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HARRISBURG GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
2015-2016



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## THE MORE

I think about the upcoming HGMC season, the more I realize that I've planned an entirely-selfish, Freudian examination of my own life. Perhaps this isn't fair, but I take the fact that Freud received his MD in the 80s – albeit, the 1880s – as a sign that my motives are more than appropriate.

I grew up in rural, west-central Illinois during the 1980s, where the soybeans were plentiful and the public schools took a holiday for the first day of deer season – shotguns only...none of this namby pamby rifle nonsense. They called it Shopping Day for the girls, because girls don't hunt and boys don't shop.

To a country kid like me, it didn't matter that Ronald Reagan was president. His wife Nancy, however, had a tremendous cultural impact on me with her Just Say No campaign. Every morning during milk box time, my teacher wheeled in her smoking-hot new top-loading VHS cart with the 24-inch television screen. She'd hit play, and a lady who looked eerily similar to my grandmother, if my grandmother could afford nice things, took to the screen. I didn't know why she was important, but that old California Raisin lady and her VHS witchery had me fully convinced that my brain was an egg and drugs fried eggs, which sucked because I really liked eggs. Nancy made it so simple, and if she didn't do the trick, she'd bring along Mr. T just in case you needed some tough love. Nancy, B.A., and the Duke brothers provided me with a healthy dose of red-blooded American masculinity, all while one of the biggest health crises of the twentieth century was unfolding under my nose.

The contradictions of living in the country during the 1980s were everywhere. Imagine the irony of a bunch of boys from Nowhere, IL pretending to be their favorite music idols and living out the dream of picking up girls, carte blanche, because our rock personas oozed sex and music and because we rocked stonewashed jeans. Our favorite choices included Freddie Mercury, George Michael, and Boy George. I always imagined being Boy George, because you got to wear cool hats and clothes if you were Boy George. My imaginary crush/adolescent fantasy was Nicole from My Two Dads because she was classy with a touch of darkness given her mother's death and the daily reminder that her mom got around which was why she had two dads in the first place. Apparently, having two dads whose questionable sex lives led to an illegitimate child whose mother then died and left her with the two men in question was the most sensible way to explain why a girl might have two dads in the 1980s. Today, a simple, "she has two dads" would suffice – even in Kentucky.

So, there I was, traipsing about corn and soybeans with my Boy George hats, singing Karma Chameleon to Nicole in the hopes that she'd leave her two dads and run away with me. Then Garth Brooks released his self-titled album in 1989, and the gloves were suddenly off. Overnight, real country boys listened to country. The nerds, the losers, the fruits – the rest of us -- were left torn between this new ultra-clear, genre-specific straight version of country masculinity and the music that we grew up with. I chose synthesizers over Stetsons. I've never looked back, and this season is an homage to both sides of that upbringing. In December, we'll embrace the culture that made the 80s such an eclectic decade for music. Come May, we get our revenge on Garth and friends! As for Nicole, I still hope she finds time to come to my shows like she used to in the soybean fields. Maybe this time, she'll bring her two dads.

Dr. Adam Gustafson, Artistic Director



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*Jim Olives (Singer)*

*Marty Potar (Singer)*

*Scott Rummel (Singer)*

*Rose Samuels (Board President)*

*Joe Tucci, partner of Bernie Pupo (Founder and Singer; the Chorus was founded in honor of Joe)*

*Dave Walker, partner of William O'Donnell (Singer)*

*Michael Wildeman (Singer)*

*Robert Woodworth (Singer)*

*Jerry Yoder (Singer)*

*Jan Ziegler (Singer and Accompanist)*



Please note: In creating this section we have reached out to as many as we could to include all past singers, staff, board members and supports. We are aware some may be missing from this list. If your loved one or colleague should be listed, please contact Terry at: [finance.hgmc@gmail.com](mailto:finance.hgmc@gmail.com) so that we may honor them at future programs and concerts. Thank you!

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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.



**M**ission 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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# Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus

2015 -2016 SEASON

## CHAPS IN CHAPS

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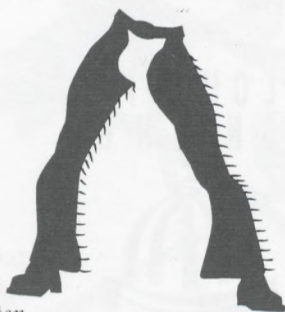
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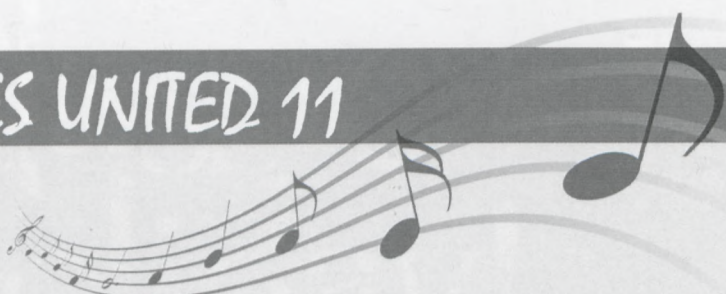
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Sunday, May 15 @ 2 p.m.

