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Since our last holiday concert we have toured to New York City to participate in World Pride and honor the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, our small ensembles have presented over 125 outreach performances, Rock Creek Singers has travelled to Iceland to join the Reykjavik Queer Choir on its Pride concert, and the GenOUT Chorus has grown to 24 singers from 20 schools. Every trip we take, every song we sing, and every story we tell is part of our commitment of raising our voice for equality and justice for all people.

Our art is at the heart of everything we do. It's how we express our social justice mission and it's one of the main reasons people come together to build the beautiful community we have. We are able to create our art and do our work for social justice thanks to you — our community — and your tremendous support.

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## THE HOLIDAY SHOW

### ACT ONE

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

What A Gay Ol' Christmas Tree.....Traditional melody adapted and  
Tree: Thomas Reiker arranged by Karlan Judd

Santa: John Knapp

Elves: Brian Duckworth, Jhonny Escorcia,

Romm Gatongay, Colin Muth

Ring Those Christmas Bells.....Music by Gus Levene

Secondo Piano: Barret Wilbur

Lyrics by Brian Fisher

Bell Ringers: Michael Aylward, Eric Belkengren,

Arranged by Ryan Murphy

Ethan Chiang, Ben Harris, Michael Hughes,

Javon Morris-Byam, Joshua Peterson, Larry Poole,

Jack Reiffer, James Turner

Good News!.....Music and lyrics by Jay Althouse

#### ROCK CREEK SINGERS

Lo V'chayil.....Elliot Z. Levine

Adapted for TTBB Chorus by Thea Kano

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.....Music and lyrics by Eddie Pola

Guest Conductor: Charles Berardesco

and George Wyle

(December 14)

Arranged by Hawley Ades

White Christmas.....Music and lyrics by Louis Nichole

Soloist: Abel Jiminez

Dancer: Joshua Chambers

Piano: Michael Gottlieb

#### GENOUT CHORUS

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.....Traditional English Carol

Arranged with additional words by Russell Robinson

Avinu Malkénu.....Music by John Leavitt, quoting Hebrew Folk Song

Text: Hebrew Liturgy

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit.....Traditional Filipino Christmas Carol

Music by Vincente Rubi

Lyrics by Levin Celerio

Arranged by Bobby Buchanan

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas.....Music by John Williams

Secondo Piano: Barret Wilbur

Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse

Arranged by Rob Bradley

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND GENOUT CHORUS

O Come, All Ye Faithful.....Traditional

## INTERMISSION

### ACT TWO

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

Betelehemu.....Music and lyrics by Via Olatunji  
Arranged by Wendell Whalum  
Soloist: André Cotten  
Percussion Ensemble: Michael Aylward,  
Pradipto Banjeree, Michael Gottlieb,  
Ken Hewitt, Neil Offner, Santos Torres

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Hanukkah Rhapsody.....Based on *Hungarian Rhapsody* No. 2 by Franz Liszt  
Arrangement and lyrics by  
Soloist: Raymond Bradley Rinaldo  
Eric Lane Barnes

### SEASONS OF LOVE

This Christmas.....Music and lyrics by Donny Hathaway and Nadine McKinnor  
Arranged by Paul Langford

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Love is Christmas.....Music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles  
Arranged by Tim Sarsany  
Soloist: Michael Aylward

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

Dear Santa.....Music and lyrics by Paul Shaffer  
Arranged by Dave Volpe  
Soloists: Brian Duckworth, Gabriel Lopez,  
Jordan Peyer, Ryan Williams  
Flute: C. Paul Heins

### POTOMAC FEVER

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.....Music and lyrics by Johnny Marks  
Arranged by The Blenders  
Soloists: Jonathan Jones, Paul Negron  
Vocal Percussion: Gibson Haynes

Text Me Merry Christmas.....Music and lyrics by David Javerbaum  
and Adam Schlesinger  
Arranged by Alan Billingsley  
Soloists: Matt Holland, Jeb Stenhouse  
Vocal Percussion: Paul Nichol森

