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Greetings and welcome to one and all to this concert of the 24th Season of the Harrisburg Men's Chorus. Whether this is your first experience of the chorus or you have been one of our long-time supporters, I hope you have an enjoyable experience with us and will want to repeat the fun over and over in the future.

This past Fall, I had the privilege of being honored with a FAB Achievement Award which is presented by the LGBT Coalition Center for service to the LGBT community. I used the opportunity afforded to me in my reception remarks, to advocate for the local Arts Community and particularly for the LGBT Arts Community. I'd like to repeat that plea again here. LGBT artists are often times the minority within a minority and because our visible presence in the greater arts community is so small, most times we are overlooked or discounted. This is so clearly the case with this chorus. Commonly we are thought of as a 'niche' group that doesn't merit standing in the greater music community. Because our numbers are small, we are often passed over when it comes to major sponsors or eliminated from qualifying for many grants or funding streams. It can become a catch 22 for an organization; you cannot receive support because you are too small but you can't grow larger without support. It costs \$168.00 a month to support one singer. That is a bit more than a singer's dues can cover. That is why I appeal to you, our supporters, to help us as you are able to do. Use the pledge cards that are at your places. Sponsor a singer for a month or more; underwrite the cost of music for a song or two. Help us to buy a new set of shirts or the props for a production. Whatever you can do to help us grow is an investment in our future and will help to ensure that the Chorus will be an out and proud voice of the LGBT community for years ahead.

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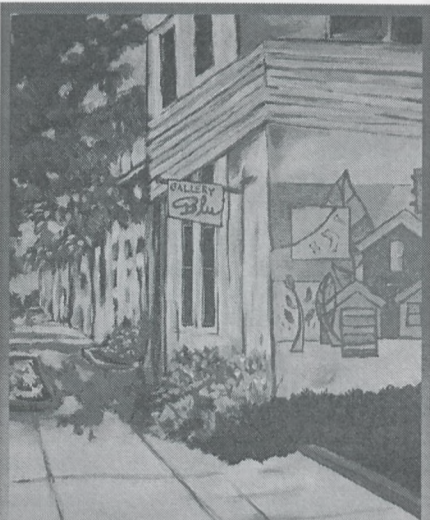
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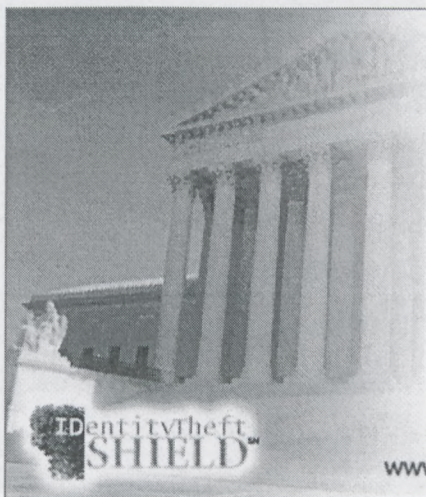
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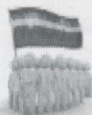
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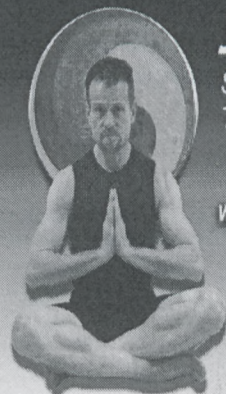


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Sunday, November 21 was Pay the Rent Sunday. We rehearse at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg and sing at two services a year to pay our rent. The guys sounded great and I felt very confident we were ready for this year's **Capers**.

That was the last I've seen or heard them. I spent that Sunday night in Hershey Med's Emergency Room and woke up Monday afternoon for a week-long stay.

Without doubt one of the most wonderful things that's ever happened to me is to have been named Artistic Director of Harrisburg Men's Chorus. I attended the first concert, a Christmas concert at Stallions. I've gone to a lot of the concerts through the years and let's face it, I just plain love making music with them.

In other words, doctors, will I be able to direct this year's **Capers**? My nicely-swarthy surgeon kind of winced. "Well, you probably *could*, but I don't think I'd chance it." A younger doctor just starting to gray in one part of his head, added, "And you've got January." Thank you, that's true. A kind of spiky-haired intern agreed. "You could probably get through it, yeah, but you could also pull something and then you'd be out of commission for a couple of weeks in December."

This explains the debut of the conductor-free **Capers**. I don't know how it will wind up. Quite a bit of discussion has taken place. I know, however, that the guys will have been told, "This is the situation," and they'll have responded, "Whoa!" And then they'll figure it out. It's interesting to be the artistic director and not have any idea what's going to happen – in the true **Capers** tradition.

David Walker, Artistic Director



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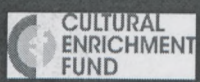
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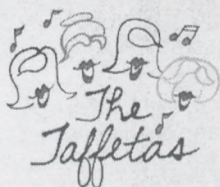
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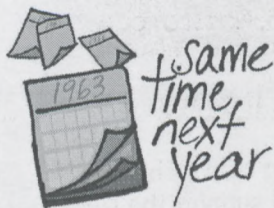
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