



GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
OF WASHINGTON, DC

# PORTRAITS

**2023 – 2024 SEASON**





Thea Kano  
Artistic Director



Justin Fyala  
Executive Director

## WELCOME TO OUR 2023 – 2024 SEASON. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.

We invite you to come and be a part of a special season of art, music, and dance. This season, we will incorporate visual art and photography throughout the year to guide your ears, open your mind, and entertain you with a feast for your senses. You will simultaneously enjoy music, art, and dance in a unique way that only GMCW can provide.



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# SUBSCRIBE TO OUR 2023 – 2024 SEASON & SAVE MONEY

Don't miss a single show! Join us for our full season and see four shows for the price of three! Not only will you be supporting the voice of equality in the nation's capital, but you'll also get the following benefits:

- **The LOWEST price** — subscribers save **25% off** the regular ticket price. That's the best price in town.
- **No ticket fees** — save money and pay no ticket fees. That's right — subscribers pay NO ticket fees.
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## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Complimentary tickets are available for schools, LGBTQ+ and allied student groups and youth-based nonprofits, and those with financial hardships.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact us at [tickets@gmcw.org](mailto:tickets@gmcw.org).

**NOTE:** All shows and events are subject to change at any time.







# SELFIES





## **SELFIES**

Our popular cabaret returns with an all-new edition! Soloists from the Chorus will tell hilarious and heartwarming stories about photos of themselves projected onstage during the show and sing songs from the world of Broadway and pop music.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**  
**2PM (ASL), 5PM, & 8PM**  
**KEEGAN THEATRE**  
**1742 CHURCH STREET NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**





