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# BODY & SOUL

2025 - 2026 SEASON



GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
OF WASHINGTON, DC

**Come as you are. Leave uplifted.**

Our 2025 – 2026 45th Anniversary Season is here. Entitled BODY & SOUL, we sing in celebration of the beauty, strength, and diversity of every body and every soul. Join us on a musical journey that celebrates body positivity, loving who you are, and radical joy. We invite you to a season where every voice matters, every body belongs, and every soul shines.

No filters. No shame. Just pride.



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

# BODY & SOUL

## FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR THEA KANO


At this challenging time in our country when LGBTQ+ rights are under attack and it's easy to become overwhelmed, it's vital that we nourish ourselves and our community. This year's season, titled *Body & Soul*, will do just that.

Our annual cabaret will have you clutching your pearls with *Bawdy* stories and songs that will make you laugh when we need it more than ever. *The Holiday Show* will include soulful arrangements of popular carols to restore your joy, then in February our small ensemble Seasons of Love will uplift your spirit with their annual *Heart & Soul* concert. We'll celebrate body positivity with our March show, *Body Beautiful*, which will kick off our Southern Equality Tour when we'll go on the road to share our music and stories with people who need to hear us the most.

In April our GenOUT Youth Chorus will inspire you with their stories of love and community, then we'll wrap up the season in June with *Soul Divas*, featuring arrangements of R&B favorites that will have you dancing in the aisles. Join us throughout the season for a social justice-driven musical escape and hear all the best GMCW has to offer, from head to toe!



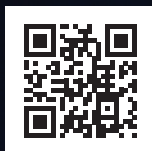




Our 45th Anniversary Season is full of must-see moments and lots of excitement. You won't want to miss a single minute. Subscribe to the full season and, not only will you be supporting the voice of equality in the nation's capital, you'll also get the following benefits:

- **The LOWEST price** — Subscribers save **25% off** the regular ticket price.
- **No ticket fees** — That's right. Subscribers pay NO ticket fees.
- **Priority seating** — Get your seats assigned before single tickets go on sale.
- **Free ticket exchange** — Need to change your ticket? No problem. Subscribers get free ticket exchanges.

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR 2025 – 2026 SEASON & SAVE MONEY



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You can subscribe by visiting **www.GMCW.org** or calling 202-293-1548.

### SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

**Full Season** as low as **\$173**

**Choose Four** as low as **\$132**

**Choose Three** as low as **\$99**

Note: All events are subject to change at any time.

### 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**



# The Power of



# MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

Choral music has the unique power to unite voices and open hearts and minds. Music creates shared emotional experiences and transcends our individual differences. The union of distinct voices produces a sound that's hard to imitate. Choral singing transforms simple notes into profound expression, reminding us of our humanity and the strength we find in community.

We take great pride in our musicianship, as well as our roots as an LGBTQ+ chorus, our commitment to artistic excellence, and our dedication to being the voice for queer representation in art in the nation's capital.

Our music changes hearts. Our stories open minds. Our resilience moves mountains. We will continue to sing until everyone is treated equally and with dignity. And when that day comes, we will then continue to sing in celebration of all the work we have all done together.



BODY & SOUL





## **BAWDY**

Our popular annual cabaret returns, this year spicier than ever! This unapologetically fun cabaret serves up a night of risqué stories, saucy songs about surprise encounters and dates gone wrong, and a generous helping of *bawdy* positivity. From double entendres to delightfully naughty confessionals, our cast of soloists will have you loving every moment. Songs include “Cell Block Tango,” “Bring on the Men,” and “In Excess,” among others.

**OCTOBER 11, 2025  
2PM (ASL), 5PM, & 8PM  
KEEGAN THEATRE  
1742 CHURCH STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC**





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## THE HOLIDAY SHOW

Our most popular show! This year our holiday extravaganza is bigger than ever with new, soulful arrangements of your favorite holiday carols. The reindeer will be high-kicking and the snowflakes will sparkle! Songs include "Hallelujah Chorus," "We Wish You the Merriest," "Santa Daddy," and "O Holy Night."

**DECEMBER 13, 2025 3PM (ASL) & 8PM**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2025 5PM (ASL)**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2025 3PM (ASL) & 8PM**  
**LINCOLN THEATRE**  
**1215 U STREET NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**



THE HEART

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BODY & SOUL





## HEART & SOUL

Celebrate Black History Month with our inspirational ensemble, Seasons of Love, under the direction of GMCW assistant conductor Ronté Pierce, as they present their second annual show. This year's concert will be at the historic Howard Theatre with a special guest to be announced very soon. This will be a concert not to be missed. Seasons of Love will have you on your feet clapping with joy!



