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women's
chorus of dallas

presents

RAISE YOUR
VOICE



Sammons Center for the Arts

June 6th and 7th

Welcome to Raise Your Voice!

A MESSAGE FROM MELINDA IMTHURN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF TWCD

Hello, and welcome to Raise Your Voice! Since its beginning in 1989, The Women's Chorus of Dallas has been comprised of members of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies. During Pride Month, it's important that the singers in the chorus raise their voices to shine their pride and tell their stories.

Today, those stories range from self-love to rebellion to various aspects of romantic love, with some surprises thrown in! I know you will hear some of your favorites and leave with a list of new songs to add to your summer playlist. I hope this is a great celebration of pride through music for everyone here today!

Thank you for joining us and for being a part of the TWCD family!

Melinda Imthurn



Raise Your Voice 2026 is part of TWCD's 2025 - 2026 season.

Learn more about TWCD [on our website](#).

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Raise Your Voice - ACT I



SHINING

Something to Say

Performed by: Full Chorus

Choreographed by: Gloria Brown and Susan Daniels
Music & Lyrics: Nick Ferraro, Duncan Hood, Neal H Pogue,
Verdine White, John Paris, MJ Rodriguez

Y'all Means All

Performed by: Lynn Hollinger

Music & Lyrics: Thomas Brenneck, Rachel Keen
and Eric William Hagstrom

Diamonds

Performed by: Nikki Jasrotia

Music & Lyrics: Sia Furler, Benjamin Levin,
Mikkel Storleer Eriksen and Tor Erik Hermansen



YEARNING

Since I Fell For You

Performed by: Gay Belt

Music & Lyrics: Buddy Johnson

The Way

Performed by: Chelcie Smith

Music & Lyrics: Jill Scott

Suzanne

Performed by: Brianna Gaulding

Music & Lyrics: Thomas Brenneck, Rachel Keen
and Eric William Hagstrom

Baby One More Time

Performed by: Alyssa Kinsey

Music & Lyrics: Max Martin

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BEING

Scars To Your Beautiful

Performed by: Something Extra
Featured Soloists: Ariel Wentworth and Makalah Jessup
Music & Lyrics: Alessia Caracciolo, Warren Felder,
Coleridge Tillman, Andrew Wansel

Rise Up

Performed by: Something Extra
Music & Lyrics: Cassandra Batie and
Jennifer Decilveoz

Born This Way

Performed by: Something Extra
Music & Lyrics: Fernando Garibay, Stefani
Germanotta, Jeppe Laursen, Paul Blair

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Raise Your Voice - ACT II



STANDING FIRM

Grace Kelly

Performed by: The Rhy-Thems
(Ada Eke, Avery Hendrickson, Chelsea Tomek, Crow Novari, Juliet
"J" Renaud, Laura Southern, Lydia Miller, Makalah Jessup)
Music & Lyrics: Mika, Jodi Marr, John Merchant, and Dan Warner



Raise Your Voice - ACT II



LETTING GO

Goddess

Performed by: Vanessa Hatcher
Music & Lyrics: Laufey Lin Jonsdottir

All I Ask

Performed by: Megan Trammel
Music & Lyrics: Adele Adkins, Christopher Brown, Bruno Mars, Philip Lawrence

In The Kitchen

Performed by: Emma Harris
Music & Lyrics: Darrius Coleman, Jordan K. Johnson, Michael Pollack, Oliver Peterhof, Renee Rapp, Stefan Johnson, Taylor Hill



UNITING

What About Us

Performed by: Full Chorus
Choreographed by: Nancy Sanchez and Sophia Warner
Music & Lyrics: Alecia Moore, Steve Mac, Johnny McDaid

A Beautiful Noise

Performed by: Full Chorus
Music & Lyrics: Brandy Clark, Brandi Carlile, Hillary Lindsey, Alicia Augello-cook, Hailey Whitters, Lori Mckenna, Linda Perry, Ruby Amanf

THE WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS STAFF

MEET MELINDA IMTHURN, TWCD'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Melinda Imthurn has been Artistic Director of The Women's Chorus of Dallas for over twenty years. In those years, the chorus membership has almost tripled. The chorus has performed at major concert venues in DFW, as well as in Canada and Mexico, and has headlined at New York City's famed Carnegie Hall. Under her leadership, the chorus has focused on performing music by women composers, commissioned many new works by women, and focused on telling women's stories on stage. She has created partnerships for the chorus with many educational institutions and nonprofits to serve the community through music. A passionate educator, Melinda is a full-time professor of music at Dallas College's Eastfield Campus, where she directs the choir and coordinates choral and vocal studies. She has served as mentor to many high school choir directors in Dallas ISD. As a voice teacher, she specializes in vocal rehabilitation, working to help professional singers referred to her studio by doctors and other medical professionals.

