



Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Ben Riggs, on the stage for their spring concert, *Here Comes the Sun: The Music of The Beatles*. The spring concert was one of the most successful for the Chorus, with an added Sunday matinee. Photo by Paul Nixdorf.



Dr. Ben Riggs, Artistic Director of Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus. Photo by Paul Nixdorf.

Highlights of the 34th Season

The Chorus: The Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus (TCGMC) is Minnesota's largest LGBT non-profit arts and cultural organization. The Chorus provides a safe and welcoming environment for gay men to gather in fulfillment of its mission.

Mission Statement: *Gay Men Building Community Through Music*

Strategic Vision: The Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus will transform the lives of individuals and the community by providing musical programming that is exceptional, entertaining, educational and essential. We see a world that celebrates equality and inclusion, inspired to action by the LGBT choral movement.

The Concert Season: TCGMC performed a 34th season of three concerts at their home at Ted Mann Concert Hall. Total audience was 5,977 including 687 season subscribers.

The season opened with the holiday concert, *Joyful and Triumphant*, with special guests the Copper Street Brass Quintet. In March, TCGMC performed a very successful spring concert, *Here Comes the Sun: The Music of The Beatles*. Audience demand warranted a Sunday matinee performance to be added to the run, which resulted in doubling single ticket revenue goals for the concert. The annual Pride concert in June featured guest host Erin Schwab who welcomed guests to *Popular: A Broadway Cabaret*. Featuring soloists from the Chorus performing their own favorite Broadway tunes during a special pre-show cabaret, the concert was a successful conclusion to the 34th season.

The Small Ensembles: A new small ensemble group, the **TCGMC Chamber Singers**, was formed in the 34th season to provide another musical outlet for members of the Chorus and respond to growing requests for outreach performances. The ensemble performed at TCGMC's regular concert season of performances in addition to three outreach performances. **OutLoud!** returned for another season under the direction of Robert Stumpf. The ensemble performed at TCGMC's regular concert season of performances in addition to outreach performances, including our spring tour to Southwest Minnesota (see page 2). The ensemble had not been scheduled to perform its own spring concert as it had in past years due to the transition from former director Bobby Schlidt to Mr. Stumpf.

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2014-2015

Artistic Staff

Dr. Ben Riggs, *Artistic Director*

Timothy De Prey, *Principal Accompanist*

Robert Stumpf, *Assistant Conductor & OutLoud! Director*

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Dr. Ben Riggs conducts the audience in a sing-a-long with TCGMC and the Copper Street Brass Quintet at the holiday concert *Joyful and Triumphant*, December 2014. Photo by Paul Nixdorf.



TCGMC released its first holiday CD under the direction of Dr. Ben Riggs, *JOY*. The recording featured selections from the past two holiday concerts programmed by Dr. Riggs, including selections from *Joyful and Triumphant*. It was the first time that the chorus released a CD featuring music from a current concert. Graphic Design by Chris Mellin.



TCGMC's take on Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, from *Here Comes the Sun: The Music of The Beatles*, March 2015. Photo by Paul Nixdorf.

Highlights of the 34th Season (continued from page 1)

Outreach Performances. Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus continued its outreach efforts during the 2014-2015 season appearing at the following events and performances, reaching over 4,700 people:

- Invitation to Perform at the Choral Showcase at St. Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi, MN on Sunday, October 4, 2014. The Chorus performed selections from last season's commission *I Am Harvey Milk*. Guest soloists Elisabeth Comeaux and Quinn Morrissey reprised their roles of the Soprano and Young Harvey, respectively;
- The Chorus performed at its annual Bingo-A-GoGo fundraisers at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Minneapolis: *Superhero Bingo* on Saturday, November 15, 2014 and *Wild West Bingo* Saturday, May 16, 2015;
- The Chorus previewed its holiday concert *Joyful and Triumphant* at the Rochester Christ United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 7, 2014;
- Members of the Chorus sang Christmas carols at Pride Institute the week before Christmas, 2014;
- The Minneapolis Institute of Arts invited the Chorus to perform at the opening celebration of its 100th Birthday year on Thursday, January 1, 2015;
- The Chorus's 3rd annual visit with the students of Avalon Charter School in St. Paul was on Thursday, March 19, 2015, where we all learned that the music of the Beatles continues to be timeless;
- The Chorus was a founding member of the Northern Voice Festival and performed as part of the festival at the new Ordway Concert Hall on Saturday, April 25, 2015; and
- The Chorus performed at a fundraiser for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Roseville, MN on Sunday, June 7, 2015.

TCGMC's "wardrobe maestro" Lon Lamprecht was invited by TPT-2 to co-judge TPT's Victorian costume contest at TPT's annual Downton Abbey viewing party at Northrop on December 13, 2014.

Southwest Minnesota Tour. Thanks to support from its donors and a touring grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, TCGMC took selections from the LGBT choral movement songbook and selections from its spring concert *Here Comes the Sun: The Music of the Beatles* on a tour of Southern Minnesota. The Chorus performed at Bjorling Recital Hall on the Gustavus Adolphus campus in St. Peter on Friday, April 10, 2015 with an attendance of 445 audience members that filled the recital hall. On Saturday, April 11, 2015 the Chorus performed at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN to an audience of 160.

