



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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Gateway Men's Chorus Helps DOORWAYS Residents Celebrate Prom!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – On June 12, 2015, Gateway Men's Chorus will partner with local nonprofit organization DOORWAYS, who are hosting a prom celebration for 50 of its residents from 6-9 PM at its Soulard location. To support the event fifty volunteer members of Gateway Men's Chorus will perform selections from their summer concert *Prom*.

DOORWAYS is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Many residents did not experience their own high school prom or may not have had a positive experience. The DOORWAYS Prom with its theme "Light Up the Night" intends to celebrate the men and women who live at four of DOORWAYS' seven apartment buildings around the City of Saint Louis. Joye Forrest, the first black Miss Teen Missouri United States, will join ten other local celebrity performers like Becca Diamonds, Jade Sinclair, Mona Chase and Siren for dancing and fun.

"Gateway Men's Chorus is thrilled to partner with organizations like DOORWAYS to put on the Prom for their residents," says Artistic Director, Al Fischer, "community partnerships with performance opportunities like this are at the core of GMC's mission of affirming and promoting gay culture through musical performance. These types of events take our mission beyond the stages of our own concerts and get the organization active in the community."

Gateway Men's Chorus next concert *Prom* performs on Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th 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. 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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