**FEBRUARY 21, 2026 5PM (ASL)  
THE HOWARD THEATRE  
620 T STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC**

B-E-A-U-T-Y  
Every body  
is beautiful  
Work it Beauty comes from within  
Love the skin  
you're in  
Confidence  
Joy Grace

LOVE THE SKIN  
YOU'RE IN  
RESILIENT Gorgeous  
Be confident and you're  
beautiful without a doubt

Don't hate me 'cause

I'm beautiful

EMBRACE YOUR CURVES

STRENGTH Worthy

Gorgeous GRACE

Express yourself

**BODY**  
**BEAUTIFUL**

Can't you see the beauty in me?

A CONCERT CELEBRATING  
EVERY SHAPE & EVERY STORY

Grace Empower yourself  
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BODY & SOUL





## BODY BEAUTIFUL

Our spring show features songs and stories celebrating body positivity, including "This is Me," "Beautiful," and "I Am The Body Beautiful." The concert will also feature the premiere of the newest piece in the *Portraits* project titled "Adior." Following the kickoff concert, we'll take the show on the road for a southern equality bus tour. Cities and venues to be announced soon!

**MARCH 25, 2026 7:30PM (ASL)**  
**NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**5 THOMAS CIRCLE NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**



ETTA  
LENA  
TINA  
ARETHA  
DIANA  
PATTI  
GLADYS  
ROBERTA  
DIONNE  
ANITA  
JANET  
WHITNEY



# SOUL DIVAS

BODY:SOUL



## SOUL DIVAS

Put on your dancing shoes! We are celebrating the music of phenomenal soul divas like Tina, Aretha, Diana, Patti, Gladys, Whitney... and many more! Songs include "Respect," "Lady Marmalade," "Giving You the Best That I Got," "The Best," "Proud Mary," and "I'm Coming Out."

**JUNE 6, 2026 8PM**  
**JUNE 7, 2026 5PM (ASL)**  
**LINCOLN THEATRE**  
**1215 U STREET NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**





# youth invasion



## YOUTH INVASION

The GenOUT Youth Chorus presents a special 10th anniversary *Youth Invasion* concert that welcomes back alums from all 12 seasons of GenOUT. Under the direction of GMCW associate conductor, C. Paul Heins, GenOUT and *Youth Invasion* celebrate and uplift the authentic identities and experiences of LGBTQ+ and allied youth. The concert is FREE and open to the public. Come cheer on the voices of tomorrow! Songs include "Why We Sing," "There is Peace," "United in Purpose," "Make Them Hear You," and "I Was Here."

**APRIL 26, 2026**

**4PM (ASL)**

**ST. THOMAS' PARISH**

**1517 18TH STREET NW**

**WASHINGTON, DC**



**GENOUT**  
YOUTH CHORUS



This project is made possible with support from **It Gets Better**, a nonprofit organization working to uplift, empower, and connect LGBTQ+ youth around the globe. Visit [www.itgetsbetter.org](http://www.itgetsbetter.org).

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# SPRING AFFAIR

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You're invited to an evening of excitement and celebration at our annual *Spring Affair*. Step into the glamour of the Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC, for a night filled with exquisite dining, handcrafted cocktails, fabulous entertainment, and extra special moments — including the presentation of our prestigious Harmony Awards. Bid on exclusive items in our live and silent auctions, mingle at the open bar reception, and get ready for a night to remember. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more exciting news, including the announcement of our celebrity guest!



**MAY 16, 2026**  
**THE RITZ-CARLTON, WASHINGTON, DC**  
**1150 22ND ST NW**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**



# SUPPORT YOUR **FAVORITE** CHORUS



As the nation's premier equality chorus, we leverage the power of our art to uplift, heal, and unite all people in love and harmony. We raise our voices in service of powerful ideals like love, justice, equality, and pride every single day. **We need your help to keep our voices strong.**

A world of generosity from hundreds of supporters helps do just that. Please consider supporting GMCW and the GenOUT Youth Chorus today by making a one-time contribution, or by joining our monthly giving program, Federal City Stars!

## DONATE TODAY AT [GMCW.ORG](https://gmcw.org)

GMCW also relies on the generosity of corporate sponsors to help create the transformative artistic experiences for which we are renowned. Sponsorship has many benefits, including opportunities to engage your network, receive recognition, and enjoy complimentary tickets to shows and events. Packages may be customized to better fit your needs, and all gifts are tax-deductible.

Please contact GMCW's Director of Development, André Coleman, at [acoleman@gmcw.org](mailto:acoleman@gmcw.org) to begin a conversation about sponsorship opportunities for the 2025 – 2026 season.







You're beautiful too  
Everyone's beautiful

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