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# Letter From The Board Chair

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, it is my honor and delight to welcome you to our HoliGAY Spectacular concert! Tonight, we celebrate the holiday season with a festive mix of the traditional and the unexpected—bringing you music that will warm the heart, inspire joy, and maybe even tickle your funny bone.

From timeless classics like “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm” and “Walking in the Air” to the playful and delightfully unexpected “I Want a Lumbersexual for Christmas,” our program is filled with songs that reflect the magic and humor of the holiday season. Whether you’re here for nostalgia, laughter, or simply the joy of music, there’s truly something for everyone tonight.

Thank you for sharing your time with us today and for your continued support of the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus. As you enjoy this evening of music, keep in mind our mission, “to create social change through excellence in the choral arts.” Every note we sing is a celebration of diversity, a call for inclusion, and a reminder of the power of unity. Thank you for supporting our mission and the LGBTQ+ community.

May this performance fill your hearts with the spirit of the season and remind us all of the power of love, joy, and togetherness. We invite you to join the chorus in fellowship at our annual holiday cookie reception immediately following today's performance.

Happy Holidays!



**Jeffrey Elsenheimer, Jr**  
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# Letter From The Artistic Director

On behalf of the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, welcome, everyone, to Holigay Spectacular! This year, we thought we would deck the halls with all the glitter, glamor, and glitz of the gayest holiday celebration in all of upstate New York. And we couldn't be more delighted to share our holiday gaiety with you today — our friends, families, supporters, and allies. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for joining and celebrating with us, and we hope you love the show!

How does a gay holiday — a “Holigay” — differ from the usual holiday season, you ask? After all, even a usual holiday season can be full of lights, colors, mirth, bells, bows, gifts, trees, family, friends, ribbons, ruffles, and sparkles galore. I guess there is a reason we have the phrase “Make the Yuletide gay...” But what the RGMC is doing to make this holiday extra holi-GAY is offering a collection of the most fabulous, and mostly nontraditional, takes on holiday tunes: holiday songs with over-the-top gay themes, traditional holiday songs written by iconic gay artists, and songs based on colorful fantasies that can only be described as “gay” in all the most wonderful ways. We are also delighted to be joined by some special guests, including the Flower City Pride Band, drummer extraordinaire Ryan Russell, and two outstanding soloist seniors from Greece Arcadia High School — in addition to our very own Teddy Bears, Rochettes, and gifted instrumentalists in the RGMC.

The first set of songs by the RGMC is sure to get everyone on their feet and dancing! Featuring holiday songs in popular music styles, we begin with the disco hit “Dear Santa” by The Weather Girls, before segueing into “Last Christmas” by Wham! Incidentally, if you had hoped to win “Whamageddon” this year, we implore you to leave the auditorium during this song, as hearing it will disqualify you from this year's contest. (Just kidding — please don't do that.) We then will sing a more recent holiday pride tune by mama RuPaul, “Merry Christmas, Mary,” followed by “Bells, Bows, Gifts, Trees” by the effervescent and sassy artist and choreographer Todrick Hall. We end our first set with “I Want a Lumbersexual for Christmas” — a gay take on another familiar Christmas tune.

The second set of songs by the RGMC is centered around more traditional and classic holiday tunes, either done in nontraditional ways, written by a gay composer, or containing what we consider a “holigay” sort of theme. We begin with a funky arrangement of “Joy to the World” that is unlike anything you have probably heard, followed by a classic tune by Irving Berlin, “I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm.” Then, we go flying in the air with a fleet of snowmen in the song “Walking in the Air” from the iconic book and '80s movie *The Snowman*, before singing the traditional Hebrew hymn “Rock of Ages,” arranged by our very own Dennis Rosenbaum. Finally, we end with all the glitter and glamor of a “Pink Christmas.” May all our holidays be merry and bright!

With a heart full of gratitude to all of you — let's make the Yuletide gay!

