



Devotion: A Celebration of GALA Choruses

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 4pm EDT / 1pm PDT

Coro Allegro

David Hodgkins, Artistic Director

Boston's LGBTQ+ and allied classical chorus

In a year when we nearly lost the GALA Choruses organization due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Coro Allegro shines a light on the shared devotion between GALA and its member choruses through the prism of our journey of mutual inspiration and evolution.

Today's presentation features music and stories from composers, conductors, singers, and LGBTQ+ advocates on the impact of GALA Festival and the LGBTQ+ choral movement. Thank you for joining us as we honor the GALA Choruses board and staff with the 13th Annual Daniel Pinkham Award and celebrate changing the world through song.

Program

Armistice 1918 (Everyone Sang)

by Craig Carnahan

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Celeste Johnson, piano

Introduction to GALA Choruses

Robin Godfrey, Executive Director

Jane Ramseyer Miller Artistic Director of GALA Choruses

"In the Clearing"

Coro Allegro's first Festival and first commission

Meg Oakes, Former Coro Allegro President

Kenneth Fuchs, Composer

Excerpt:

"Nothing Gold Can Stay" from *In the Clearing*

By Kenneth Fuchs

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"And the walls come a tumblin' down"

Coro Allegro alumni, singers, and friends celebrate Festival

Craig Coogan, Executive Director of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Excerpt:
The Battle of Jericho
Arranged by Moses Hogan
Performed in celebration of Massachusetts Marriage Equality
At GALA Choruses Festival VII, Montreal
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“Aluta Continua, the Passion of David Kato Kisule”
Raising our voices for LGBTQ+ rights for all
Janson Wu, Executive Director of GLAD (GLBTQ+ Legal Advocates and Defenders)
Former Coro Allegro president & 9th Annual Pinkham Award Winner
Eric Banks, composer and Director of The Esoterics
Reginald L. Mobley, countertenor and advocate for arts equity
John Abdallah “LongJones” Wambere, founder of AmeriGanda, International
Tom Regan and John Brown, Coro Allegro singer/commissioners

Excerpts:
Aluta continua: The passion of David Kato Kisule
By Eric Banks

Performed by Coro Allegro, David Hodgkins, Artistic Director,
at GALA Choruses Festival X, Denver in 2016

Reginald L. Mobley, countertenor as David Kato Kisule
Phillip Lima, bass as Bishop Christopher Senyonjo
Robert Schulz, Jonathan Hess, marimbas

GALA Choruses:
A Community Rising from Two Pandemics
Robin Godfrey, Jane Ramseyer Miller, Michael Tate, GALA Choruses

***Devotion* (from “In the Clearing”)**
by Kenneth Fuchs, composer.
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**Presentation of the 13th Annual Daniel Pinkham Award
to the GALA Choruses Board and Staff**
Bonnie McFarlane, president of the Coro Allegro Board of Directors
Michael Tate, president of GALA Choruses Board of Directors.

See you at Festival 2024!
Letters to Our Children: Voices across Generations
Sam Brinton, Vice President of The Trevor Project

“I’ll be Seeing You”

Arranged by Peter Eldridge

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Maverick, vocal soloist

Peter Eldridge, piano

Coro Allegro Hosts:

David Hodgkins, Artistic Director

Yoshi Campbell, Executive Director

Bonnie McFarlane, President

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the pride and devotion
of the 12,000 LGBTQ+ and allied singers
and nearly 190 member choruses
that come together as GALA Choruses
to change the world through song.

Production Credits

Produced by

Yoshi Campbell

In partnership with

David Hodgkins

Bonnie McFarlane

Amy Randolph-Couture

Ella Beyer and Tom Beyer

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Craig Coogan
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Joel Davis
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Hala Hazar
Eric Kristensen
Tammy Ngai
Noel Reid
Tom Regan
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And the Board, Singers, and Volunteers of Coro Allegro