, and the Children's Chorus of Washington.

Dr. Heins's previous appointments include Georgetown University (Concert Choir director), the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington (director), the Washington Master Chorale (assistant director), Washington Men's Camerata (accompanist/associate conductor), and the College of William & Mary (interim choir director). He was musical director for three GMCW musicals (*Ruthless*, *When Pigs Fly*, and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.) 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*. Dr. Heins has presented at conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and Chorus America, and has served as guest clinician for DCPS music festivals and teacher workshops.



Joshua Sommerville, Assistant Conductor

A native of Gaithersburg, MD, Joshua Sommerville is a singer, pianist, music director, and composer who graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor of Science in Music. Joshua started his music journey at the age of five cultivating his skills at the piano. He often states, "If it weren't for my father, who taught me the only song he knew on the piano, my first piano teacher who taught me how to read music, and my mother, who refused to let me quit playing piano, I would not be where I am today."

He began his professional career as a musician, choir director, and singer at the tender age of 14. Throughout his musical journey, he has had the privilege of working with many esteemed artists like the late Dr. Walter Turnbull (Director of the Harlem Boys Choir), Dr. Ysaye Barnwell (of the Grammy Award-winning vocal group Sweet Honey

in the Rock), Stanley Thurston, Bill Colosimo, Dr. Karen Kennedy, Dr. Joyce Garrett, Patrick Lundy, Richard Odom, Dr. Stephen Holmes, Dr. Marco Merrick, and Twinkie Clark, among others.

He has founded three semi-professional groups: His W.I.L. Community Choir, Unique Sounds of Love, and To Be Continued Youth Choir. Each group has been recognized and admired for their ability to sing multiple genres of music as well as their enticing stage presence. He also created the acclaimed workshop, *How Much Do You Love It?*, that has traveled to Bermuda, Italy, Guatemala, Germany, and Africa.

Joshua is the Minister of Music at Hall United Methodist Church of Glen Burnie. He also tours as music director for world-renowned choreographer Rennie Harris, and actively music directs productions within the private and public school systems. He joined the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC as Assistant Conductor in December 2019, and is very excited to also conduct Seasons of Love.



Solomon HaileSelassie, Stage Director

Solomon HaileSelassie is a director, stage manager, designer, and film maker. Since 2015, he has served as GMCW's stage manager for our main stage concerts. He attended the Duke Ellington School of the Arts and Winston Salem State University where he trained in both vocal music and theater, New York Film Academy, and received his substantive professional training at The Studio Theatre and 2nd Stage.

His recent directing credits include *The Passage*; *Phones*; *Lunch Dream*; *Girls*; *Waiting for Godot*; *The Shape of Things*; *Three in a Hallway* (*Ebenezer's Ghosts*); *[Almost] William Shakespeare's, National Lampoon's, Family Guy's, MTV's: The Real Thanksgiving Vacation at Macbeth's* (working title); *Punching People You Never Met*; *Georgia Avenue Nocturne*; *Hello | Brother*; *Sonata*; *Carrie*:

The Musical (assistant director); *The Rocky Horror Show* (assistant director); and *Twisted* (assistant director).

Solomon was born and raised in DC and is proud to be a very-native son. He is the Resident Production Designer/Manager for the Library of Congress, the Resident Stage Manager for Longacre Lea, where he is a company member, and is the Founding Director of Artistic Collaboration for Annexus Theatre Company. He continues to be a non-equity professional stage manager because he is committed to maintaining access to high quality stage managers for small, underfunded, or under recognized professional theaters.



Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist

Now in his 39th 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 almost four 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 many 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 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 awarded for his over 30 years of service, and associate director-accompanist for the Central Maryland Chorale. He also teaches on the staff of the University of Maryland School of Music as a coach-accompanist.