Warmest wishes,

**Alex Kuczynski**

RGMC Artistic Director



*Alex Kuczynski*

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# RGMC Artistic Staff



## **Dr. Alex Kuczynski, Artistic Director**

Dr. Alex Kuczynski holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music (MA and PhD, piano studies in the studio of Rebecca Penneys) and Vassar College (BA in music and cognitive science). A collaborative pianist since the age of twelve, Alex had an early career accompanying in school choirs, music festivals and the church. Under real-time pressure at a young age, he quickly sharpened a diverse set of musical skills including sight reading, sight singing, playing an open score, improvisation, music theory, and the coordination of timing and interpretation while playing with other musicians. In high school, Alex competed in state-wide choral festivals as accompanist and won awards at district, regional and all-state levels in Pennsylvania. He was then employed as staff accompanist at Vassar and Nazareth Colleges

over the course of college and graduate school.

Currently, Alex serves as pianist, organist and music director at Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rochester, artistic director of the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, staff accompanist for the Geneseo Central School District, and pianist for opera singers, voice studios, and collegiate instrumental soloists. In addition to concert and church accompanying, Alex also serves as pianist and music director for theater groups such as the Off Monroe Players, Rochester Association of Performing Arts, The Lyric Theatre, the Geneseo Community Players and more. Additionally, Alex continues to enjoy performing solo piano music in a range of styles from the 17th - 21st centuries. An expert teacher in both music theory and piano, Alex has served as Visiting Instructor of music theory at Nazareth College and previously as Graduate Instructor at the Eastman School of Music during the length of his graduate studies, where he taught the whole undergraduate music theory and aural musicianship curriculum. Currently, in addition to performing and music directing, Alex teaches about 30 piano students of all ages, providing a solid music education for individual pianists as they reach and exceed their goals and dreams.



## **Bob Dietch, Principal Pianist**

A local career musician, many will remember Bob behind the piano at Tara, where he entertained regularly for the majority of its 30-year run in downtown Rochester.

He is an alumnus of SUNY Fredonia School of Music, where he was degreed cum laude in their highly selective Sound Recording Technology program, and inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society.

Over the years, Bob has enjoyed music-directing and performing for a variety of private and community events, schools, and theatre groups including Blackfriars, Geva, RAPA, OFC Creations, Greater Rochester Repertory Company, Downstairs Cabaret, Rochester Children's

Theatre, East Rochester and Fairport High Schools. He was honored by the Theatre Association of New York State with an Excellence in Vocal Direction award for his work on ETC's Falsettos.

Bob is the longtime collaborative pianist for West Irondequoit Central School District's Choral Music program, the Traveling Cabaret and Temple Emanu-El.



## **Catherine J. Hardesty, CT Sign Language Interpreter**

Catherine "Cat" J. Hardesty is a Nationally Certified Interpreter for the Deaf who joined RGMC as the Artistic Interpreter in 1999. She is a freelance Community Interpreter, but her favorite venue is music, especially with RGMC. She lives in Greece with her Life Partner, Robert Slater. Her son Christian and his wife Amber live in Columbus, Ohio where they are both practicing attorneys, and are the proud parents of their daughter Elana Paige!



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### Mission Statement:

The Rochester Gay Men's Chorus creates social change through excellence in the choral arts.

### Vision Statement:

• We, the members of the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus, unite proudly to seek a better world for ourselves, our community, and for our nation by sowing the seeds of harmony through the universal language of music. • We sing for ourselves to make glorious music with friends who experience the world as we do and who share our joy in standing together. • We sing for our sisters and brothers in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community to embody pride, family, and a sense of home. • We sing for our friends and supporters who join with us to rebuke ignorance and prejudice. • We sing for those unknown and unseen, awakening to who they are, in closets of oppression, or in search of community, that they may see our faces and hear our joy and know that the night is not forever and that there are friends and brothers to light their way and to welcome them home.

