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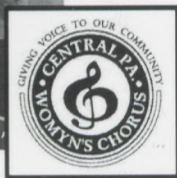


HARRISBURG  
GAY MEN'S  
CHOIRUS  
2014-2015  
SEASON

In 1993, a woman heard the Harrisburg Men's Chorus sing. She was so inspired, she asked to join. Instead, the Chorus leaders offered to help her form a women's chorus. A year later, the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus made its debut. In 2015, we will be 21 years young!



The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus brings together a diverse group of women, united by the joy of singing, to celebrate and empower women and to affirm a positive image of lesbians and feminists.



The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings at Colonial Park United Church of Christ, 5000 Devonshire Rd. Harrisburg. The Chorus usually presents two concerts a year and performs at Voices United (Pride Festival of Central PA) and other special events. New members welcome.

Visit [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.cpwchorus.org) or call 717-564-0112 for more information.

## Welcome to our 2013-14 Concert Season!

Our 28th season is well underway! The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus has been very busy this past summer and into our new season. The HGMC was invited to sing the National Anthem for our very own City Islanders Soccer Team this past July, and in August we performed for the inaugural Marriage Equality Fest in York. In September we also helped the Penn State Hershey Medical Center celebrate LGBT Pride with a mini-concert for students, staff and the public.

And we are JUST getting started! Our Winter Concert, "Lessons from Carols" will provide a fun and quirky twist on a traditional theme. We will perform this concert all over the mid-state, with performances in Lancaster, Harrisburg, Enola, and York!

Our Concert season is under the leadership of our new Artistic Director, Dr. Adam Gustafson. Dr. Gustafson is the head of the Music Department at Penn State Harrisburg. He brings fresh and creative direction to our group. His energy and love for choral music and arranging are only matched by his talent and ability. We are thrilled to have Dr. Gustafson as our new Artistic Director – please give him a warm welcome!

This spring we will premier "Icons and Diva's," at the new theatre on the campus of Penn State Harrisburg. Our Spring Concert will be held on Saturday evening May 9, and Sunday afternoon May 10, MOTHERS DAY! To celebrate our first time performance at this venue, tickets will be on sale for a reduced \$10.00 price and Mothers come for free on Mother's Day!

We will close our season with the TENTH ANNIVERSARY VOICES UNITED CONCERT. This annual event is a wonderful way to see many of our local GLBT and allied choirs working together in gorgeous harmony! If you are looking for a huge choral sound, VOICES UNITED can't be beat! Our Production Chair, Paul Foltz, brings the best and brightest local talent in for this concert, showcasing a stunning array of Central PA's finest vocal and instrumental performers.

Thank you so much for coming to this performance. We are here in part due to our dedication as singers and performers, but mainly because of you, our fabulous and supportive patrons! It's always wonderful to see so many warm, familiar faces in the crowd. Of course, we would love to grow our "fan base," so please spread the word! Now relax, and enjoy the show!

Sincerely,  
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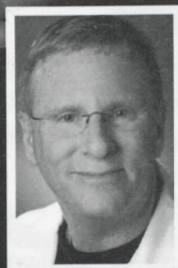
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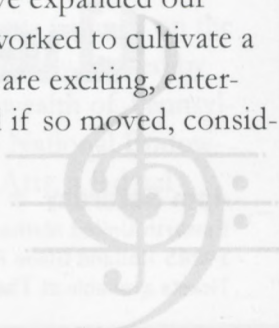
When we sing, we feel the uniqueness of creating something out of nothing – a creation that comes from everyone but not quite anyone. Singing is the manifestation of gathering and acceptance and focus and work and empathy and tolerance rolled into one beautiful noise. When we sing together, we access those around us. We access those who sang in the past by renewing their works. We send out a hope for the future by providing a narrative that begs for us to come together, to put our differences aside to be in one positive moment. We may not like the songs we sing; we may not even like each other some of the time. But in the moment when we open our mouths and pour the sounds of humanity into the world, the I dissolves into the We.

This year, we celebrate lessons and songs from those icons and divas that embraced the power of singing. By presenting their songs, we join a lineage that extends to every culture of humanity in every time period. Nobody goes without singing. History and culture show that it is as necessary for human life as oxygen.

I am so thankful that you have chosen to attend one of our concerts. I can't begin to express the pride I feel for the strides that the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus has taken over the past year. We've expanded our participation in the fabric of Central PA life, we've worked to cultivate a powerful sound, and we have created programs that are exciting, entertaining and, I hope, engaging. So, sit back, enjoy, and if so moved, consider joining us, we'd love to have you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Gustafson



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*Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus*

## Vision Statement:

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus aspires to create entertaining, fun and vibrant gay-positive musical programs, while creating an understanding and welcoming community for commitment and positive growth.

## Mission Statement:

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus celebrates the GLBT experience in song and performance, fosters a greater appreciation of the male choral musical tradition, nurtures members in their artistic and personal growth, and enriches the region through entertainment and positive interaction.

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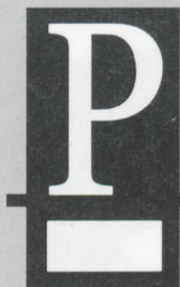
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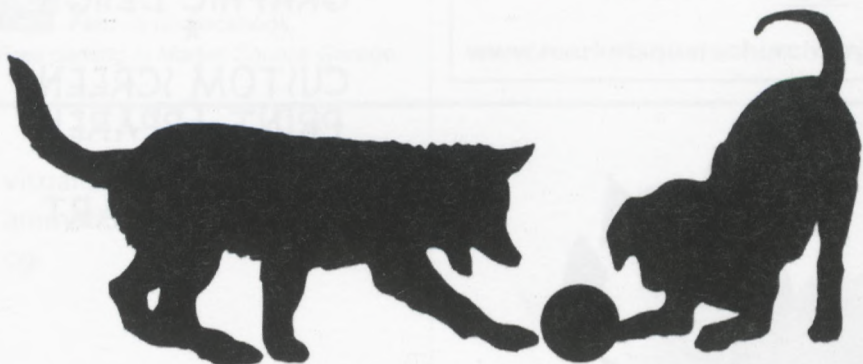
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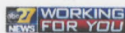
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