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CITY CHOIR



HOLIDAY GREETINGS
& *Gay Happy Meetings*

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Welcome

Holiday greetings and gay happy meetings. These words, from tonight's opening song, evoke the many feelings we experience as we gather in this glorious Sanctuary for the first time since 2019. With this evening's holiday concert, the challenges and disconnection of the last few years give way to warm embraces and the comfort and joy that are generated when our community comes together.

From the first note to the last, this concert draws us together to celebrate, illuminate, and honor the many spiritual, religious, and secular traditions of December. And yes, the ultimate in audience participation makes its return tonight with "The 12 Days of Christmas."

We are delighted to welcome a special guest performance by Pittsburgh's all-voice barbershop chorus, Vocal Confluence, and we will be joining them at their concerts on December 17 and 18. Please sit back and enjoy the splendid sights and sounds of this most wonderful time of the year as only the RCC can deliver.

It is important to all of us in the RCC that you leave this evening's performance knowing how grateful we are for making us part of your holiday season and for decades of friendship, affirmation, social change, and wonderful music!

About Renaissance City Choir

Renaissance City Choir affirms and celebrates LGBTQIA+ identity through the unifying power of music.

RCC is western Pennsylvania's only LGBTQIA+ and allies choral group. We strive to promote a positive image of the LGBTQIA+ community and to be a leading contributor to the cultural life of the tri-state area. We seek to build bridges both within the LGBTQIA+ community, the music community, and with the community at large. Our programming blends challenging contemporary music, commissions of new works, an ambitious traditional repertoire, and music from various world cultures.

We seek to educate, challenge, and enlighten both our audiences and our singing membership. We continue to affirm, by example and through song, the worth and dignity of those in our community. Music that is queer-positive and openly supports issues related to human equality and justice is represented at all concerts.

RCC is a proud member of GALA Choruses. GALA is the leading association of the North American LGBTQ choral movement, cultivating the artistic development of 10,000 singers from more than 190 choruses in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.



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Renaissance City Choir
Dr. Kym Scott, *Artistic Director*
William Larson, *Accompanist*

The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Words and Music by Edie Pola and George Wyle
Arranged by Kirby Shaw

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Words by Sammy Cahn
Music by Jule Styne
Arranged by Kirby Shaw

A La Nanita Nana

Traditional Spanish Carol
Arranged by Roger Folstrom

Chanukah in Santa Monica

Words and Music by Tom Lehrer
Arranged by Joshua Jacobson

Various Themes on “Fa-La-La”

Arranged by Chuck Bridewell

A Marshmallow World

Words by Carl Sigman
Music by Peter de Rose

Coming Out on Christmas

Words by Craig Sturgis
Arranged by Dean X Johnson

Festival Sanctus

Music by John Leavitt

Still I Rise

Words and Music by Rosephanye Powell
Arranged by William and Rosephanye Powell

Soloists: Rachel Pekor and Shelagh Collins

~ Intermission ~

with:

Sarah Hansen, *Percussion*

Amanda Parrotte, *Soprano Saxophone*

Jessica Mock, *Interpreter*



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Vocal Confluence

Brandon Rauch, *Artistic Director*

We Need a Little Christmas

*Words and Music by Jerry Herman
Arranged by Dave Briner and Brianna Babiack*

When Christmas Comes Around

*Words and Music by Cody Fry, Haley Fry, and Caitlin Hurst
Arranged by Adam Scott*

White Christmas

*Words and Music by Irving Berlin
Arranged by Deke Sharon*

Deck the Halls

*Traditional Welsh
Arranged by Andreas Valkare*

Man with the Bag

*Words and Music by Harold Stanley, Irving Taylor, and Dudley Brooks
Arranged by Theodore Hicks*

Auld Lang Syne

*Traditional Scottish
Arranged by Clay Hine*

Renaissance City Choir

12 Days of Christmas (a Sing-Along)

In This Moment

*Music and Lyrics by Gary Simmons
Arranged by Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
Former members of RCC are invited to join the choir to sing with us!*



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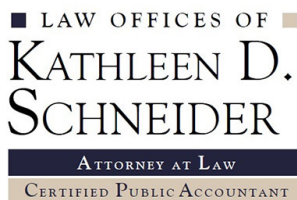
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