### In Memoriam:

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Robert Caruso  
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Marc McCabe  
Terry Quataert  
Daniel Reeder  
Dennis Rosenbaum  
Alan Van Camp\*

## **Second Tenor**

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## **ROCHESTER GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

*"Dear Santa"* ..... by Paul Jabara and Paul Shaffer  
Arr. Adam Gustafson

*"Last Christmas"* ..... by George Michael  
Arr. C. Wray

*"Merry Christmas, Mary"* ..... by Rupaul Andre Charles and Ellis Miah  
Arr. Absalon Figueroa  
Soloist: John Scharf

## **TEDDY BEARS**

*"Step Into Christmas"* ..... by Elton John and Bernie Taupin  
Arr. Austin Ralphson

## **ROCHESTER GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

*"Bells, Bows, Gifts, Trees"* ..... by C. McGrier, T. Hall,  
J. G. Ducornet, and K. Owusu  
Arr. David Maddux

*"I Want a Lumbersexual for Christmas"* ..... by John Rox  
Arr. Dustin S. Cates

## **TATYANA MONTALVO**

*"Santa Tell Me"* ..... by Savan Kotecha, Ilya, and Ariana Grande

## **TESSA MEYERS**

*"Grown-Up Christmas List"* ..... by David Foster  
and Linda Thompson-Jenner

## **TATYANA MONTALVO AND TESSA MEYERS**

*"Underneath The Tree"* ..... by Kelly Clarkson and Greg Kurstin

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*"Sleigh Ride"* .....arranged by Leroy Anderson

*"A Celebration of Hanukkah"* ..... arranged by Howard Rowe

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*"Christmas Declaration"* .....arranged by Robert W. Smith

## ROCHETTES

*"We Need A Little Christmas"* ..... by Jerry Herman

## TEDDY BEARS

*"We Three (Swingin') Kings"* .....by John H. Hopkins  
Arr. Larry Shackley

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*"Joy to the World"* .....by G.F. Handel. Arr. James Morehead

*"I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm"*. by Irving Berlin. Arr. Steve Milloy

*"Walking in the Air"* .....by Howard Blake. Arr. Charles Beale  
Soloists: Michael Hannen and Peter Haus

*"Rock of Ages"* ..... traditional Hebrew hymn, arr. Dennis Rosenbaum

*"Pink Christmas"* .....arr. Chad Weirick  
Words by Gerard Alessandrini

## DECK THE HALLS - SING-A-LONG LYRICS

Deck the halls with boughs of  
holly Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Follow me in merry measure Fa-  
la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

'Tis the season to be jolly Fa-  
la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

While I tell of Yuletide treasure  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Don we now our gay apparel  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la

Fast away the old year passes  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Troll the ancient Yule-tide  
carol Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

See the blazing Yule before us  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Sing we joyous all together Fa-  
la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Strike the harp and join the  
chorus Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la,  
la

Heedless of the wind and  
weather Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

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These performances were made possible by funds received from the LGBT+ Giving Circle at the Community Foundation. Through grants from its LGBT+ Fund for Greater Rochester, the Giving Circle hopes to bridge diversity and cultivate community.

Special thank-you to Bruce and Sheron Marché for their continued generosity in support of our annual holiday concert, in memory of Michael Aman.



**The Flower City Pride Band** was started in 1994 to provide a safe environment for the members of the LGBTQIA+ community, friends and allies in music. For 30 years, the organization has been celebrating diversity and pride through music at Pride and other community events. We are thrilled to finish a major anniversary year of performances with the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and this year's holiday celebration.

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FlowerCityPride.com. Thank you very much, and happy holidays!