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC

Dear December.....Music and lyrics by Bobby Jo Valentine  
Arranged by Dave Volpe  
Soloist: Jahtay Teh

#### GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC AND 17TH STREET DANCE

12 Days of Christmas.....Traditional  
Arranged by Steve Milloy

There will be a 20-minute intermission.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Ben Aparicio-Coto — Spanish lyrics for "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Mario Sengco and Romm Gatongay — Tagalog coaching  
Joe Levin-Manning — Hebrew coaching  
Tim Gillham — Percussion ensemble coaching  
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## Potomac Fever

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George Huffman  
Michael Hughes  
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Joal Martin  
Javon Morris-Byam  
James Murphy  
Joshua Peterson

Larry Poole  
Jack Reiffer  
Raymond Bradley Rinaldo  
Sean Robinson  
Craig Ruskin  
Lonny Smith  
James Turner  
Lyn VanNoy  
Aaron Ware  
Brian Watts  
Joseph Wenninger

## Seasons of Love

Tommie Adams, Jr.  
Brent Almond  
Ben Aparicio-Coto  
Marcus Brown  
Xavier Griffin  
Matthew Horton  
Thomas Hudson  
Cole Jaconski  
Joseph Jozlin

Nick Lawton  
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Tyler Shapiro  
Lamar Smith  
Matthew Teubert  
Santos Torres  
Cooper Westbrook  
Micah Yarbrough

## 17th Street Dance

Danny Aldous  
Sean Cator  
Joshua Chambers  
Craig Cipollini  
Peelee Clark

Iván Dávila  
James Ellzy  
Charles Goodall  
Jeffrey Hollands  
Aaron Jackson

Michael McGovern  
Clint Novotny  
Darryl Pilate  
Randy Snight  
Brandon Steele

## GenOUT Chorus

Talulla Allen  
Brennan Connell  
Quincy DuBois  
Jordan Funk  
Alex Gagliardi  
Ashton Gerber  
Elliott Haney  
Seth Jung

Dylan Kleiman  
Alex Klym  
Lillian Major  
India Matthews  
Lee Matthews  
Iyanna Morgan  
Gabriel Morrison  
Matthew Neri

Cameron Parker  
Chris Pisinski  
Charlie Rowe  
Emma Schmiedigen  
Jay Schwartz-Stanton  
Ryan Swayze  
Lucas Tober  
Ella Trevelyan



Potomac Fever  
A cappella pop harmony ensemble



Rock Creek Singers  
Chamber music ensemble



Seasons of Love  
Gospel and inspirational ensemble



17th Street Dance  
Dance ensemble



GenOUT Chorus  
LGBTQ+ and allies youth choral ensemble

## **Lo V'chayil**

"Not by might and not by power,  
Rather by my spirit,"  
Says the Lord of Hosts.

## **Avinu Malkenu**

Our Father, Our King,  
Be gracious unto us and answer us,  
For we are unworthy.  
Deal with us in charity  
And lovingkindness  
And save us.  
Hear our voice.  
Amen.

## **Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit**

Christmas has begun  
Let us all be in song  
of beautiful tunes  
because with God is love.  
When Christ was born  
there were three kings who visited.  
And each one  
offered his own unique offering.  
New Year means renewal of life  
so that our land becomes joyful  
Let us all strive together to obtain prosperity.

## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels.  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

## **Betelehemu**

We are glad that we have a Father to trust.  
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.  
Where was Jesus born?  
Where was He born?  
Bethlehem, the city of wonder.  
That is where the Father was born for sure.  
Praise, praise, praise be to Him.  
We thank Thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,  
Gracious Father.  
Praise, praise, praise be to Thee,  
Merciful Father.



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# WHO'S WHO



## Thea Kano, Artistic Director

Dr. Thea Kano, a Northern California native, became active in the arts at an early age. She started playing piano at age four and began taking ballet soon after, a background that has a strong influence on her conducting. Dr. Kano's graceful yet commanding presence on stage and the robust performances she obtains from her musicians have basis in her formal training as a dancer.

