



## Letter From The Board

Fall 2003

Is OZ for real? Is it just a dream? The Manchester Performing Arts Association and the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus celebrate our OZ in this issue of our newsletter. As we arrived at our fifth anniversary in true celebratory fashion, our dreams and hopes have come true. This issue, we look back at the humble roots of gay men with hope and look forward to where our dreams will take us next.

How do our dreams come true? They come true with the blessing and dedication of our members who see the possibilities and do not let anything come between Kansas, if you will, and OZ. We are blessed with a support staff without whom our shows would not happen. Most important of all, we are blessed with our fans who join us on this journey with support that never wavers and continue to push us to make the next show "just that much better" than the previous one.

So, is OZ for real? The answer is seen on our faces as we perform. The answer is heard in your thunderous applause. The answer is felt by your financial support and with your love of our mission. OZ is real and each season we invite you to be part of it. So click your heels, Dorothy, the ride's not over. We truly appreciate your support. We welcome you to another year of performances which will stir your soul and remind us all that there is a place for everyone in the arts in the State of New Hampshire.

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*Our Spring 2003 CD is now available!*



# Letter From The Director

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**Luc Roberge, Director of the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus**

“Spirits, Bright and Gay” is the title for our winter 2003 concert season and describes the feelings the music should evoke. Yet, there is much more to the program than just a typical holiday concert. One might call it multicultural since the month of December holds holidays for people of all different beliefs. We will present a program that recognizes the diversity of these faiths and traditions held by our audience. As we have done in the past, The New Hampshire Gay Men’s Chorus will sing about Christmas and wintertime; in addition, this year we will also sing about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the Winter Solstice. Our auras should be aglow as we sing of some very old traditions and worship Mother Earth.

Looking past our winter concert and into spring of 2004, the chorus will be presenting music geared towards those who are young and young at heart. We will sing a selection of best-loved songs from Disney. I am sure this concert will be a crowd pleaser. I’ve chosen music from timeless classics such as “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” and “Cinderella” to “Lilo and Stitch” and “Pocahontas”. Spring will be a concert overflowing with the magic Disney has brought to so many generations.

We look forward to seeing you at our multicultural winter concert and the spring of 2004.

Luc Roberge  
Music Director  
New Hampshire Gay Men’s Chorus

# About The New Hampshire Gay Men's chorus

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Established in 1998, the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus (NHGMC) is a non-profit organization of the Manchester Performing Arts Association, Inc., and a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA). GALA is an international organization of over 180 men's, women's and mixed vocal



choruses. Our mission is to present quality entertainment, provide an opportunity for wholesome social interaction for our members, and present a positive image of the gay community in New Hampshire.

Our inaugural performance occurred at the New Hampshire Pride celebration in June of 1998. At that time the chorus numbered fifteen voices and sang four songs under the direction of Rodney F. Mansfield. We have now grown to a chorus

## The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus, Spring 2003 Season

of twenty-one voices with a support staff of five. Under the direction of our new musical director, Luc Roberge, the chorus performs a diverse repertoire encompassing many styles of music from classical to popular entertainment.

NHGMC produces two concert series a year; a Winter Concert in early December and one in Spring. For our upcoming Winter series, entitled "Spirits, Bright and Gay"; we will be performing in Nashua, Manchester, and Portsmouth. For dates, times, and locations log on to our web site at [NHGMC.com](http://NHGMC.com). Throughout the year, the group also accepts additional requests to perform from community organizations. The chorus has sung at area church services, New Hampshire Pride, PFLAG's New England and Regional Conferences, and the New Hampshire Diversity 2000 Awards Gala. Most recently the Chorus was invited by the Palace Theater in Manchester and the Colonial Theater in Keene to perform in "Area Code 603" and "Lambda Rising Film Festival".

April 27, 2003 marked two historical milestones for the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus. First, and most important, on this date we celebrated our fifth anniversary as a performing arts ensemble. Secondly, Mayor Robert Baines of Manchester and Governor Craig Benson honored us for our contributions to the cultural scene in New Hampshire and for our work with several community groups throughout the state at our Manchester performance. It was only fitting to mark these accomplishments with the recording of our second live CD entitled "Take Five" which is scheduled for release in October.

Membership in our organization is open to all men, 18 years of age or older, who are gay or gay-friendly, and who enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction of singing in a vocal group. New members are welcome to join the chorus in September and January and can do so by contacting us via E-mail at our web site ([www.NHGMC.com](http://www.NHGMC.com)) or by calling MPAA at (603) 668-4509.

-Rehearsals are held in Manchester, NH every Tuesday starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Non-singing men and women of our community are encouraged to join our support staff. Their skills are needed to help us create unique and memorable performances for our audience.





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# CITY OF MANCHESTER

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Robert A. Baines

Mayor

## Proclamation

**Whereas,** The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year; and

**Whereas,** Since 1998, the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus has fulfilled its mission of promoting quality performing arts within the state and providing a positive representation of the gay community in New Hampshire; and

**Whereas,** Since its founding, the chorus has performed throughout the state and across New England; and

**Whereas,** In addition to its musical endeavors, the chorus has engaged in a number of charitable activities, including providing funds to the Manchester School District's holiday drive for disadvantaged families; and

**Whereas,** The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus has grown to be an integral part of Manchester's increasingly diverse arts community; and

**Whereas,** A concert in honor of the group's fifth anniversary takes place tonight,

*I, Robert A. Baines, by virtue of the authority vested in me as MAYOR of MANCHESTER, do here by proclaim today, April 27<sup>th</sup> 2003, to be*

### **New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus Day in Manchester**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my  
hand and caused the  
Seal of the City to be  
affixed on this, the 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 2003.

