



Letter From The Board

Spring 2007

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus and the Board of Directors, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all for your patronage and support.

This past winter concert season was our best attended series ever. For the first time, we performed in Plymouth, New Hampshire. The response was overwhelming and showed the need for quality and diverse entertainment. We sold out our venue at the Derryfield School in Manchester with four hundred enthusiastic fans. Our Nashua concert was also a sell-out for the first time. And, in Portsmouth over one hundred people enjoyed *The First Breath of Winter*.

The spring concert season will find us performing five concerts spread out over the month of May and into the first weekend of June. *Night and Day: The Songs of Cole Porter* will truly be an entertaining and fresh look at the repertoire of one of America's best loved composers.

Next fall, The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus will be celebrating its tenth anniversary. Plans are already underway to celebrate this milestone. A studio produced CD is one way we plan to mark this anniversary. To achieve this goal is going to require a lot of hard work and, of course, money. We hope with the help of corporate sponsorships and donations, we will raise enough funds to see this objective come to fruition.

We look forward to continuing our mission of providing quality entertainment and presenting a positive image of the gay community in the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Glen Flowers, President

Marc Perreault, Vice-President

Christopher Cockshaw, Secretary

David Greer, Treasurer

Robert Thompson, Public Relations

Save These Dates!

***Night
and Day:
The Songs of
Cole Porter***

Saturday, May 5, 2007 in Plymouth

Sunday, May 6, 2007 in Manchester

Saturday, May 19, 2007 in Portsmouth

Sunday, May 20, 2007 in Keene

Sunday, June 3, 2007 in Nashua

For tickets, venue details and other information visit www.nhgmc.com

Or call toll-free, 866-NHGMC-SINGS (866-644-6274).

Letter From The Director

Literate, sophisticated, romantic, charming, suggestive, and naughty are some of the words used to describe the lyrics in a Cole Porter song. Arguably one of America's greatest songwriters, he truly was "The Top" as an artist who could not only write wonderful melodies but also marry great lyrics with his music.

Some of the most clever songs ever written are by Cole Porter. Songs like *Night and Day*, *I Get A Kick Out of You*, *You're the Top*, and *My Heart Belongs to Daddy*. Throughout much of his career many would say he was unmatched as a tunesmith and his Broadway musicals from *Kiss Me Kate* and *Anything Goes* to *Silk Stockings* and *Can Can* set the standards of style and wit to which today's composers and lyricists aspire.

Musicians have long enjoyed Cole Porter songs. From Ethel Merman, Gertrude Lawrence, Judy Garland and Fred Astaire to Natalie Cole, Sheryl Crow, Alanis Morissette, and Elvis Costello, the list of artists who enjoy singing his music is seemingly endless. The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus is thrilled to bring to you some of our favorite Porter tunes.

With literally hundreds of songs to choose from, our program will feature music that spans his career. Songs like his first popular hit *Let's Do It, Let's Fall In Love* to *Another Openin' Another Show* and *Too Darn Hot* from his biggest Broadway show *Kiss Me Kate* as well as some relatively obscure pieces will be featured. The members of the chorus are truly having so much fun learning the music and his unedited lyrics that our spring concert should prove to be a crowd pleaser.

We have five concert dates this spring in different areas of New Hampshire. Find the one that works best for you and join us for all the fun that is *Night And Day: The Songs of Cole Porter*.

Luc Andre Roberge
Director-New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus
Member-American Choral Directors Association

A Note From Gary Finger

As we come to the conclusion of the 2006-2007 season, plans for our 2007-2008 anniversary season have been almost finalized. Since it is the tenth anniversary season for the chorus, we will again be presenting two "chorus choice" programs, as was done for the fifth anniversary season. Faced with eight years worth of musical selections, the chorus will pick their personal favorites (a daunting task to be sure), and prepare them for our New Hampshire audiences. Emphasis will be on music from the past four years, with somewhat less emphasis on selections from the first four seasons.

Join us in December for a mixture of songs and carols that acknowledge and celebrate the holidays of various faiths: Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Native American. The Spring 2008 concerts promise to be a truly eclectic mix of pieces from seasons whose themes were songs from Disney features, songs of adult nature from the *NC-17* concert, sacred pieces from the classical-themed concerts, and songs yet to be heard from the current season's *Night and Day* concerts, featuring the music and lyrics of America's beloved songwriter, Cole Porter.

In addition, to keep the seasons fresh, the Director and Accompanist will be considering a few new selections to be mixed into both Winter and Spring seasons. We are looking forward to the opportunity to amuse and beguile you in May and June this year, but remember that the 2007-2008 will truly be a gala season while the NHGMC celebrates ten years of music-making in New Hampshire. All our seasons are special to us, and all our audiences are as special, so please join us in making our Tenth Anniversary season truly a season to remember!

A Warm Welcome To Our New Members



From left to right: Jonathan Bardwell, David Sirota, Robert Valente and Jerry Parker.

This season, we welcome two new members, Jonathan Bardwell and Robert Valente.

Jonathan is from Manchester and was originally from Concord. Jonathan's favorite activities include working out at the gym and tinkering with cars and electronics. When asked why he joined the chorus, he replied that he needed something fun to do in the gay community outside of the bar scene. Jonathan loves science-fiction movies and books.

