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# Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida's Pride Concert, Unbreakable & Unstoppable is now an Official Stonewall Pride Event, part of Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival

# Tickets On Sale Now!

WILTON MANORS, Fla. (June 10, 2022) – The <u>Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida</u>'s highly anticipated pride concert will be at Sunshine Cathedral in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Friday, June 24 & Saturday June 25, performances at 8:00 pm, 7:30 pm doors open. *Unbreakable & Unstoppable* will feature an evening of festive and celebratory music from the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida (GMCSF). It was announced earlier that GMCSF became an Official Event of Stonewall Pride, part of <u>Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride</u> <u>Parade and Street Festival</u>. Tickets are on sale now and cost \$53 for premium, \$48 for preferred, and \$38 for general seating. <u>All seats are reserved and available at gmcsf.org</u>. Doors open a half hour before show time. Additional fees may apply.

A musical chronology of the gay experience in America spanning 120 years of history too long unsung, 'Unbreakable' explores the gay experience in America through the words and music of celebrated composer and lyricist Andrew Lippa. Focusing on a curated selection of stories throughout American LGBTQ history - like Harvard's "Secret Court" of 1920, the life of transgender and gay activist Sylvia Rivera, The Lavender Scare, the remarkable work of Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, and others - 'Unbreakable' is a heartrending and ultimately triumphant look at where we've been, what we've come through, and who we are today. Most of all, 'Unbreakable' is a tribute to the perseverance and power of a people who would not be defeated and could not be broken. The second half of our concert features an explosion of triumphant gay anthems that have inspired our community to be ourselves on dance floors and in diverse communities across the globe.

GMCSF's 2022 Pride Concert: *Unbreakable & Unstoppable* is sponsored in part by Our Fund Foundation, Funding Arts Broward, PNC Bank, AIDS Health Foundation, HotSpots Happening Out Television Network, Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival and the City of Fort Lauderdale

### About The Composer of Unbreakable

Andrew Lippa is a composer, lyricist, singer, actor, conductor, and record producer. His "Unbreakable" had its world premiere with The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in June 2018 with 300 artists onstage, including himself. His songs have been sung by Renée Fleming, Vanessa Williams, Kristin Chenoweth, Idina Menzel, Nathan Lane, Brooke Shields, and Mel B, to name a few. Awards include Tony<sup>®</sup> and Grammy<sup>®</sup> nominations; shared Emmy for Nickelodeon's The Wonder Pets; SFGMC Vanguard Award; The Drama Desk Award; The Outer Critics Circle Award. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Lippa serves as president of the board of The Dramatists Guild Foundation.

## About Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida

The <u>Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida</u> pursues a mission of inspiring through song. The Chorus continues to realize this mission in ways that can only be considered extraordinary. In its short history, the Chorus has grown to over one-hundred-and-thirty men and has become the largest gay men's chorus in the southeastern United States. The Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida is under the direction of

Artistic Director & Conductor Gabe Salazar. The Chorus has earned a strong reputation for excellence, garnering prestigious invitations to perform throughout the South Florida region. The Chorus reached a significant milestone in December 2016, when it collaborated with Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood to perform its holiday concert at Hard Rock Live! The two entities have continued this partnership, now in its fifth year. Prior guest artists have included Linda Eder, Alan Cumming, Matthew Morrison, and Jordin Sparks. Annually, through a combination of the mainstage, outreach, and educational performances, the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida reaches more than 20,000 individuals. For more information, visit www.gmcsf.org, call (954) 763-2266, and e-mail pr@gmcsf.org.

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