Robert A. Baines  
Mayor



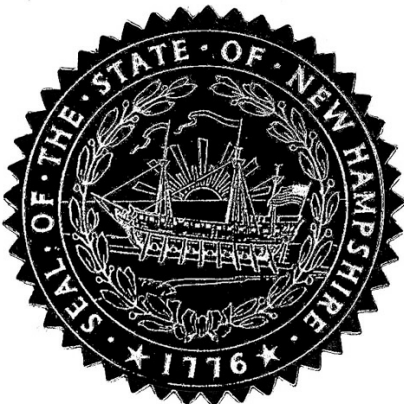
**State of New Hampshire  
CRAIG R. BENSON  
Governor**

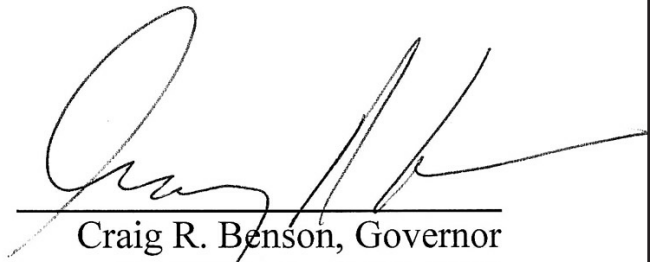
**CITATION**

**Be it hereby known that I,  
Craig R. Benson,  
Governor of the State of New Hampshire, join with my fellow  
citizens in extending my personal best wishes and sincerest  
congratulations to**

**Manchester Performing Arts Association**

for their five seasons of contributing to the cultural scene in New Hampshire. Performance art benefits society in many ways. It helps to enrich the human experience, and provides future generations a template into the soul of one's time and one's being. I congratulate you for doing just that. On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, I commend you for your hard work, energy, and commitment you have given, and wish you all the best in the future.



  
Craig R. Benson, Governor  
**DATED:** April 26, 2003

**MEMBER**

**\$25+**

Entitled to 2 Concert Tickets per. Season at Member Discount Price.  
Entitled to Advance Ticket Purchase/Ticket Availability Priority.  
Entitled to receipt of Newsletter/Upcoming events notification.  
Entitled to Program Recognition.

**DONOR**

**\$100+**

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Entitled to Advance Ticket Purchase/Ticket Availability Priority.  
Entitled to receipt of Newsletter/Upcoming events notification.  
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You will also receive two free concert tickets (for individuals) or 1/4 page program ad (for business).

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Entitled to receipt of Newsletter/Upcoming events notification.  
Entitled to Program Recognition.  
You will also receive four free concert tickets (for individuals) or 1/2 page program ad (for business).

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Entitled to receipt of Newsletter/Upcoming events notification.  
Entitled to Program Recognition.  
You will receive four free concert tickets with priority seating (for individuals) or one full page ad (for business).

**ANGEL**

**\$1000+**

Entitled to unlimited Concert Tickets per. Season at Member Discount Price.  
Entitled to Advance Ticket Purchase/Ticket Availability Priority.  
Entitled to receipt of Newsletter/Upcoming events notification.  
Entitled to Program Recognition.  
You will receive four free concert tickets with priority seating (for individuals) or one full page ad (for business).  
Admission to the Intermezzo VIP Room.

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☐ Please contact me about joining the volunteer support staff.

**Send To: Manchester Performing Arts Association  
P.O. Box 6251  
Manchester, NH 03108-6251  
603 668-4509**

*Thank you for your support!*

The Manchester Performing Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.  
Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law: *Thank you for your support!*

### New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus Ticket and Merchandise Order Form

Spirits Bright and Gay	Day	Date	Time	Quantity	Member Price Each	Non-Member Price Each	Total
Manchester UUC	Friday	December 5, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Nashua UUC	Saturday	December 6, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	December 13, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Manchester UUC	Sunday	December 14, 2003	4:00 PM		\$10	\$15	
<b>Disney Classics</b>							
Manchester UUC	Friday	May 7, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Nashua UUC	Saturday	May 8, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	May 15, 2003	7:30 PM		\$10	\$15	
Manchester UUC	Sunday	May 16, 2003	4:00 PM		\$10	\$15	
<b>NHGMCC Merchandise</b>				Quantity		Price Each	
Tee Shirt (size medium)						\$15	
Tee Shirt (size large)						\$15	
Tee Shirt (size XX large)						\$15	
Tee Shirt (size XXX large)						\$15	
							
Polo Shirt (size medium)						\$24	
Polo Shirt (size large)						\$24	
						\$14	
						\$10	
Nostalgic Holiday CD (recorded live in Manchester in December of 2001)						\$15	
Take Five CD (recorded live in Manchester in May of 2003)						\$15	
Nostalgic Holiday and Take Five CD Bundle						\$25	
Please add \$5 shipping charge for the first item and \$1 per additional item.						SHIPPING	
There is no shipping charge on orders for tickets only.						ORDER TOTAL	

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**Manchester, NH 03108-6251**

*Thank you for your continued support!*



**Manchester Performing Arts Association, Inc.**

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## **NHGMCA 2003-2004** *Concert Season*

### **Spirits Bright and Gay** *(Winter Concert)*

12/5/03	Friday	7:30pm	Manchester, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church
12/6/03	Saturday	7:30pm	Nashua, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church
12/13/03	Saturday	7:30pm	Portsmouth, NH	Christ Episcopal Church
12/14/03	Sunday	4:00pm	Manchester, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church

### **Disney Classics** *(Spring Concert)*

5/7/04	Friday	7:30pm	Manchester, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church
5/8/04	Saturday	7:30pm	Nashua, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church
5/15/04	Saturday	7:30pm	Portsmouth, NH	Christ Episcopal Church
5/16/04	Sunday	4:00pm	Manchester, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church

**See inside for ticket offer form**