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2014-2015**

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**TWIN CITIES GAY MEN'S CHORUS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**
July 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS		
	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 187,413	\$ 222,911
Temporarily restricted	32,230	14,860
Total	219,643	237,771
Accounts receivable	37,673	13,864
Prepaid expenses	31,638	19,669
Total Current Assets	288,954	271,304
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and equipment	58,168	58,168
Leasehold improvements	1,093	1,093
Total property and equipment - at cost	59,261	59,261
Less accumulated depreciation	(57,262)	(57,029)
Net Property and Equipment	1,999	2,232
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash - restricted for endowment purposes	35,608	26,164
	\$ 326,561	\$ 299,700
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,937	\$ 2,597
Accrued expenses	5,055	26,587
Deferred revenue	39,198	39,079
Total Current Liabilities	47,190	68,263
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	211,533	190,413
Temporarily restricted	32,230	14,860
Permanently restricted	35,608	26,164
Total Net Assets	279,371	231,437
	\$ 326,561	\$ 299,700

Financial Update:

TCGMC Finishes the Year with a Surplus. The Chorus ended Fiscal Year 2015 with a \$21,120 surplus and total current assets of \$288,954.

Songs from the Heart and Bingo A-GoGo: TCGMC held its annual gala black-tie dinner and fundraiser Songs from the Heart at the Metropolitan Ballroom on May 9, 2015. The successful event featured guest hosts Mike Augustyniak of WCCO-TV and Jason Matheson from FOX-9 and our beneficiary, Clare Housing.

TCGMC hosted two successful Bingo A-GoGo fundraisers with Park House. *Superhero Bingo* on November 15, 2014 and *Wild West Bingo* on May 16, 2015 were successful in terms of attendance and funds raised for both organizations. And, of course, both events were hosted by local celebrity Miss Richfield 1981.



OutLoud! Director Robert Stumpf (far left), TCGMC Principal Accompanist Timothy De Prey (far right) and the members of OutLoud! for the 2014-2015 season. Photo by Paul Nixdorf.



TCGMC's Dance Team joins the Chorus to perform "Big Spender" from Sweet Charity and "Seize the Day!" from Newsies - The Musical at Popular: A Broadway Cabaret, June 2015.

**TWIN CITIES GAY MEN'S CHORUS
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended July 31, 2015 and 2014**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals	
				2015	2014
PUBLIC SUPPORT					
Contributions and grants	\$ 181,812	\$ 39,505	\$ 9,444	\$ 230,761	\$ 211,254
Government grants	47,975	30,838	-	78,813	43,007
Special events revenue - net of expenses of \$51,284 and \$55,891 in 2015 and 2014, respectively	74,671	-	-	74,671	80,620
In-kind contributions	995	-	-	995	857
Net assets released from restrictions	52,973	(52,973)	-	-	-
Total Public Support	358,426	17,370	9,444	385,240	335,738
REVENUE					
Concert ticket sales	163,815	-	-	163,815	160,839
Merchandise sales	9,074	-	-	9,074	2,226
Interest and dividends income	347	-	-	347	297
Advertising revenue	15,545	-	-	15,545	15,305
Membership fees	11,342	-	-	11,342	16,058
Other program revenue (expense)	12,977	-	-	12,977	2,635
Total Revenue	213,100	-	-	213,100	197,360
Total Public Support & Revenue	571,526	17,370	9,444	598,340	533,098
EXPENSES					
Program services	405,951	-	-	405,951	369,880
Management and general	82,582	-	-	82,582	72,842
Fundraising	61,873	-	-	61,873	61,382
Total Expenses	550,406	-	-	550,406	504,104
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	21,120	17,370	9,444	47,934	28,994
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	190,413	14,880	26,164	231,437	202,443
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 211,533	\$ 32,230	\$ 35,608	\$ 279,371	\$ 231,437

**TWIN CITIES GAY MEN'S CHORUS
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Year Ended July 31, 2015 with Comparative Totals for 2014**

	2015			2014	
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Comparative Totals
Salaries	\$ 144,620	\$ 50,097	\$ 38,702	\$ 233,419	\$ 213,997
Payroll taxes	9,952	4,669	2,884	17,505	19,939
Employee benefits	17,914	8,345	5,155	31,414	29,789
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	172,486	63,111	46,741	282,338	263,725
Advertising and promotion	22,670	-	3,881	26,551	16,744
Concert production	40,992	-	-	40,992	42,321
Professional fees	3,229	5,577	356	9,162	18,274
Concert and rehearsal space rental	26,873	-	-	26,873	26,014
Printing and copying	17,639	400	247	18,286	16,874
Membership expenses	44,310	-	-	44,310	28,156
Office expense	9,703	3,475	4,457	17,635	15,231
Contract services	12,745	-	-	12,745	18,087
Music	14,177	-	-	14,177	6,785
Occupancy	7,681	3,604	2,226	13,511	12,966
Travel and meetings	4,128	2,255	106	6,489	8,292
Merchandise costs	7,916	-	-	7,916	940
Postage and shipping	5,486	337	208	6,031	6,305
Bank and merchant service fees	3,161	1,491	2,365	7,017	8,364
Insurance	1,670	784	484	2,938	2,692
Telephone	1,300	610	377	2,287	2,194
Dues and licenses	1,334	626	387	2,347	2,109
Miscellaneous	8,319	250	-	8,569	7,100
Total Expenses before Depreciation	405,819	82,520	61,835	550,174	503,173
Depreciation	132	62	36	232	931
Total Expenses	\$ 405,951	\$ 82,582	\$ 61,873	\$ 550,406	\$ 504,104