Dr. Kano has conducted an extensive range of repertoire with several ensembles, including the Angeles Chorale, The Washington Chorus, and in 2014 assumed the position of artistic director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, for which she also directs its acclaimed ensembles Rock Creek Singers, Potomac Fever, and Seasons of

Love. In addition, she oversees GMCW's outreach efforts, including its GenOUT program. A champion of music education, Dr. Kano has devoted countless hours to students of all ages and backgrounds. She believes in the power of music to nurture and believes that classical music should be accessible to all. Dr. Kano's substantial experience in this arena includes: building partnerships with organizations serving disenfranchised adults, hosting workshops with at-risk youth, leading youth arts programs of many sizes, as well as directing award-winning high school and collegiate choruses.

In addition to her work with GMCW, Dr. Kano founded the New York City Master Chorale in 2005 and served as the artistic director until spring 2019. The 80-member group is recognized as one of the finest vocal ensembles in New York City and has performed to sold-out audiences on two continents. Dr. Kano is known for her expressiveness and dynamic conducting, and the Chorale has been praised for its balance and richness in tone in performing a variety of musical styles. Under her direction, the Chorale made its debuts at Lincoln Center (2006) and Carnegie Hall (2009), as well as its international debut in Paris, France (2011).

Dr. Kano has prepared choruses for Zubin Mehta, Esa-Pekka Solonen, Emil de Cou, David Hayes, Craig Fleischer, Victor Vener, and Paul Salamunovich. Dr. Kano's various ensembles have performed at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Disney Hall, Eglise Saint-Sulpice (Paris), and on the National Mall for the 2009 inaugural ceremonies.

Dr. Kano received her doctorate in choral conducting from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2004. At UCLA, Dr. Kano studied under Donald Neuen, her professional mentor. For her dissertation on Duruflé's *Requiem*, Dr. Kano completed research with L'Association Duruflé in Paris and studied privately with Paul Salamunovich. Dr. Kano holds a Master of Music degree from UCLA and a bachelor's degree in choral music education and piano performance from Arizona State University. Dr. Kano speaks French and actively conducts ensembles in New York City, Paris, and Washington, DC.





### **C. Paul Heins, Associate Conductor**

C. Paul Heins joined the GMCW artistic team as associate conductor in the 2014 – 2015 season. Dr. Heins's principal role with GMCW is directing the GenOUT Chorus, an outreach ensemble for LGBTQ+ and allied youth founded in 2015. Under Dr. Heins's leadership, GenOUT has grown from its inaugural class of nine singers to a current enrollment of 24 singers representing 20 schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Over the past five years, more than 90 students from over four dozen schools have participated in GenOUT Chorus and Camps, and notable performance venues have included the John F. Kennedy Center, the White House, Washington National Cathedral, and the Library of Congress.

Dr. Heins was previously the director of the Concert Choir at Georgetown University, where he also taught music theory, piano, and introduction to voice, and served as music director for the university's opera and musical theater productions. He served as director of the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington for nine seasons and was music director for three GMCW musicals (*Ruthless*, *When Pigs Fly*, and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*). Past appointments also include the Washington Master Chorale (assistant conductor), Washington Men's Camerata (accompanist/associate conductor), and an interim position as choir director at the College of William & Mary.

Dr. Heins is a frequent guest pianist, flutist, and conductor in the DC area. He was trained in piano and flute at Bowling Green State University (B.Mus.), flute at the University of Maryland (M.Mus.), and choral conducting at the University of Maryland (D.M.A.). His principal teachers have been Edward Maclary, Patrick Walders, and Mark S. Kelly (conducting); William Montgomery and Judith Bentley (flute); and Virginia Marks and Victoria Harris (piano). His doctoral work centered around Lukas Foss's cantata, *The Prairie*.



