

2026-2027 SEASON

UNAPOLOGETICALLY JOYFUL!



LIVE. LOUD. PROUD.

We're turning up the volume on queer joy!

Titled UNAPOLOGETICALLY JOYFUL!, our 2026 – 2027 Season is a vibrant celebration of who we are, how far we've come, and the music that carried us along the way. From electrifying pop and soulful classics, to unexpected favorites and songs that make you want to dance in the aisle, each concert celebrates the bold, beautiful spectrum of the LGBTQ+ experience.



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

Joy is more than a feeling. It's an act of pride. A declaration of freedom. And this season, we're celebrating without apology.

Welcome friends!

Life is wild and beautiful, crazy and unpredictable. Opportunities may come and go, but one thing no one can take away from us is JOY!

Here at GMCW we manifest joy through our shared stories, our powerful singing, our awesome harmonies, our fabulous costumes, and our spectacular choreography. We bring you lights and laughter, and we bring you baubles and bubbles (that's a reference to the opening number of this year's holiday show — don't miss it!). We lean on each other, and we elevate and celebrate each other. We don't dwell on all the challenges around us; we instead harness that energy for change, and we do so unapologetically joyfully.

Joy is woven throughout our entire 46th season from our entertaining cabaret to the courageous voices of the GenOUT Youth Chorus. Across our stages our passion and energy will draw you in. Come be a part of it and experience the powerful joy that is GMCW!



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
THEA KANO



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR 2026 – 2027 SEASON & SAVE MONEY

Our 2026 – 2027 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.

Need a little more flexibility from your subscription? We also have "Choose Four" and "Choose Three" subscription packages.

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 **\$140**

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

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



YAMAHA

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.



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.



HEATED REVELRY

Our popular annual cabaret returns, sportier and more stylish than ever! This year we are celebrating "sports ball" and all the other "games" people play. Soloists from the Chorus will share stories and songs of their favorites sports memories. Songs include "We Are The Champions," "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Playing Catch," "Dear Future Husband," "Show Off," and "If You Were Gay" among others.

OCTOBER 24, 2026

2:00PM (ASL), 5:00PM, & 8:00PM

KEEGAN THEATRE

1742 CHURCH STREET NW

WASHINGTON, DC



HEATED REVELRY

SPORTS, SASS, AND SHOWTUNES



THE HOLIDAY SHOW

Our most popular show! This year our holiday extravaganza is bigger than ever with new, joyful arrangements of your favorite holiday carols along with new songs you will love. The reindeer will be tap dancing and the snowflakes will sparkle and shine! Songs include "Sleigh Ride," "Joy to the World," "Turkey Lurkey Time," and "DJ Play a Christmas Song."

DECEMBER 5, 2026 3:00PM (ASL) & 8:00PM

DECEMBER 12, 2026 3:00PM (ASL) & 8:00PM

DECEMBER 13, 2026 5:00PM (ASL)

LINCOLN THEATRE

1215 U STREET NW

WASHINGTON, DC





THE HOLIDAY SHOW

HEART & SOUL

Celebrate Black History Month with our inspirational ensemble, Seasons of Love, under the direction of GMCW assistant conductor Ronté Pierce. This year marks their third annual show, and once again, they will be joined by our 17th Street Dance ensemble for a high-energy show. This season's concert will be a celebration of Black Boy Joy. Seasons of Love will have you on your feet, clapping with joy!

FEBRUARY 13, 2027

3:00PM (ASL) & 8:00PM

ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

1333 H STREET NE

WASHINGTON, DC



HEART & SOUL



QUEER JOY

FROM ELTON TO EILISH

Our spring show will be a celebration of queer singer-songwriters from over the years including artists like Elton John, George Michael, Freddie Mercury, Sylvester, Billie Eilish, Brandi Carlile, Cole Porter, Sam Smith, and Lil Nas X among others. Come celebrate our queer brothers and sisters!

MARCH 13, 2027
3:00PM (ASL) & 8:00PM
ATLAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
1333 H STREET NE
WASHINGTON, DC





QUEER JOY

FROM ELTON TO EILISH

A CELEBRATION OF QUEER SINGER-SONGWriters

YOUTH INVASION

The GenOUT Youth Chorus returns with their 11th annual *Youth Invasion* concert. 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. This year, they will be joined by our Rock Creek Singers ensemble for a program highlighting musical theater. Songs include “Go The Distance,” “Children Will Listen,” “You Will Be Found,” “One Short Day,” and “I Was Here.”

APRIL 25, 2027
4:00PM (ASL)
ST. THOMAS' PARISH
1517 18TH STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC



GENOUT
YOUTH CHORUS





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I WAS HERE

TIME AFTER TIME

I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING

YOUTH

INVASION

RAINBOW CONNECTION

WHY WE SING

BEAUTIFUL CITY

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ONE SHORT DAY

RETRO JOY

NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL MUSIC!

Put on your dancing shoes! We are celebrating Pride with your favorite songs from the past several decades that make up the soundtrack of the LGBTQ+ movement. This will be one of our biggest shows ever — dancers, costumes, videos, and much more. Songs include “Over the Rainbow,” “Dancing Queen,” “Pink Pony Club,” “It’s Raining Men,” “Vogue,” and “I’m Coming Out” among others.

