



# Spring Notes

News and Information from  
The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus

## Think Spring

### A Few Words from our Director

#### Save These Dates!

#### Portsmouth

Saturday, May 3, 7:30pm  
Christ Episcopal Church

#### Manchester

Sunday, May 4, 4:00pm  
Derryfield School

#### Keene

Saturday, May 17, 7:30pm  
Redfern Arts Center  
at Keene State College

#### Nashua

Sunday, May 18, 4:00pm  
Collings Auditorium  
at Daniel Webster College

Spring!

This winter has been quite long, bringing with it more snow than we have seen for many years. The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus is thinking of spring and our spring concerts. The Chorus is celebrating our tenth year together as this spring we *Celebrate 10*. We look back on the last nine spring concerts and present to you our favorites from each year.

Our first spring concert titled *Singing Out With Pride* was on June 20, 1999 in Manchester, New Hampshire, at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church and was under the Directorship of Rodney Mansfield with Gary MacDonald as Accompanist. The following year we joined with the Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus to present *Bits*

*of Broadway* in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in Northampton, Massachusetts. Our third spring concert saw several changes. The Chorus expanded by performing four concerts in four different locations around the Granite State. It was also the first spring concert for our new accompanist Gary Finger and myself as the new Director. This concert was titled *Life, Love, and Relationships*. In 2002, songs by Jerome Kern and Leonard Bernstein were featured as we presented *Can't Help Singing*. We celebrated our fifth year with a new CD, which was recorded at our *Take Five* concert in Manchester. The following year was quite special for us as we sang a *Disney Spectacular* and also saw the chorus enjoy a trip to Florida to sing with the Orlando Gay Chorus and

have the NHGMC be the first openly gay chorus to perform in a Disney park. Next, you *Let Us Entertain You* with our NC-17 concert. We then struck a more serious note the following year with our classical themed concert, *Masterworks*. Finally, last spring was a smash hit with *Night and Day: The Songs of Cole Porter*.

With several selections from each of our past nine spring concerts, *Celebrate 10* should prove to be our best year yet! We hope you can join for our tenth year celebration at one of our four concerts in May. By then we should be enjoying warmer days and no snow. So... Think Spring!

Luc Andre Roberge  
Director, NHGMC

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## Banging the Fundraising Drum

### A Message from the President

We are so excited to *Celebrate 10* which is the title of our upcoming spring retrospective concert. It's been a great decade. We've seen this chorus grow from just a few members to now over thirty members this season. And we're already in the planning stages for

the next decade.

Many of you may have noticed that our merchandise table was rather sparse this past December. There were very few sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats and travel mugs available for sale. Well, it's official:

we are sold out of merchandise (with the exception of our CDs. We're still well stocked with them).

So, it's time to think about the next round of merchandise. Should we buy more t-shirts and

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travel mugs? Should we do something different? Lately, we've been entertaining the idea of a chorus cookbook with all our favorite recipes, along with biographical information about the guys and fun photos. But, we'd like to hear from you. Would that be something you would buy? What would you like to see on our merchandise table?

Also, we are looking for corporate sponsors so that we can fund the creation of a new tenth anniversary CD. If you have a contact at your bank, know the corporate sponsorship person at an airline, or know someone involved in fundraising who could help us talk to the right people, please let us know. We'll do all the legwork. We just need the networking con-

nections.

Finally, remember that if you have won a quilt in the past, please let us know in advance if you would like to bring your quilt to our concert. We'll make arrangements to display it during intermission and in return, you'll get one FREE admission to that performance.

If you have any questions, have a corporate sponsorship lead or have merchandise suggestions, please contact us by email at [board@nhgmc.com](mailto:board@nhgmc.com) or call us toll-free at 866-644-6274.

Chris Cockshaw  
President, Board of Directors

## Welcome to our New Members

Scott Nickles is our newest baritone. He is 37, single, a high school teacher and is living in Methuen, Mass. He enjoys singing, video gaming, reading, and couch-potato-ing. Scott joined the chorus to "become more involved with my people... 'yo.' And I just love to sing."