Robert joins us from Nashua and was originally from Cambridge, Mass. Robert's favorite activities include music, art, cooking, gardening, photography, and spending time with his kids. Robert's favorite quote is "You never know where you're going 'til you get there." Online research revealed that there are two sources for this quote. One is that it is a philosophical phrase denoting that our paths in life are left to fate. The other is a direct quote by none other than Daffy Duck! We're going with Daffy Duck. Welcome, Robert!

We also welcome back two returning members, David Sirota and Jerry Parker. Jerry is actually one of our original NHGMC members, but moved away from the area before recently returning. He is 41 and is married to Steven. They were actually the 99th couple in line to be married at Cambridge, Mass. on May 17, 2004. Congratulations and welcome back to the family Jerry and David!

If you would like to sing with the NHGMC, the next round of open auditions will be this coming August. Check out our website this summer for audition dates and times, at www.nhgmc.com. The only requirements to sing in the chorus are that you need to be a male and you need to be at least 18 years old. The audition is easy, the rehearsals are fun, and the men are a wonderful brotherhood of friends.

Public Relations Update

We would like to thank you for your overwhelming support of our Winter Concert Series. Without your support we would not have been able to have record crowds at all our venues.

Special thanks go out to our newest Corporate Sponsors: TD Banknorth Wealth Management Group, and 3R's Home Repair and Improvement. Their contributions helped make the Winter Concerts a huge success. We are always looking for companies like these to join our team and support the diversity that the NHGMC represents.



We hope to see many of you at our Spring Shows, and hope you will continue to support our group. We are always looking for individuals and companies that enjoy the Performing Arts that New Hampshire has to offer. We have several ways you can be a part of our group. You can make tax-deductible contributions through our Donor Program and Corporate Sponsorships. This newsletter has information on how to contribute or you can use our web-site www.nhgmcc.com for more information.

Our tenth anniversary season starts in September and we hope to provide our fans with a new recording of some of your favorite music, as well as ours; a compilation of the past ten years performances. If you know of any person or company that is willing to assist us with our venture please feel free to contact me and we will be more than happy to welcome them to our group.

Thank you
Robert B. Thompson
Public Relations Director & Corporate Development

Scholarship News



For each of the past two years, the Chorus has awarded a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior in the State of New Hampshire who is seeking to further her or his education in college as a full time student in the Performing Arts, which include all Music, Theater, and Voice majors. The scholarships are funded by a percentage of our concert ticket sales. We strongly believe in making a contribution to the future of the arts in New Hampshire by supporting students interested in becoming future performers.

This year, we are making a concentrated effort to reach out to a larger field of potential applicants by personally contacting high schools throughout the state. We are now accepting applications for our third annual scholarship which will be awarded in the spring. Interested parties can obtain further information, including application forms, by contacting the chorus by email at: info@nhgmcc.com or from our website at: www.nhgmcc.com. The deadline for applications is April 20, 2007.

We are hoping that as our membership and audiences increase, our scholarship program can expand as well. Your continued support will help make that possible.

<i>Night and Day</i> Adult Tickets	Day	Date	Time	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Plymouth Congregational Church	Saturday	May 5, 2007	7:30 PM		\$17	
Derryfield School (Manchester)	Sunday	May 6, 2007	4:00 PM		\$17	
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	May 19, 2007	7:30 PM		\$17	
Redfern Arts Center (Keene State)	Sunday	May 20, 2007	4:00 PM		\$17	
Nashua UUC	Sunday	June 3, 2007	4:00 PM		\$17	
<i>Night and Day</i> Child/Senior Tickets*	Day	Date	Time	Quantity	Price Each	Total
* By purchasing child/senior tickets, you agree that they will be only used by individuals under 13, or 65 and older.						
Plymouth Congregational Church	Saturday	May 5, 2007	7:30 PM		\$15	
Derryfield School (Manchester)	Sunday	May 6, 2007	4:00 PM		\$15	
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	May 19, 2007	7:30 PM		\$15	
Redfern Arts Center (Keene State)	Sunday	May 20, 2007	4:00 PM		\$15	
Nashua UUC	Sunday	June 3, 2007	4:00 PM		\$15	
New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus CD's				Quantity	Price Each	Total
<i>Take Five CD (recorded live in Manchester in April of 2003)</i>					\$15	
<i>Nostalgic Holiday CD (recorded live in Manchester in Dec. of 2001)</i>					\$15	
<i>Take Five and Nostalgic Holiday CD Bundle</i>					\$25	
NHGMc Donor Program (your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE!)					Donation	
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SECOND TENOR level	Entitled to SIX tickets per season at the member discount price of \$10 each. Entitled to TWO FREE tickets and recognition in our program.				\$250+	
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<p align="center">** Ticket order forms RECEIVED via US Mail AFTER April 29, 2007 will be held at the door of each venue in the buyer's name **</p>	



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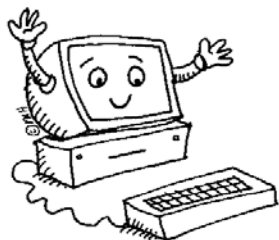
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New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus Upcoming Performances

Night and Day: The Songs of Cole Porter - Spring Concert Series

May 5, 2007	Saturday	7:30pm	Plymouth, NH	Plymouth Congregational Church
May 6, 2007	Sunday	4:00pm	Manchester, NH	Derryfield School
May 19, 2007	Saturday	7:30pm	Portsmouth, NH	Christ Episcopal Church
May 20, 2007	Sunday	4:00pm	Keene, NH	Redfern Arts Center at Keene State
June 3, 2007	Sunday	4:00pm	Nashua, NH	Unitarian Universalist Church



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