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TWO BOYS KISSING

A photograph of two men kissing, overlaid with a rainbow gradient. The man on the left is in profile, facing right, and the man on the right is facing left, with his hand near the other's face. The background is a dark blue space with white stars and a faint constellation pattern.

A story of courage, first love, family, loss ... and hope



Directed by Dr. Adam Gustafson.
Composed by Joshua Shank.
Lyrics by David Levithan,
based on his book *“Two Boys Kissing”*

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The HGMC is proud to present one of the most important large-scale choral works in recent years!

Based on true-life events and told through narrative and song, Joshua Shank's oratorio adaptation of David Levithan's award-winning book tells the stories of two gay teenagers who attempt a 32-hour continuous kiss to set a world record, a transgender teen who falls in love at a gay prom, & a teen whose sexual orientation is discovered by his conservative parents.

As the clock ticks down, the boys are watched over by a Greek-chorus of gay men who lost their lives to the AIDS epidemic a generation earlier, and now watch the world that's come after them with both sadness and joy.

Featuring a nine-piece orchestra, *Two Boys Kissing*, is a triumph of contemporary choral storytelling that you won't want to miss.

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday May 11, 2019 at 7:00pm

Market Square Presbyterian Church
120 S. 2nd Street · Harrisburg PA 17101

Friday May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
121 N. Spring St · Middletown PA 17057

Saturday May 18, 2019 at 7:00pm

Union Lutheran Church
408 W Market St · York PA 17401

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Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
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HARRISBURG
GAY MEN'S CHORUS

This spring, the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus will undertake the biggest challenge in its thirty-two year history when we present the Central Pennsylvania premiere of one of the most important large-scale choral works in recent years!

Set to the score of a nine-piece orchestra, "**Two Boys Kissing**" is Joshua Shank's oratorio adaptation of David Levithan's award-winning novel chronicling the relationships and difficulties of today's gay youth. Based on true-life events and told through narrative and song, it shares the stories of two gay teenagers who attempt a 32-hour continuous kiss to set a world record, a transgender teen who falls in love at a gay prom, and a teen whose sexual orientation is discovered by his conservative parents.

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The message delivered is about more than being gay – it's about the crossroads of freedom, equality and hatred. It gives voice to the life experiences of LGBT individuals, recalling the struggles of those who previously walked this same path, and offering hope within the progressive growth of acceptance in today's society.

A timely tribute to the 50th year observance of the Stonewall Uprising, it is also a reminder of those who continue to battle the stigma of a faceless enemy in their daily lives, so movingly captured in the lyrics of this masterpiece:

***Some of us, they stayed behind.
They think of us most every day.
They watch over you with us in mind.
They survived to show you the way.***

"**Two Boys Kissing**" is a poignant and powerful choral work we feel privileged to bring to the Central Pennsylvania region - one that speaks to people across the generations and from all walks of life, and one that will resonate for years to come. Performances of this masterpiece will be presented to the public **free of charge**, as part of our mission to give back to the community and make the arts accessible for all.





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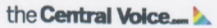
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