**Duane Jones**

**Co-Artistic Director Flower City Pride Band**

Duane has been an active member of the Flower City Pride Band since 2007. A trumpet, french horn and mellophone player from the beginning, he assumed the role of Co-Artistic Director in 2019. Since 1988, he has been a performing member of the Rochester Crusaders and Lakeshoremens (Troy, MI) Drum and Bugle Corps, and a designer and instructor for several marching bands and color guards in the

states of New York and Michigan. He has been employed as an engineer during this time in New York and Michigan. Being in front of the talented Flower City Pride Band is a highlight of his musical career and is excited to see what the future brings during the 30th Anniversary for FCPB and beyond. He would like to thank his husband for his love and support.



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## Special Guests Greece Arcadia Students



**Tessa Meyers** is a senior at Greece Arcadia High School where she is an active member of the choral, voice, and theater departments. Her theater endeavors have led to her acknowledgment as Best Actress from the RBTL Stars of Tomorrow program in 2023 and 2024. In addition, Tessa earned Top Ten placement in the prestigious RBTL Broadway Bound competition in both 2023 and 2024. Tessa's future aspirations are to keep music and performing an integral part of her life.



**Tatyana Montalvo** is a senior at Greece Arcadia High School and has enjoyed a plethora of musicals throughout her middle and high school career. She also enjoys participating in choral and vocal studies. Through her participation in the RBTL Stars of Tomorrow program, she has been acknowledged as Best Actress for two years, and with the RBTL Broadway Bound competition Tatyana placed in the Top 20 in 2023 and the Top Ten in 2024. Tatyana's interest and passion for the arts are leading her to pursue a career in fashion and theater studies.



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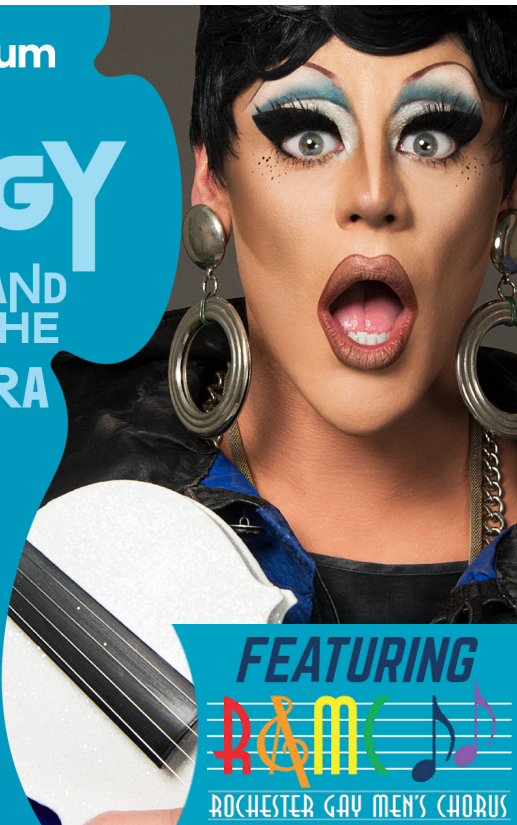
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For more information, visit [www.thergmc.org/join-us](http://www.thergmc.org/join-us) or email [newmember@thergmc.org](mailto:newmember@thergmc.org).

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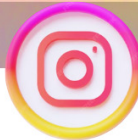
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Chorus America empowers singing ensembles to create vibrant communities and effect meaningful change by offering services that promote artistic achievement, organizational strength, and advocacy. Founded as the Association of Professional Vocal Ensembles in 1977 to gain recognition for professional choruses, today Chorus America represents hundreds of choruses of every kind throughout North America and beyond. For more information, visit [www.chorusamerica.org](http://www.chorusamerica.org).

## **The Greater Rochester Choral Consortium**

The Greater Rochester Choral Consortium was organized in 1996 in order to anticipate and avoid scheduling conflicts among choral groups in the Greater Rochester area. It has since grown to 28 member groups varying in size and makeup, embracing some 800 singers of all ages. Their mission is to enrich the Rochester community's cultural environment by fostering the choral arts. For more information about GRCC, visit [www.choral-rochester.org](http://www.choral-rochester.org).



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