

GALA Choruses, Inc.
December 2006 eBlast

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GALA Choruses General Manager Job Opening

GALA Choruses seeks a General Manager to join the management team of GALA Choruses to promote its unique role in supporting gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) chorus member organizations in the United States and promoting multi-national participation in its programs.

The General Manager for GALA Choruses must bring a proven track record of non-profit financial development abilities along with exceptional communication skills and an appreciation for musical excellence. Demonstrated ability to work with and publicly represent the GLBT community a must. Five years management experience and BA required.

Salary information available upon request. Send letter and resume by December 22, 2006, to: info@galachoruses.org. For more information on GALA and the job position description, see www.galachoruses.org.

Kathie Michael Back Full Time

We are thrilled to announce that Kathie Michael returned to GALA Choruses on a full time basis as Director of Meetings and Festival beginning December 1. Please join us in welcoming Kathie back!

Upcoming Palm Springs AD Conference

GALA Choruses is sponsoring a gathering of Executive Directors and Artistic Directors in Palm Springs, February 1 - 4, 2007. We have been able to secure a special rate at The Villa, a full service GLBT facility owned by two former and founding members of the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego. The GALA Choruses board of directors will also be

meeting in Palm Springs over those days so we will schedule a social function at some point during the weekend as well.

The schedule for the Artistic Directors weekend is in process now. The idea is that there should be plenty of time for networking and breaking into groups to address issues facing you as the director of your own chorus as well as repertoire reading sessions. There is no registration fee to attend this event. Just your own travel and lodging expenses. Directors of all choruses are invited and encouraged to attend. Plus, a good dose of Palm Springs sunshine in February might be just the ticket to those winter blues!

Space is limited at The Villa so reserve your casita now! You can find out more about this wonderful oasis by checking out their website at www.thevilla.com. Most directors will plan to arrive on Thursday and depart on Sunday, but for those who want to stay over Sunday night and attend a great Superbowl party that night, there is one being planned! Our special rates are available a day in advance and two days following if you would like to extend your stay.

Reservations can be made at The Villa by calling 760-328-7211. The rates are \$103 for weeknights and \$135 or \$143 for weekend nights depending on the type of Casita that you reserve. That price is for 1 or 2 people per room. In some cases a roll-away bed can be added to some rooms. Please make sure to identify your self as an attendee of GALA Choruses.

If you have any questions or if you have suggestions for any topics you would like to have addressed, please feel free to contact Kathy Michael (events@galchoruses.org) or Bob Mensel (bob@pdxgmc.org).

New GLBT Music

A straight-son, gay-father team are writing some songs for the GLBT community. Some are solos, some are duets and some are for a whole chorus. Six of the songs prepared with sheet music are available now and the entire project will be finished in 2008. There is a small fee for the use of the songs. A description of the series will be available shortly at www.TheSpeightsOfLife.com.

American Airlines

American Airlines is an important sponsor of GALA Choruses. Any travel that's booked with GALA Choruses' Business ExtrAA number, #527561, will help us meet our obligations to ensure continued sponsorship from American Airlines. Also provide your own American AAdvantage number, because it allows both you and GALA Choruses to get free mileage. American Airlines and American Eagle have a long history of proudly serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Online Master Calendar Submissions

Check out the goings-on around the United States and internationally by visiting the association's Master Calendar at <http://galchoruses.org>. If your chorus has dates to submit, please send to info@galchoruses.org, and be sure to include: title of the event,

date, start time, location (venue), name of chorus, phone contact, email contact, and website address.

GALAGRAM Available

The Fall 2006 GALAGRAM was sent electronically in mid November. If you have not seen the issue you can find it on the GALA Chorus web site under the Resources tab.

Job Opportunities within Our Extended GALA Choruses Family

The following positions are currently open; contact information for each is included below.

Artistic Director – The Turtle Creek Chorale

The Turtle Creek Chorale (TCC) is seeking an Artistic Director (AD) to begin on August 1, 2007 with the opening of our 28th season. The AD reports to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the TCC and works collaboratively with the Executive Director. The AD manages a staff which may include a Principal Accompanist, an ensemble/small group director, an Assistant Accompanist, a Technical Director, a Composer-in-Residence, and an Artistic Assistant. This is a full-time position.

The Artistic Director is primarily responsible for the musical and artistic direction of the Chorale. The AD must be able to plan and execute all of the music each season, conduct weekly rehearsals, and conduct performances as well as plan and execute recordings and tours. The AD must be able to link the vision of the Chorale with its mission to ensure that the Chorale continues its reputation for presenting the finest in men's choral music to a diverse audience. In addition to musical duties, the AD must maintain a visible, positive image nationally and locally. Likewise, it is critical that the AD instill a strong sense of unity and purpose throughout the Turtle Creek Chorale.

Applications will be accepted until December 31, 2006. Further information is available on the GALA web site at www.galachoruses.org. If you would like to speak with someone about the search or the Turtle Creek Chorale, contact either of the Co-Chairmen of the Search Committee:

Doug Mitchell (214) 629-8022

David Cegelski (214) 801-2708

Artistic Director—Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus

This is an interim position with permanent potential. Rehearse and prepare chorus for fall/holiday concert; time requirements and salary negotiable. Send introduction and resume to lvgmc@yahoo.com or by mail to LVGMC, Box 20712, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002. Additional information can be obtained by calling (610) 366-3320.

Artistic Director—Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus

The Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus has announced a national search for the organization's next artistic director, and is actively seeking candidates for the position. Candidates for artistic director should have an advanced degree in music, a working knowledge of male choral musical repertoire, superior conducting and rehearsal skills, and experience with a

broad range of musical styles: classical, popular, opera, multi-language, etc. The 26th concert season of the 140-voice Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus includes three major concerts and a number of special appearances. Spirit of Light, the AGMC's annual holiday concert will be conducted by Interim Artistic Director, and founding director, Jeffrey McIntyre. The concert will be presented in three performances on Dec. 8 and 9, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. A complete job posting and more information on the Artistic Director position is available online at agmchorus.org.

Artistic Director – The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is a fully inclusive gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual friends chorus. We have been providing quality choral music to the Delaware Valley since 1999. The Rainbow Chorale consists of a non-auditioned choir of 50-60 singers and PRISM, a chamber choir of 12-16 voices auditioned from the membership. Please see our website, www.therainbowchorale.org, for more information.

Artistic Director and Conductor – VOICES of Kentuckiana

VOICES has been providing quality choral music to the Kentuckiana region since 1994. The chorus is fully-inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and heterosexual friends. VOICES is a non-auditioned, mixed chorus comprised of 60-70 volunteer singers, and a small, auditioned group of 8 – 12 voices. See www.voicesky.org for more information.