### **Theodore Guerrant, Principal Accompanist**

Now in his 37th season as GMCW's principal accompanist, "Dr. Teddy" is arguably the longest-tenured collaborative pianist for a single chorus within the entire GALA Choruses network. He has been honored in various ways throughout his almost four decades of service including a Circle of Excellence Award in 2001, with a plaque honoring his 25-year milestone in 2008, and, finally, with a Distinguished Service Award from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance in 2011 for his long tenure with GMCW. He began with GMCW in 1983 as co-accompanist with Jim Holloway, and has served under every GMCW conductor from founding director Jim Richardson to Thea Kano, traveled with the Chorus to various cities across the United States, two Canadian provinces, three Scandinavian countries, and can be heard on many GMCW recordings.

Dr. Teddy, who grew up in College Park, Georgia during the 1950s, studied with his aunt, Eliza Holmes Feldmann, who was then artist-in-residence at Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia. As a high school senior, he accompanied five choral ensembles and played five Sunday church services weekly. He received degrees in keyboard performance from the University of Georgia (B.M. piano cum laude; M.F.A. harpsichord), the University of Wisconsin (M.M. piano), the University of Maryland (D.M.A. piano), and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University (G.P.D. organ), and studied piano additionally in Buriton, England, with Denise Lassimonne.

Dr. Teddy is also organist-choirmaster at Christ Church Parish Kensington (Episcopal), accompanist for the National Philharmonic Chorale (the resident chorus of the Strathmore Music Center in Rockville), where he was recently given an award for his 30 years of service to that organization, and associate director-accompanist for the Central Maryland Chorale. He teaches on the staff of the University of Maryland School of Music (where he has also served for more than 30 years) as a coach-accompanist.



## **Craig Cipollini, 17th Street Dance Director and Choreographer**

Craig began with GMCW in 2004 as a featured dancer. His background is primarily musical theater, having performed all over the East Coast and abroad. He toured with productions of *A Chorus Line* and *42nd Street*, in addition to many regional, summer stock, and dinner theater credits. He was also a member of the DC Cowboys Dance Company, performing with the group all over the United States, in Toronto, and in Budapest, Hungary. He also performed with the group when they appeared on NBC-TV's *America's Got Talent* where the group reached the Top 40.

Craig has worked extensively as a director and choreographer. Some musicals he has directed and/or choreographed include *Cabaret*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Annie*, *Hair*, *Carousel*, *Sugar Babies*, *Anything Goes*, *42nd Street*, and *West Side Story*, to name a few. He directed and choreographed *One Night in New York!* at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival where the show won Best Overall Production and Best Choreography. He has been GMCW's resident choreographer since 2006. He directed and choreographed GMCW's productions of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and *Xanadu*, as well as *Men In Tights: A Pink Nutcracker* (2010), *Seven, Divas, A Gay Man's Guide to Broadway*, and *That '80s Show*. He holds bachelor's degrees in theater and art/visual communications, and a masters degree in arts management.



## **Joshua Chambers, Choreographer**

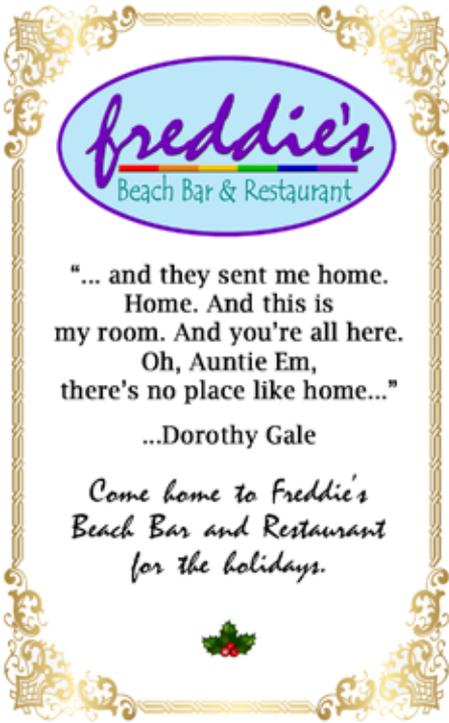
Joshua Chambers first joined GMCW as a dancer for our production of *When You Wish* in 2015 where he was finally given the opportunity to perform as a mermaid. His choreographic work has also been seen showcased with the Congressional Chorus of Washington, DC. Josh received his BFA in Dance Education from Shenandoah University in 2007 and quickly joined Regent Seven Seas Cruises as a dancer and dance captain aboard one of their ships. Josh toured with the Shenandoah Dance Ensemble in Taiwan, opened his own adult dance and fitness studio, and currently serves as a counselor at Cooper Middle School in Fairfax County.