# THE HOLIDAY SHOW

2023 EDITION

LOOK INSIDE! ALL-NEW HOLIDAY

**FUN!**





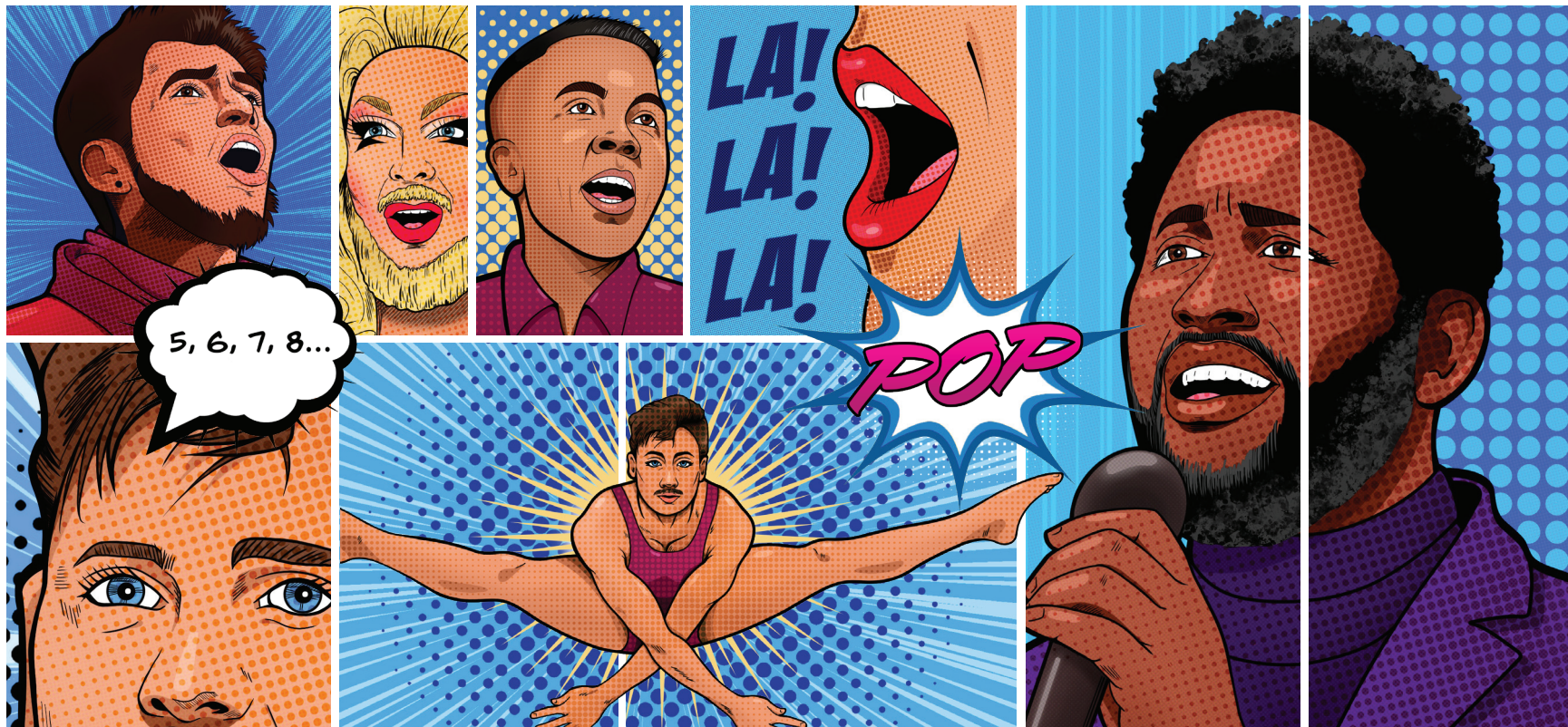
## THE HOLIDAY SHOW

Our annual holiday extravaganza returns with even more fun and shenanigans! Break out the sparkle and the reindeer antlers. This year's edition will have plenty of laughs and surprises in store. Songs include: "Joy to the World," "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Santa's Lost a Ho," and "The 12 Rockin' Days of Christmas."

**DECEMBER 2, 2023 8PM**  
**DECEMBER 9, 2023 3PM (ASL) & 8PM**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2023 3PM (ASL)**  
**LINCOLN THEATRE**  
**1215 U STREET NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**







# EXHIBITIONS





"We will give you a GMCW experience you've never had before, including an interactive 'sound museum' immersion at our February show, *Exhibitions*." — Thea Kano

## EXHIBITIONS

Experience all of GMCW and its small ensembles in a movable feast of sound, harmony, and dance. Stroll through the multiple performances on a self-guided tour featuring GMCW, Seasons of Love, Potomac Fever, Rock Creek Singers, GenOUT Youth Chorus, and 17th Street Dance.

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**  
**TIMED ENTRY BETWEEN 4:30PM – 8PM**  
**ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
**1333 H STREET NE**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**





GENOUT







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## YOUTH CHORUS

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The GenOUT Youth Chorus returns again this season, but in a brand new format! This year, GenOUT will collaborate with other DC-based youth performing artists to present a program of music, dance, spoken word, and more. Under the direction of C. Paul Heins, this concert will give voice to the identities of LGBTQ+ and allied youth. Come cheer on the voices of tomorrow in an event open to everyone.

**APRIL 28, 2024  
4PM (ASL)**

**ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
1333 H STREET NE  
WASHINGTON, DC**







PORTRAITS



"Our 43rd season and its June concert share the title *Portraits*, our brand-new commission with nine artists, nine composers, nine choreographers, and one GMCW celebrating the spectrum of human identity, orientation, expression, and culture."

— Thea Kano

## PORTRAITS

We end our season with the world premiere of *Portraits*. Through visual art, music, and dance, *Portraits* represents the vibrant spectrum of sexual, gender, racial, ethnic, and cultural identities in a nine-movement commission combining the work of nine visual artists, nine composers, and nine choreographers, sung by the Chorus and featuring 17th Street Dance. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event!

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the artists, composers, and choreographers of this world premiere.



**JUNE 16, 2024**  
**5:00PM (ASL)**  
**THE KENNEDY CENTER CONCERT HALL**  
**2700 F STREET NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**





# SPRING AFFAIR

## SAVE THE DATE!

**MAY 18, 2024**  
**THE RITZ-CARLTON**  
**1150 22ND ST NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**

The GMCW Board of Directors invites you to our annual fundraiser, *Spring Affair*, which will be held on May 18, 2024. We will return once again to the glamorous Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC for an evening of fun and excitement. Join us for dinner, entertainment, special presentations, an open-bar reception, the Harmony Award recipients, live and silent auctions, plus a special celebrity guest emcee to be announced soon. Mark your calendars to join us for the party of the year!





GMCW provides opportunities to showcase the humanity and relatability of LGBTQ+ individuals to society at-large and changes many hearts and minds in the process. **And your support enables us to advance our mission to the benefit of tens of thousands of people every year!**

*Portraits* is critically important because stories affirming the dignity and humanity of LGBTQ+ individuals are nearly absent in choral music and it's time for a change.

To that end, in July 2024, **we will debut *Portraits* at the GALA Choruses Festival**, the preeminent gathering of LGBTQ+ choruses from all over North America and beyond. We will inspire choruses around the country to take up the mantle of the *Portraits* project and stage their own premieres of this new work in cities around the country, spreading with it GMCW's values of equality, love, and empathy far and wide for years to come!

This project will bring awareness to our being — our love, our joy, our pain — in ways that many audience members will not have previously experienced. **You can share in this societal enlightening with us by making a one-time gift or have a sustained impact with a new or increased pledge to our monthly giving program, Federal City Stars**, by visiting [tinyurl.com/supportGMCW](https://tinyurl.com/supportGMCW).

Please contact Director of Development André Coleman at [acoleman@gmcw.org](mailto:acoleman@gmcw.org) if you would like to discuss opportunities to support GMCW this season.

**The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC is the LGBTQ+ voice of equality in the nation's capital.**

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