



Our Mission:

The Gateway Men's Chorus affirms and promotes gay culture and acceptance through excellence in musical performance and education.

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Washington University Partners with Gateway Men's Chorus to Underwrite Final Production of 29th Season.

University to underwrite performances happening at Edison Theatre, on June 17/18, 2016.

St. Louis (June 17, 2016) – St. Louis's Gateway Men's Chorus is pleased to announce that Washington University will underwrite the final performance of the organization's 29th concert season, *Big Gay Sing! Big Gay Sing* performs June 17/18 at the Edison Theatre on the campus of Washington University. This raucous musical revue gives loving homage to the divas that shaped their love of music and gave them the courage to be the Proud men's chorus they are today. Featuring their sister organization, Charis, as well as a special Master of Ceremonies, this two-night party will have you singing along from your seat and humming the songs for weeks to follow!

Adrienne Davis, Vice Provost at Washington University notes that "Washington University embraces difference on our campus in many forms, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. As an institution devoted to teaching and tackling the great problems of the world, we believe that inclusive excellence yields better learning and better problem-solving. We are excited to join with the Gateway Men's Chorus in sponsoring this year's celebration to all the divas who have inspired us to raise our voices in song!"

"Gateway Men's Chorus is very grateful for the continued support from Washington University," says GMC Executive Director, Tori Gale, "their support of this production and the many productions that have taken place on the Edison stage, continues to demonstrate the university's deep commitment to the LGBT community, and showcase their understanding of the ability music has to build bridges of acceptance and equality."

Big Gay Sing performs on Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th at 8 p.m. at the Edison Theatre, 6445 Forsyth Avenue, University City MO 63130. Tickets to the concert are available for \$25, with discounted rates available for students and seniors. For tickets or information, visit www.gmcstl.org.

About the Gateway Men's Chorus

Since April 1988, the Gateway Men's Chorus has been performing to the delight of thousands throughout the St. Louis region with the mission of affirming and promoting gay culture. In 2012, Gateway Men's Chorus was awarded the Focus St. Louis "What's Right With The Region" award for improving racial equality and social justice. Since its inception, the Chorus has grown to approximately 100 members and has become one of the most successful male choral arts organizations in St. Louis both in musical repertoire and longevity.

The mission of Gateway Men's Chorus is to affirm and promote gay culture and acceptance through excellence in musical performance and education. The organization furthers this mission by producing beautiful male choral music and presenting a positive image of gay men. The Gateway Men's Chorus annually produces a three-concert season, highlighting a diverse blend of musical styles and entertaining performances. The organization also participates in a large number and wide range of special events and community outreach activities throughout the year. The group is open to singers of all backgrounds who sing within male vocal registers.

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