Paul Santonelli is a Tenor I, and states that his age is somewhere between 40 and death. Paul is a Director of Flight Attendants, is currently single and lives in Plymouth, N. H. He enjoys going to concerts, plays and musicals. He joined the chorus to sing and to meet single men. His favorite

movie is The Sound of Music. We can hear him now singing his favorites: "So long, farewell, I hope your flight was nice!"

Alan Witt is our new Tenor II member. He is 24, single and a Librarian Assistant. He is originally from California, but now lives in Hollis, N. H. His favorite activities are Taekwondo (a Korean martial art and combat sport) and sword-fighting.

Phil Breton is 68, single, and is our newest Bass. Phil is retired but he was a high school teacher. He lives in New Ipswich, N. H. and his favorite activities are pi-



From left to right: Scott Nickles, Paul Santonelli, Alan Witt, and Phil Breton.

ano, singing, painting, gardening and reading. He joined the chorus because he enjoys "singing and the company of men." His favorite movie is Regarding Billy, a

sweet little gay-themed movie from 2005.

Welcome, men! For more bios, be sure to visit [www.NHGMc.com](http://www.NHGMc.com).

## Scholarship Update

For each of the past three 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 con-

centrated 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 fourth annual scholarship which will be awarded in the spring of 2008. Interested parties can obtain further information, including application forms, by

contacting the chorus by email at [info@nhgmc.com](mailto:info@nhgmc.com) or from our website at [www.nhgmc.com](http://www.nhgmc.com). The deadline for applications is April 20, 2008.

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.

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<i>Celebrate 10</i> Adult Tickets	Day	Date	Time	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	May 3, 2008	7:30 PM		\$17	
Derryfield School (Manchester)	Sunday	May 4, 2008	4:00 PM		\$17	
Redfern Arts Center (Keene State)	Saturday	May 17, 2008	7:30 PM		\$17	
Daniel Webster College (Nashua)	Sunday	May 18, 2008	4:00 PM		\$17	
<i>Celebrate 10</i> Child/Senior Tickets*	Day	Date	Time	Quantity	Price Each	Total
<b>* By purchasing child/senior tickets, you agree that they will be only used by individuals under 13, or 65 and older.</b>						
Portsmouth Christ Church	Saturday	May 3, 2008	7:30 PM		\$15	
Derryfield School (Manchester)	Sunday	May 4, 2008	4:00 PM		\$15	
Redfern Arts Center (Keene State)	Saturday	May 17, 2008	7:30 PM		\$15	
Daniel Webster College (Nashua)	Sunday	May 18, 2008	4:00 PM		\$15	
<b>New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus CD's</b>				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	
<b>NHGMCC Donor Program (your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE!)</b>					Donation	
<b>BASS level</b>	Entitled to TWO tickets per season at the member discount price of \$10 each. Entitled to recognition in our program.				\$50+	
<b>BARITONE level</b>	Entitled to FOUR tickets per season at the member discount price of \$10 each. Entitled to recognition in our program.				\$100+	
<b>SECOND TENOR level</b>	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+	
<b>FIRST TENOR level</b>	Entitled to TEN tickets per season at the member discount price of \$10 each. Entitled to FOUR FREE tickets with PRIORITY SEATING and recognition in our program.				\$500+	
<b>DIRECTOR level</b>	Entitled to UNLIMITED tickets per season at the member discount price of \$10 each. Entitled to FOUR FREE tickets with PRIORITY SEATING and a full-page ad in our program.				\$1,000+	
<i>Please add \$5 shipping charge for the first item and \$1 per additional item.</i>					SHIPPING	
<i>Shipping charges apply ONLY to orders for our CD's. Tickets will be mailed free of shipping charges.</i>					ORDER TOTAL	

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We welcome MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover. Personal checks are also accepted.	
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<b>You may FAX your order to us, toll-free, at 1-866-NHGMCC-SINGS (1-866-644-6274)</b>	
or mail this form with your payment to:	<b>The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus P. O. Box 6251 Manchester, NH 03108-6251</b>
<b>** Ticket order forms RECEIVED via US Mail AFTER April 26, 2008 will be held at the door of each venue in the buyer's name **</b>	

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