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

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GMC Announces Hire of New Executive Director, Tori Gale

(St. Louis - October 17, 2013) The Gateway Men's Chorus (GMC) announces the hire of a new Executive Director, Tori Gale. Tori is a graduate of McKendree University, where she earned her B.A. in Communications with a minor in vocal performance. Through Tori's experience performing at McKendree, she discovered the type of community that can be created when like-minded individuals come together to create music. Her addition to the GMC team will help enable the 27-year old non-profit to continue to grow as it begins the next phase of its strategic planning process.

Tori most recently has served at COCA (Center of Creative Arts) as the COCABiz Program Manager. In this role, she oversaw every aspect of the innovative start-up, including collaborating to create and deliver experience-driven, arts-based learning workshops. During her tenure, COCABiz delivered workshops for a range of St. Louis companies including St. Louis University, Wells Fargo Advisors, Centene Corporation, Nestle Purina PetCare, and Edward Jones. She is currently a candidate for an M.P.A. in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from Walden University and resides in the metro-east with her husband Justin.

Tori was selected at the completion of a 6 month regional search and will succeed the organization's first Executive Director Wendy Markum, who now serves as the Managing Director for Stray Dog Theatre. Board President Paul Acker acknowledged that it will be an exciting transition: "Tori brings GMC a wealth of experience and enthusiasm in non-profit management. Her commitment to the arts in the St. Louis region is clear - and through her leadership, we look forward to her helping GMC assume a more central role within the arts in the region."

Tori officially begins her new responsibilities November 1, 2013. Her first major projects will include GMC's second annual Holiday Wreath Auction on Sunday, November 23 and the first concert of GMC's 27th Season, Yule Tube, which performs at the Edison Theatre December 13 and 14, featuring favorite holiday music from television. For tickets or more information, visit www.gmcstl.org or call (314) 289-4169