## **James Elzy, II, Choreographer**

James Elzy began his dance training at Northwestern University in 1989. He performed primarily in musical theater until starting with modern dance in 1999 in San Diego. While in San Diego, he danced primarily with San Diego Dance Theatre and the California Ballet Company. He also performed with Butterworth Dance Company and LaDiego Dance Theater. He directed the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego's full productions of *Oliver Button is a Sissy* in 2000 and *Nutcracker: Men in Tights* in 2006. In 2004, he was invited to serve as one of the international judges for *Showcase!*, the Australian national dance competition.

Since moving to DC in 2008, James has performed with Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company and the DC Cowboys. He serves many roles in GMCW depending on the concert: singer, dancer, dance captain, choreographer, stage director, and audition co-coordinator...and delights in them all! By day, James is a family physician at the Defense Health Agency.



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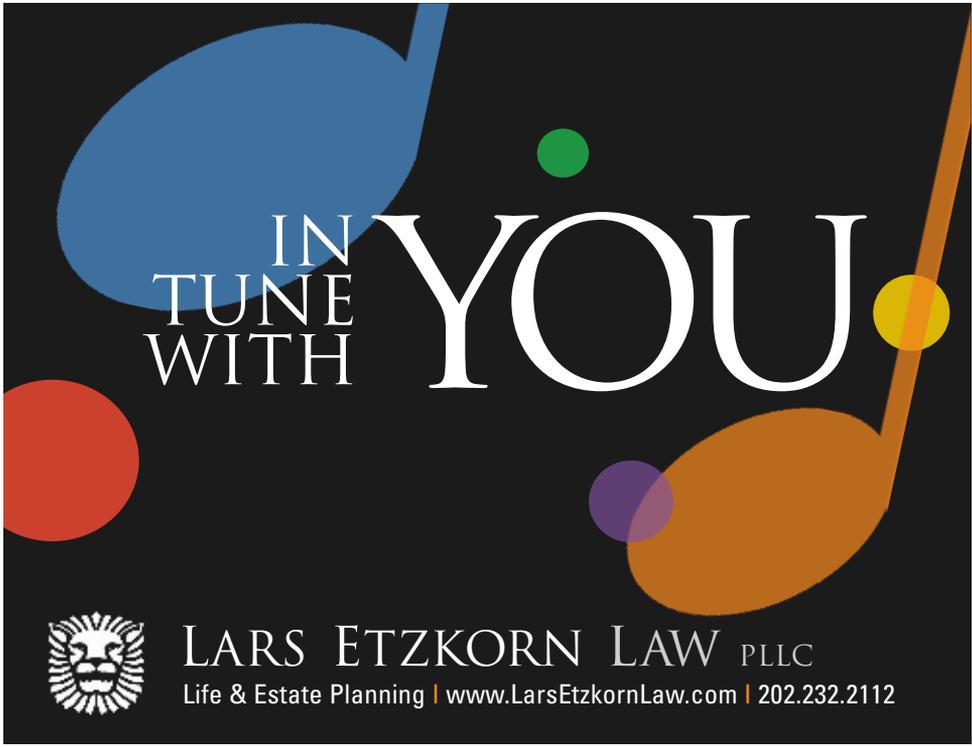
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For further information about GMCW's Ovation Society, or if you are interested in learning more about the many ways you can include GMCW in your plans, please contact Executive Director Justin Fyala, at 202-293-1548 or [jfyala@gmcw.org](mailto:jfyala@gmcw.org).

