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Although we've hardly had time to breathe after our exciting 21st season, which included a visit from Schola Cantorosa, and a trip across country, we're very pleased to announce our 22nd Season **Music, Movies, and More.**

During this special season, we will showcase a variety of songs from the film world in a three-show cycle. Plus, we will be joined by special guest artists whom you won't want to miss!

It's a Wonderful Life

First off the mark is **It's a Wonderful Life**, our traditional holiday show, on December 2 & 3 at the new Resurrection MCC, 2025 West 11th Street at T.C. Jester.

Following this season's theme, the program will feature holiday music from the movies, including lots of standards such as *We Need a Little Christmas*. A newer holiday gem, a *Nightmare Before Christmas* medley from the Tim Burton movie of the same title, promises to be special! Songs of the Hanukkah tradition will round out the show.

All That Jazz!

We're especially pleased to welcome the Rob Landes Trio, who will join us for **All That Jazz!** on March 24 & 25, 2001 at Resurrection MCC.

This jazz-in-the-movies performance will showcase both groups together and separately

with selections from this most American of musical idioms. A highlight of the show will be the joint performance of a newly-commissioned work which GMCH won at GALA Choruses Festival 2000 in San Jose last July.

That's Entertainment

Our final performance of the season, **That's Entertainment**, takes place June 16 & 17, 2001, at the Kaplan Theater of the Jewish Community Center, 5601 South Braeswood.

For this program, we're pleased to share the stage with the Capital City Men's Chorus of Austin, Texas, who last joined us in song at the Wortham Center for our 20th Anniversary season. This concert's focus will be general film music—a little bit of everything, so to speak—and it is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

If you can't make those dates, consider trekking up to Austin on June 9 & 10, 2001 where we'll present the show with the Capital City Men's Chorus at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 1700 Grover.

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GALA Choruses Festival 2000 Exceeds All Expectations!

The generosity of our patrons and hard work of our members allowed GMCH to bring more singers to this festival than to any other

Thanks to the generosity of our patrons and the hard work of all of our members, GMCH brought its largest contingent ever to perform at a GALA Choruses festival.

Add another six spouses and well-wishers to the batch, and we brought twice as many people to this festival as we did to the previous gathering in Tampa four years ago. Even more amazing, those 38 performers represented over 90% of the active singers in GMCH, an extraordinarily high

expense. And just how did we do? Well, the two standing ovations during our twenty-five minute set, before an audience of around 1500, seem to tell the tale. Dr. Dave didn't have the joy of seeing the rapt faces in the front rows as we moved from number to number. We knew, almost from the start, that the audience was ours.

thanks to loyal patrons like you, we were able to send members who would not have been able to attend

Led by artistic director Dave Faber and accompanist Phil Hooper, GMCH boasted 38 singers on stage at Festival 2000 in San Jose, July 22-30.

number when one considers that many choruses fielded only 50-75% of their singers, at best, and some choruses unfortunately could not come at all, due to the

Festival 2000 might be over, but we'll be traveling to Austin for a joint concert this year, and who knows where the upcoming seasons might lead us? We only hope that you'll support us for a long time to come.

Comments From Your Travelers

"The Founding Artistic Director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, Andy Mills, was able to go to GALA 2000 and was just blown away by it all. He attended every afternoon and evening concert block. This was a very enabling occasion for him, and he wants to join the support group of the chorus."

Larry Butler

"My first GALA experience is filled with memories of fabulous performances heard and wonderful new friends made, but one particularly touching memory is worth sharing. One evening before a concert Chris and I were having dinner at Johnny Rocket's, a local diner, with friends from other choruses. Although the place was virtually filled with GALA folk, one table was occupied by a group of preteen girls with glittery stars in their hair, obviously in the midst of a celebration. While waiting for our meals, a guy from another table walked over and asked if we would like to help make a little girl's birthday extra special. We of course agreed and proceeded to join in

with about 50 other choristers in singing "Happy Birthday" to the celebrant in multi-part harmony. The little girl's mother was so overwhelmed that she ran over in tears to the guy who organized the singing and hugged and thanked him. I don't know if she knew who we were or why we were in town, but I know it's a birthday she and her daughter won't soon forget. I think it's also a memory that we who had the pleasure of giving this impromptu performance won't soon forget either."

Jerry Aucoin

"An eye-opening experience! To be part of a celebration where you can be a part of such unadulterated joy! The feeling of walking on stage and being so warmly received was one I will never forget! I have come away from GALA with a revitalized joy in singing that I want to share with our audiences here."

Luther Jenkins

Schola Cantorosa Concert A Great Success!

"Hilarious choreography and a keen wit kept the audience laughing throughout!"

GMCH history was made on the evening of July 12 when the chorus hosted Schola Cantorosa, the gay men's chorus of Hamburg, Germany, in our first-ever international joint choral event.

For those who missed it, Schola Cantorosa put on a great multilingual show for the crowd. Dressed provocatively in blue tights and glittering chaps, our new friends from Germany sang the saga of poor Doris, a somewhat aged diva now unfortunately defunct backstage. Hilarious choreography and a keen wit kept the audience laughing throughout. Before Schola entered the stage, however, the men of GMCH performed their GALA Choruses Festival 2000 set (see accompanying article) before the appreciative audience. We finally joined together as a mass chorus to sing one of the festival anthems, a marvellous moment for all involved.

Since this was the first trip to the U.S. for many of the Hamburgians, members of GMCH gave the guys a taste of what life is like in Houston. From a lovely get-together at Riva's Italian Restaurant in Montrose, to a tour of some of the local bars (sad to say, they out-two-stepped us at the Brazos River Bottom, a western bar) and Space Center Houston, we can safely say that Schola's Cantorosa's visit to Houston surpassed their other stops around the country.

Visit Schola Cantorosa on the World Wide Web!

(Even just to say hello. They'd love to hear from you.)

<http://www.schola-cantorosa.de/>

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with a showcase of songs
from the film world

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