



# JOINING THE PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS Spring 2022

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 stage 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, January 4 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 singers 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 stage 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-19 restrictions are in place, please wear a facemask.

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](mailto: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.

### 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?

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

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Anything else you want to communicate with us? \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

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.**