



DIVAS



Celebrating the music of lgbtqia+ artists and allies

Friday, May 31st at 8 PM
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About The Women's Chorus of Dallas

The Women's Chorus of Dallas promotes the strength, diversity, and empowerment of women by performing high quality music to entertain, inspire, and serve the community. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our mission to bring music to the community depends on ticket sales, individual contributions, and grant funding. You can help us keep going by making a tax-deductible donation, joining our Capital Club as a sustaining donor, purchasing tickets, volunteering your time or services, advertising with us, or sponsoring an upcoming performance.

Our Story

The Women's Chorus of Dallas is recognized as one of the nation's finest women's choruses. Founded in 1989 with an initial membership of 35, the Chorus has grown to a diverse group of 100+ members, performing 3 season concerts each year.

Once the only chorus in Texas predominantly composed of gay women, TWCD is proud of its diverse and welcoming membership for all women, regardless of age, race, or sexual identity.





Melinda Imthurn, Artistic Director

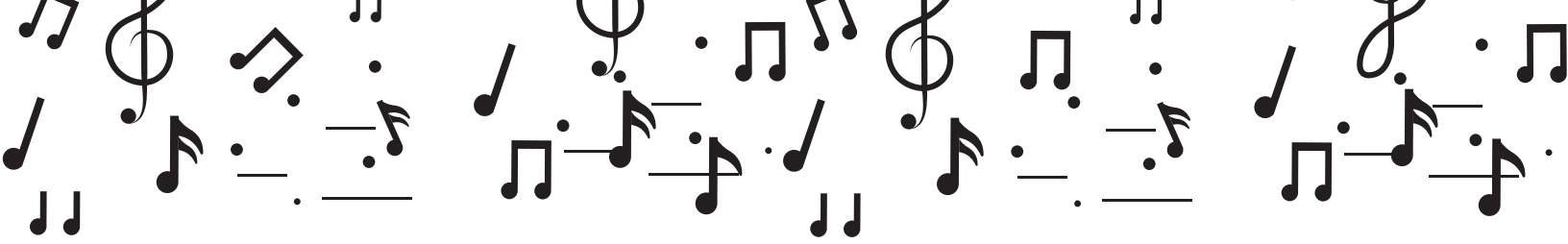


Artistic Director Melinda Imthurn is in her 20th season as Artistic Director for The Women's Chorus of Dallas. Under her leadership, the Chorus has increased its performance of music by women composers, as well as the commissioning of new works, with a focus on women of color and other underrepresented voices. Melinda holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and a Master of Music degree in Vocal Pedagogy from Texas Woman's University, with continued studies in Contemporary Commercial Music at Shenandoah Conservatory and in Choral Music at University of North Texas. An accomplished singer, she has performed all over the DFW area and in solo recitals. Melinda is Professor of Music at Dallas College, directing the choir and coordinating vocal studies at the Eastfield Campus. In addition, she maintains a busy private vocal studio, specializing in voice rehabilitation. She is a frequent clinician and adjudicator for choruses and soloists and enjoys the role of mentor to many high school choir directors in Dallas ISD. As much as she cherishes her musical and educational endeavors, the most important roles Melinda currently serves are mother to a spectacular ten-year-old, Victoria, and partner to her wonderful wife, Vanessa.

Timothy Sanchez, Principal Accompanist & Director of Something Extra



A recent graduate of the University of North Texas with two degrees in music theory and choral studies, principal accompanist Tim Sanchez joins us for his second season. In addition to his role as Principal Accompanist of TWCD and Director of the small ensemble, Something Extra, Tim also serves as the Director of Music Ministry for Westwind Church and as an Associate Pianist for the National Children's Chorus. He maintains an active recital schedule, collaborating with various voice types and instruments throughout the year.



A Message from Artistic Director, Melinda Imthurn

Welcome to Divas: Unite! It is a true joy to present a program of music by LGBTQIA+ artists and allies as a prelude to Pride Month, which starts tomorrow. Our origins in and ties to this community have been and continue to be an important part of The Women's Chorus of Dallas's history and our outreach to the greater Dallas community.