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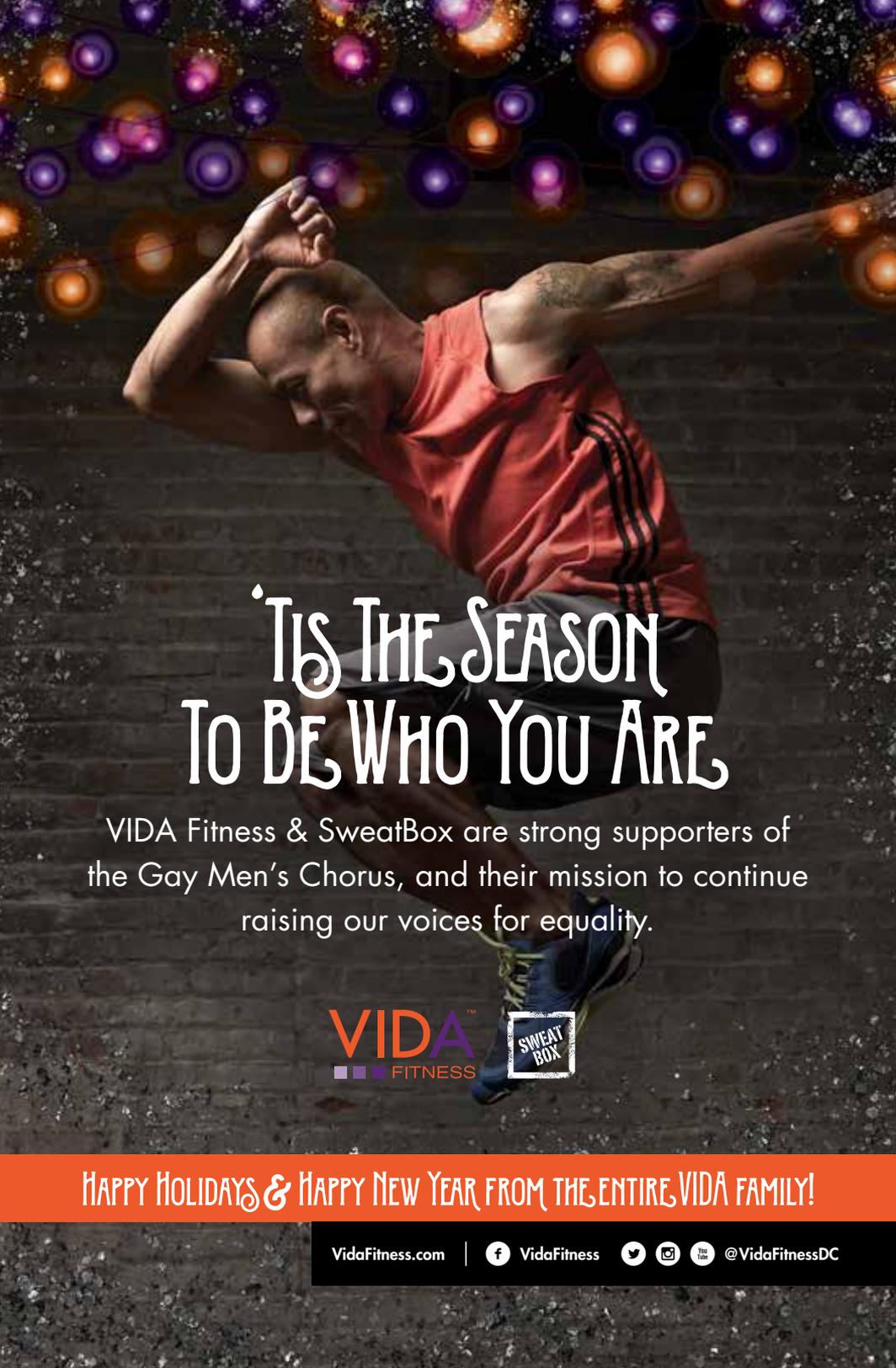
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