



JOINING THE PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS 2022-23 Season Spring Audition Information

The Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus is an auditioned, volunteer choral ensemble consisting of male-identifying singers of all backgrounds who share a passion for singing and making the world a better place. 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).

Winter/Spring Audition Date, Time & Location:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 6:00-8:30PM, by appointment

Mizell Senior Center Palm Springs
480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs

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

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 vocal 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 using professionally made rehearsal tracks at home.
- 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 \$150.00. Scholarships are provided for those in need. Please contact us to find out more.
- Agree to provide the basic costume items, usually black pants, black shirt and black jacket and generally one purchased item per concert. Final costume will be communicated beginning of the concert session, as well as at orientation. Scholarships are available for members who need assistance purchasing required items.
- 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 succeed, and you will find our process supportive and collaborative.

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 excerpt that showcases your range and musicality is best. Please bring sheet music, as we do have a 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, you may sing “Happy Birthday” or something similar.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled date, 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, and will be expected to attend the first rehearsal and new member orientation (see dates below).

Returning members who have been on LOA or alum status for more than two concerts should attend an audition slot.

***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.

Notorious (Annenberg Theatre)

All dates are tentative, and subject to change

- Regular Tuesday rehearsals, 7pm-10pm, beginning January 10, 2023.
- New Members Orientation: Saturday, January 14 @ 10am-12noon.
- Required Singers’ Retreat, Saturday, January 28 @ 9:30am-2:30pm; and Sunday, January 29 @ 12:30pm-3:30pm.

CONCERT TECH WEEK & PERFORMANCE DATES:

- Saturday, April 22, 9:30am-2:30pm - TECH #1 (call schedule to be determined)
- Tuesday, April 25 thru Thurs April 27, evenings, TBD (required)
- Friday, April 28, 7:00pm, Concert Performance (5:45pm call)
- Saturday, April 29, 7:00pm, Concert Performance (6pm call)
- Sunday, April 30, 3:00pm Concert Performance (1:45pm call)

In addition to the concert performances, we have at least two major “outreach” performances in March and April which are great opportunities to build community, support like-minded causes, practice music for the upcoming concerts, and enjoy making music with chorus members. More details on these and other smaller events are posted and discussed throughout the semester.



PALM SPRINGS GAY MEN'S CHORUS 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, if you know? (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.