2014-2015
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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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**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.
Financial Update:

**TCGMC Finishes the Year with a Surplus.** The Chorus ended Fiscal Year 2015 with a $211,202 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.
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.