As much as she enjoys her professional endeavors, Melinda's most important roles are mother to Victoria and wife to Vanessa. She thanks them both for their support.

MEET TIMOTHY SANCHEZ, PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST AND DIRECTOR OF TWCD'S SOMETHING EXTRA ENSEMBLE

A graduate of the University of North Texas with two degrees in music theory and choral studies, principal accompanist Tim Sanchez joins us for his fourth 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.



MEET FAITH PTOMEY, TWCD'S GENERAL MANAGER



General Manager Faith Ptomey is in her first season with The Women's Chorus of Dallas. She brings to the role a lifelong passion for music and a strong background in nonprofit operations, donor relations, and creative leadership. Faith holds a Bachelor of Arts in Worship Leadership from The King's University, graduating summa cum laude. In her work with the chorus, she oversees the operational systems that support and strengthen its artistic mission. Outside of her work with TWCD, Faith finds joy in music, meaningful conversations, and sharing life with friends over good food and coffee.



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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.

Artistic Director Melinda Imthurn has led the Chorus for 21 seasons, pioneering its move to the Dallas Arts District and many successful collaborations and outreach events.

The Chorus annually presents the Raise Your Voice event in June and has performed onstage with Moira Smiley + VOCO, Hugh Jackman, Demi Lovato, Lesley Gore, and Victoria Clark, among others. The Chorus also performs free outreach performances at local social service agencies, bringing the joy of live music to underserved members of the community.

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.

HELP US BRING MUSIC TO OUR COMMUNITY

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The Women's Chorus of Dallas Singers

SOPRANO 1

Anjali Sharma
Breanna Guggenheim*
Carlee Cook
Chelcie Smith*
Christine St. Pierre*
Caroline Pearce
Denise Deaton
Emma Harris*
Erin Zapor
Kat McGuire
Kirsten Sattler
Kristin Pearce
Leda Juengerman*
Lydia Miller
Mary Diamond
Susana Daniels

SOPRANO 2

Ariel Wentworth*
Brianna Gauling
Crow Novari
Esiri Tasker-Armstrong
Laura Morales
Linda Abramson Evans
Makalah Jessup
Rachel Williams
Sara Monger
Sophia Warner
Suzy Watson
Vanessa Hatcher

ALTO 1

Andie Bernhardt-Roberts
Alyssa Kinsey*
Angela Headrick
Cathy Bryan
Chelsea Tomek
Christina Soukis
Deborah Haynes*
Edie Fletcher
Erin Lincoln
Georgia Jenkins
Juliet Renaud
Laura Southern
Lauren Daniel*
Maria Acon
Megan Trammel*
Nancy Sanchez
Nikita Sarin
Nikki Jasrotia
Penny Adams
Sherrie Grunfeld
Tabitha Adams

ALTO 2

Ada Eke
Avery Hendrickson*
Carsen Walker*
Chelsea Appiah
Erin Roberts*
Evelyn Ontiveros
Gay Belt
Karen Swenson
Kathryn North
Kim Clarke
Lynn Hollinger*
Norma Stroman
Tara Wyatt
Theresa Rincker

*Member of Something Extra



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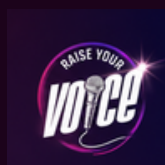
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TWCD CAPITAL CLUB MEMBERS

Voices of Impact:

These members are recognized for their extraordinary generosity and support of TWCD

Karen Swenson, Johannah Miller, Lydia Miller & Aline McKenzie, Ronald Moore

Supporting Members:

Alyssa Kinsey
Cara Monahan
Carrie Anspach
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Christina P
Edie Fletcher
Gloria Brown
Jessica Dobbs

Jessica Miller
Jo Blackburn
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Suzy Watson
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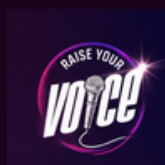
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Musicians

Bass - Claudia Easterwood
Guitar - Maristella Feustle
Drums - Bree Hill

Production

Time Matters Entertainment
Michael Vazquez
Shawn McGinnis



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