



JOINING THE PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS Fall 2021

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is an auditioned, volunteer choral ensemble consisting of male singers who identify as gay, transgender (male-identified), and straight-allied. We are a diverse, inclusive ensemble committed to a culture of professionalism, respect, pride and unity. Our singers come to us with a wide range of musical training and experience, from beginner to professional musician. We present high-quality mainstage concerts, as well as support like-minded community organizations and causes with outreach performances throughout the year. PSGMC is a proud member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA).

Fall Audition Date, Time & Location

Tuesday, September 7 at 6:00pm Open rehearsal at 7:00pm
Mizell Senior Center Palm Springs
480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs

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Membership Criteria

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is committed to a standard of excellence in singing. While the PSGMC welcomes singers with previous vocal training and music-reading skills, many of our members have little or no music training. The Chorus seeks auditionees who...

- Identify as male.
- Are at least 18 years of age.
- Sing in the tenor and/or baritone-bass range.
- Match pitch consistently.
- Can quickly memorize musical passages.
- Possess a suitable vocal tone that can blend with others.

Additionally, prospective members should...

- Have the ability and time to work on music outside of rehearsal.
- Expect to memorize their music, as we perform concerts from memory.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and work ethic, a sense of cooperation, and the willingness to work toward musical excellence at the highest level.
- Agree to annual membership dues of \$120.00. Scholarships are provided for those in need; please contact us to find out more.
- Agree to provide the basic costume items, black pants, shoes and socks and white shirt; as well as a black binder for music.
- Understand and commit to the rehearsal calendar, attendance policy, and required performances. See below for more information.
- Strive to sell 10 tickets to each PSGMC mainstage concert.

About the Audition

The audition is our chance to get to know you, and to understand how your voice might fit into our ensemble. We want you to do your best, and to that end, you will feel supported from the moment you enter the building, through the end of your visit. The Artistic Director and a small number of Chorus leaders will be present during the audition.

First, you will sing some easy scales to determine your range and ability to match pitch. Then you will sing your solo—a 1-2 minute cutting that showcases your range and musicality is best. Please bring sheet music, as we do have an excellent pianist who will be happy to accompany you for your audition. If you do not have sheet music, our accompanist knows most of the 'standards' and can find a comfortable key for your voice (please email us ahead of time). If you are not able to bring a prepared solo, we will find a folk song or well-known tune to have you sing. COVID restrictions are in place, please wear a face mask.

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, Jerry R. Soria-Foust at director.psgmc@gmail.com to schedule a more convenient time. You will be notified within 48 hours 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 Dates

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

Holiday Concert (Annenberg Theatre)

- Tuesday, Dec 7, 7pm-10pm at Mizell
- Wednesday, Dec 8, 7pm-10pm at theatre, Tech Rehearsal
- Thursday, Dec 9, 7pm-10pm, Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, Dec 10, 7:00pm, Concert Performance (6pm call)
- Saturday, Dec 11, 7:00pm, Concert Performance (6pm call)
- Sunday, Dec 12, 3:00pm Concert Performance (2pm call)

Spring Concert (Annenberg Theatre)

- Tuesday, April 5 & Wednesday, April 6, 7pm-10pm, Tech Rehearsal
- Thursday, April 7, 7pm-10pm, Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, April 8, 7pm, Concert Performance (6pm call)
- Saturday, April 9, 7pm, Concert Performance (6pm call)
- Sunday, April 10, 3:00pm Concert Performance (2pm call)

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



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AUDITION INFORMATION FORM

* Mizell Center requires face coverings and that patrons are vaccinated to enter the building.

First & Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

Briefly tell us about your previous choral, solo singing, musical theatre or other related experience (if applicable): _____

Anything else you want to communicate with us? _____

What part do you sing? (Circle one)

Bass

Baritone

Tenor II

Tenor I

Not sure

Do you read music? (Circle one)

Strong sight-reader

Pretty good sight-reader

Some basic knowledge

Not at all

NOTE: You will be contacted by email within 48 hours to indicate the results of your audition.