JUNE 5, 2027

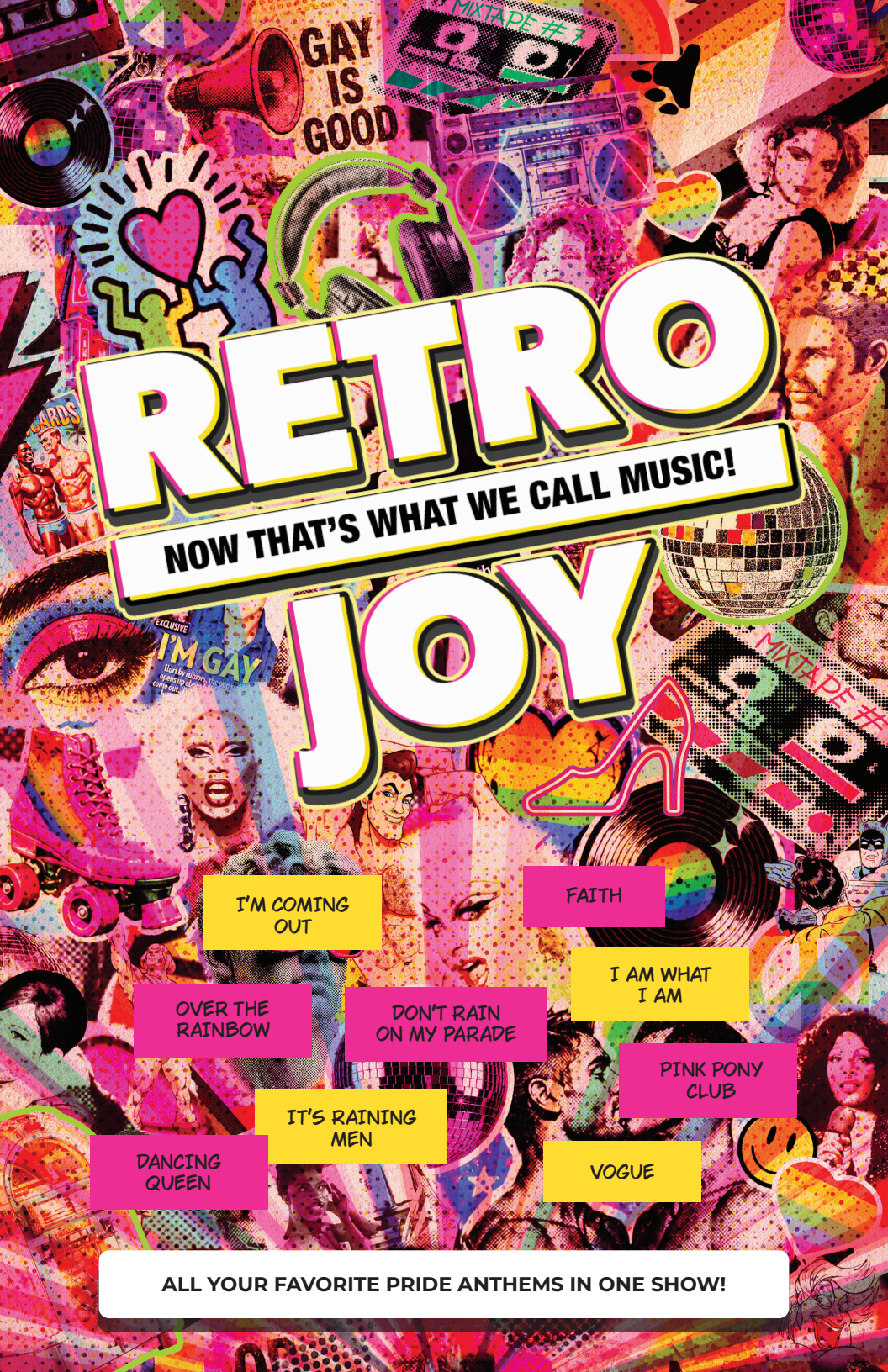
3:00PM (ASL) & 8:00PM

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MIXTAPE #3



RETRO

NOW THAT'S WHAT WE CALL MUSIC!

JOY

EXCLUSIVE
I'M GAY
Read the memoirs of the first
outing of a famous singer
and how it came out

MIXTAPE #

I'M COMING
OUT

FAITH

I AM WHAT
I AM

OVER THE
RAINBOW

DON'T RAIN
ON MY PARADE

PINK PONY
CLUB

DANCING
QUEEN

IT'S RAINING
MEN

VOGUE

ALL YOUR FAVORITE PRIDE ANTHEMS IN ONE SHOW!

SPRING AFFAIR

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. 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!



MAY 15, 2027
THE RITZ-CARLTON, WASHINGTON, DC
1150 22ND ST NW
WASHINGTON, DC



JOY IS BETTER SHARED



As the nation's premier equality chorus, GMCW uses the power of music to uplift, heal, and unite. We raise our voices for love, justice, equality, and pride — and we do it all unapologetically joyfully.

But we can't do it without you.

Your generosity helps keep our voices strong and makes transformative artistic experiences possible for our community. Please support GMCW and the GenOUT Youth Chorus today by making a one-time gift or becoming a Federal City Star with a monthly contribution starting at \$10/month.



DONATE TODAY AT GMCW.ORG



PUT YOUR SUPPORT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Corporate sponsorships help bring GMCW's bold, joyful performances to life while offering meaningful opportunities to engage your network, showcase your brand, and enjoy the season.

To explore 2026 – 2027 Season sponsorship opportunities, contact GMCW's Director of Development, André Coleman, at acoleman@gmcw.org.

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