Danny Aldous, Tap Choreographer

Danny Aldous grew up in Hershey, PA and started tap dancing at age eight. He and his six siblings all danced, sang, and performed. Danny graduated from Brigham Young University and was in the Men's Chorus & Young Ambassadors, a musical theater performing group. Danny has performed in numerous musicals and dance shows over the years, most often as Don Lockwood in *Singin' in the Rain*, and was the understudy for a national tour. Fifteen years ago, Danny started his own dance school, E-Dance Center, located in Elizabethtown, PA. He teaches tap, clogging, and pop video classes to all ages. He's happy to be a part of 17th Street Dance!



Craig Cipollini, Choreographer

Craig began with GMCW in 2004 as a featured dancer. His background is 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 reached the Top 40.

Craig has worked extensively as a director and choreographer. Some musicals he has directed and/or choreographed include *Cabaret*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Annie*, *Hair*, *Carousel*, *Sugar Babies*, *Anything Goes*, *42nd Street*, 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 has been GMCW's resident choreographer since 2006. 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/visual communications, a masters degree in arts management, and is also a freelance illustrator.



James Ellzy, II, Choreographer

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 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 productions of *Oliver Button is a Sissy* and *Nutcracker: Men in Tights*. 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 directed GMCW's productions of *Oliver Button is a Sissy* and *Von Trapped*. 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 a family physician at the Defense Health Agency.

GMCW MEMBERS

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While your attorney or accountant can provide you with more information, GMCW has several corporate sponsors — both financial planners and attorneys — who specialize in LGBTQ+ estate issues. We are happy to share this resource list with you upon request. As a member of the Ovation Society, you will be invited to attend special events and receptions especially for Ovation Society members.

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.

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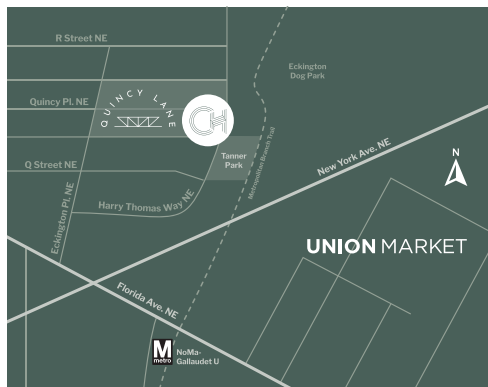
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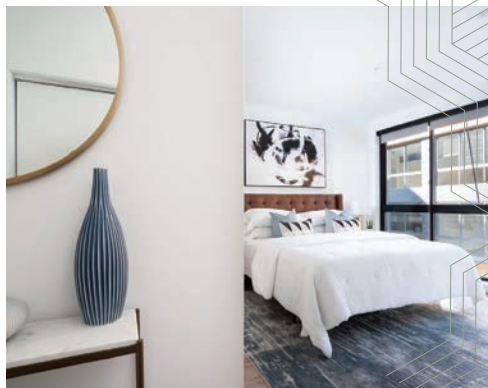


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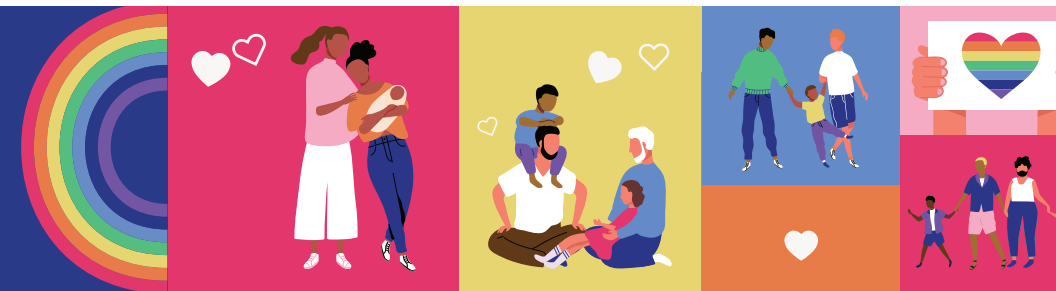
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