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## VOICES UNITED 11



Voices United is a showcase for the various LGBTQ and Allied Chorus of the Harrisburg area. It is an evening of music that expresses the deepest sentiments of the individual groups that comprise the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning communities and explores our common experiences with our Straight allies. This year the evening will add a new feature, highlighting local solo talents from our area, along with the various chorus. Voices United is a musical celebration of all that Pride has come to mean in the Central Pennsylvania area.s.

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*April 30: Pancake Breakfast*

*May 21/22: Spring Concerts*

*July 2-7: GALA Festival/Denver*

*July 29: Voices United*

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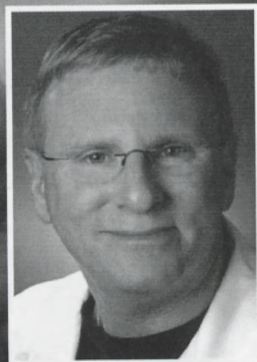
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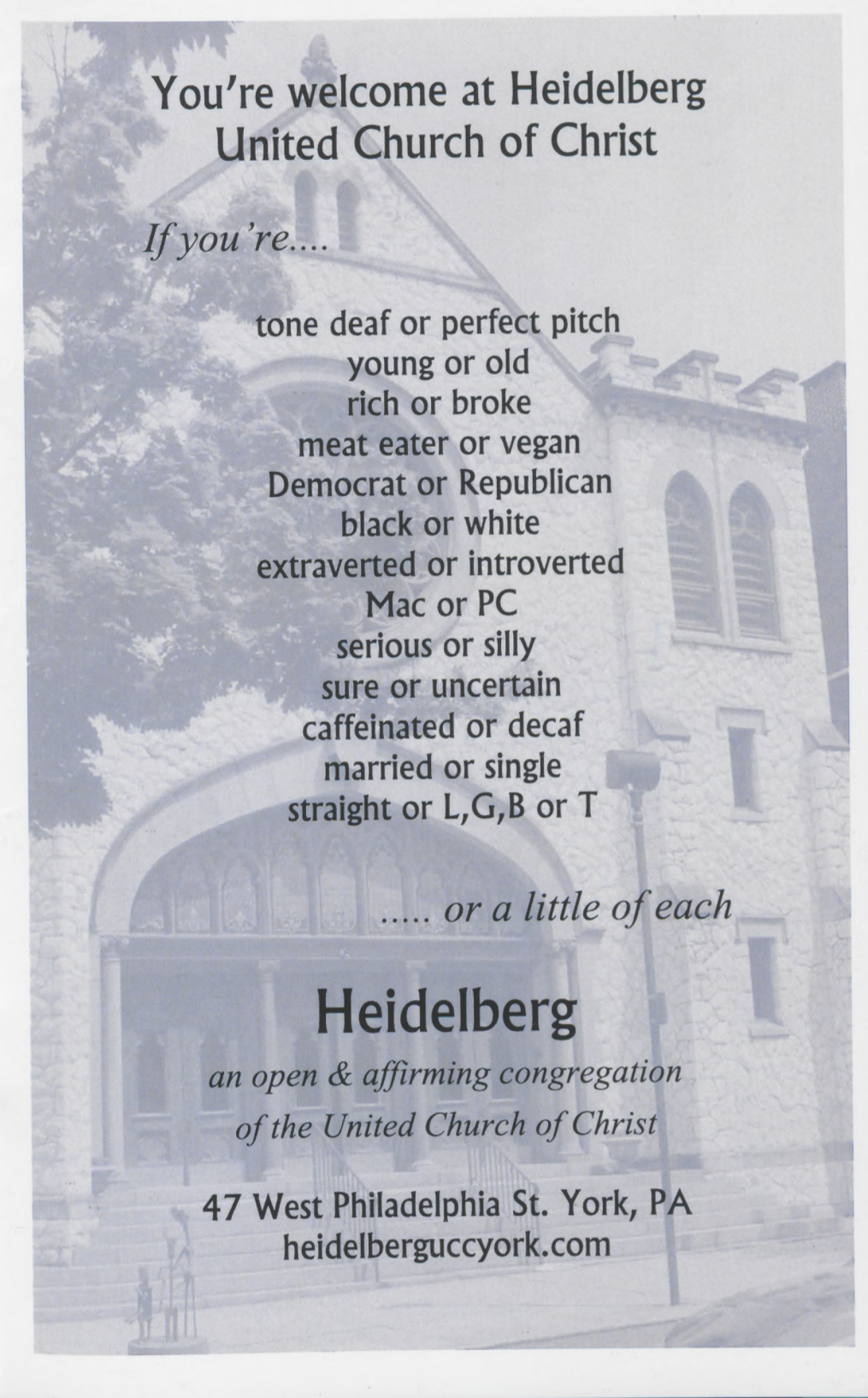
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