



March 6, 2008

Accompanists and Interpreters Needed for Festival

If there are any accompanists or interpreters planning to attend Festival who would be willing to perform with other groups please contact Will Varner at musicwilllive@aol.com.

New Guidelines for No Talent Show



Sensible Shoes

The World's Greatest No Talent Show, scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008 will take place at Jungle Island Adventure Night. The program will run twice during the evening. We invite you to celebrate the glory and glamour of Queer Culture with acts ranging from the sublime to the outrageous.

Each member chorus may nominate an ensemble plus one other act.

Examples of No Talent Show acts include comedy routines, baton twirling, impersonations of beloved and/or bygone stars,

Festival Chorus Information Ready

Individual singers from choruses have the option to participate in a festival chorus that will rehearse in the mornings on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13 - 16, and perform as part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday afternoon, July 16th at the James L Knight Center.

The Directors of the Festival Choruses are:

Sue Coffee, Women's Festival Chorus
 Gary Miller, Men's Festival Chorus
 Jane Ramseyer Miller and Craig Carnahan, Mixed Festival Chorus

[Click here](#) for all the details on the Festival Choruses.

Legacy Award Nominations Open

The Legacy Awards are intended to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding leadership as part of the GLBT choral movement and whose careers have exemplified the values GALA believes in. All member choruses may nominate one individual. A committee comprised of former Legacy Award winners will make a selection recommendation to the GALA Board of Directors. Nominations are due by April 15. The award winners will be announced at a reception prior to the closing ceremonies at Festival. [Click here](#) for all of the details on the Legacy Awards.

GALA Store Consignment & Festival Program Advertising Info Available

Member choruses have two options for marketing their CDs, etc at Festival. Choruses can have their own booth at the Expo which will be open from Saturday July 12 through mid day Monday July 14 and then after the Expo closes member chorus exhibitors can either (a) consign their merchandise to the GALA Store to be located at the

modern dance, poetry slams, whatever! Acts do not have to be musical. Participation is open to soloists and groups, but not entire choruses. [Click here](#) for more details and the forms to apply.



Macy's is the official sponsor of the Festival Village at our ambassador hotel, the Hilton Downtown Miami.



ACFEA Tour Consultants has continued its support for GALA Choruses by sponsoring the Opening Ceremonies at Festival.



American Airlines is the official airline sponsor for Festival 2008 Miami. To receive discounted rates on travel to Festival go to www.aa.com and use the code A0378AA.

Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA) or (b) have their own table at ACPA. Choruses choosing to have their own booth at the Expo and table at ACPA must provide their own staff and acquire their own State of Florida Special Event Sales Tax License. The cost for this option is \$750. Spaces are limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. The second option is to consign your merchandise to the GALA store at ACPA for the entire week. GALA Choruses personnel will staff the store and handle the Florida sales tax license. The consignment fee is a flat \$100.00. [Click here](#) to access the forms for either option.

Opportunities are also available to advertise in the Festival program book that is given to all Festival delegates. The program is used as a resource for delegates and choruses for years to come. The program book includes all Festival schedules/activities, chorus programs, advertisements and delegate information. Many choruses advertise in the Festival program, frequently requesting the page opposite their performance program page. Your ad can promote the sale of your current CD's or logo merchandise or simply express your choruses' pride as we celebrate Festival 2008. [Click here](#) to access the form for advertising in the Festival program.

Please contact Scott Chilcott at funding@galachoruses.org with any questions.

Membership Renewal Deadline

The membership renewal process has been automated and is available online at www.regonline.com/63333_176868D. Membership renewal and dues payment **needs to be completed by April 1**. Choruses planning to perform at Festival must be members in good standing in order to perform.

Festival Workshop Proposals Available

GALA Choruses invites you to share your skills and talents with others in the GLBT choral movement by applying to present a workshop at Festival 2008. A limited number of workshops will be presented each morning during the Festival. [Click here](#) for the workshop proposal form. Proposals are due by March 31.

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