



## **Joining the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus**

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is an auditioned, volunteer choral ensemble consisting of male singers age eighteen and older, gay or gay friendly. With a wide range of varying musical training and backgrounds, the chorus is committed to fostering an environment of professionalism, respect, pride and unity. The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is comprised of gay, transgender, and straight-allied men of all ethnicities. Please see below for more information.

## **Membership Standards**

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is committed to a standard of excellence in singing. While the PSGMC welcomes singers with good vocal training, and strong music reading skills, most of our members have little or no music training. The Chorus seeks men who enjoy singing and can match pitch. A pleasant voice in good vocal health and a member must be male over the age of 18 and gay or gay-friendly.

- A strong sense of pitch and rhythm.
- The ability to blend well with other voices and follow direction.
- The ability to learn music quickly, through a variety of means, regular rehearsals, section rehearsals, rehearsal tracks provided by the Chorus, self-study, etc.

### **Additionally, members should also meet the following requirements:**

- Ability & time to work on the music outside of rehearsal. Perform it from memory.
- A congenial demeanor, a sense of cooperation, and the willingness to work for the highest possible standard.
- Annual membership dues, \$120.00 (scholarships are provided for those in need).
- Strive to sell 10 tickets to each PSGMC Concert.

## **Auditions**

**Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 2017 at 6:00p.m.**

**Mizell Senior Center Palm Springs**

**480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs**

Auditioning can be a stressful process, but we try to do our best to make it as easy and friendly, as possible. The audition is private. The accompanist and I, and maybe the directors of our small groups, are the only ones in the room for your audition. While you are auditioning, the members of the chorus, in a different room, are sharing experiences and telling other prospective members what to expect. You can prepare a song for your audition. We have an excellent pianist who will be happy to accompany you for your audition.

It helps if you can provide the music, but Joel knows most of the standards and can find a comfortable key for you to sing. If you don't feel comfortable with a prepared solo, I will ask you to sing a familiar song, "Happy Birthday", "My Country Tis of Thee", etc.



After you have sung for us, I will have you sing some simple scales to determine your vocal range and your place in the chorus. Relax and enjoy the experience. Take a deep breath. We all know how stressful this can be. We will do our best to make your audition a positive experience.

If you are unable to attend our info night, please contact the Artistic Director, Douglas Wilson at [PSGMCdirector@gmail.com](mailto:PSGMCdirector@gmail.com) to schedule a more convenient time.

You will be notified the day after your audition regarding the results. An Audition Form is found at the end of this information. You may print a copy, complete it and bring it with you to the audition.

### **Rehearsal and Performance Schedule**

Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Mizell Senior Center, 480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs.

#### **"Simply Sondheim" 2017 Spring Concert**

Friday, February 24, 7:00 PM, Dress Rehearsal with invited guests

Saturday, February 25, 8:00 PM, Concert

Sunday, February 26, 3:00 PM Concert

Richards Center for the Arts

Palm Springs High School, 2401 East Baristo, Palm Springs

#### **"Palm Springs Pops" 2017 April Concert**

Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM, Dress Rehearsal with invited guests

Saturday, April 22, 8:00 PM, Concert

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 PM Concert

Richards Center for the Arts

Palm Springs High School, 2401 East Baristo, Palm Springs

In addition to the three major concert events, the chorus is also invited to make additional appearances at special community events. Attendance at these events is optional, but encouraged.

Chorus members must furnish their own basic concert uniform, long-sleeve white shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks. In addition, members will need a three-ringed binder to hold their chorus music.



## Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus Information Sheet

Name

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Email

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Home Address

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City/State/Zip

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been a member of the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus? When?

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Briefly state previous choral experience

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What part do you sing? (circle one)

Bass      Baritone      Tenor II      Tenor I      Not sure

Do you read music? (circle one)

Yes      No      Somewhat

You will be contacted by email by the end of the week to indicate the results of your audition.