As I programmed the songs for the chorus, I looked for icons, and we sure do have them! We have music from artists who were out musicians when that was not only rare, but risky for a music career. We have music from artists who are vocal allies to the community and continue to advocate for and champion equality and acceptance.

It has been a joy for me and our singers to prepare this music, as we are also members of the community and/or allies. I hope this concert provides an unforgettable musical journey that celebrates the beauty of diversity and the strength of unity. Our music isn't always overtly LGBTQIA+, and every once in a while, it's a true joy to use our music to say who we are, who we support, and where we stand.



Performances

Fast Car **Tracy Chapman**

Performed by Full Chorus

Closer to Fine **The Indigo Girls**

Performed by Full Chorus

Soloists: Danielle Oldfield, Lynn Hollinger, Avery Hendrickson

Simple **k.d. lang**

Performed by Full Chorus

Somebody to Love **Queen**

Performed by Kelsi Babcock, Sovereign Jones, Erin Lincoln, Aline McKenzie,
Tami Moar, Kristin Pearce, Chelsea Tomek, Bailee Williamson, Scout Woodward

Faith **George Michael**

Performed by Ariel Wentworth

Make Me Feel **Janelle Monáe**

Performed by Marquetta Threlkeld

Never Too Much **Luther Vandross**

Performed by Esiri "Ace" Tasker-Armstrong

Stay With Me **Sam Smith**

Performed by Blessing Dada

Mama's Broken Heart **Miranda Lambert**

Performed by Lynn Hollinger

Tummy Hurts (Remix) **Reneé Rapp & Coco Jones**

Performed by Blessing Dada & Esiri "Ace" Tasker-Armstrong

Back to Black **Amy Winehouse**

Performed by Alyssa Kinsey

Flowers **Miley Cyrus**

Performed by Something Extra

Landslide **Fleetwood Mac / The Chicks**

Performed by Something Extra



Performances

Intermission (20 mins)

- Daddy Lessons** **Beyoncé**
Performed by Chelcie Smith
- Pageant Material** **Kacey Musgraves**
Performed by April Spencer
- Everyday** **Toby Lightman**
Performed by Susan Daniels
- My Future** **Billie Eilish**
Performed by Bailee Williamson
- Masterpiece** **Jazmine Sullivan**
Performed by Megan Trammel
- Wings** **Little Mix**
Performed by Alyssa Kinsey, Esiri “Ace” Tasker-Armstrong, Ariel Wentworth
- Stay Gentle** **Brandi Carlile**
Performed by Chelsea Tomek
- Chosen Family** **Rina Sawayama**
Performed by Andie Bernhardt
- Beautiful Noise** **Alicia Keys & Brandi Carlile**
Performed by Erin Lincoln & Tami Moar
- Firework** **Katy Perry**
Performed by Full Chorus
- Applause** **Lady Gaga**
Performed by Full Chorus
Soloists: Maria Mena-Hernandez, Marquetta Threlkeld, Lauren Daniel,
Makalah Jessup, Avery Hendrickson



Our Singers

*Member of Something Extra

Soprano 1

Susan Daniels
Mary Diamond
Kim Foster
Lydia Miller
Danielle Oldfield*
Kristin Pearce
Christina Reeves-Shull
Chelcie Smith*
Alayna Thomas
Monica Valdez

Soprano 2

Kelsi Babcock
Gloria Brown
Blessing Dada
Makalah Jessup
Tami Moar *
Esiri "Ace" Tasker-Armstrong
Suzy Watson
Ariel Wentworth *
Rachel Williams
Bailee Williamson
Scout Woodward

Alto 1

Maria Acon
Andie Bernhardt
Lauren Daniel *
Jessica Dobbs
Edie Fletcher
Deborah Haynes *
Georgia Jenkins
Sovereign Jones *
Alyssa Kinsey *
Erin Lincoln
Sarah Martin
Andrea Pickard*
Sarah Plaxco
Nancy Sanchez
Mary Susan Spears
April Spencer
Chelsea Tomek
Megan Trammel*

Alto 2

Kim Clarke
Avery Hendrickson *
Lynn Hollinger *
Aline McKenzie
Maria Mena-Hernandez
Chynna Oliver
Karen Swenson
Marquetta Threlkeld



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Music Manager: Kim Clarke

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