

Contact: Mark Pridmore
Phone: 937.626.7048
E-mail: chetmore@woh.rr.com

P. O. Box 642
Dayton, OH 45401-0642
www.daytongaymenschorus.com



DAYTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS

Press Release

Gay Chorus' Most Ambitious Season Yet

Packed spring season features benefit and abridged 'Pinafore' with special guest performers.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dayton, Ohio – February 2, 2009 –This week the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus announced that plans for the spring season include a benefit called *Benefit Musicale* and a full concert on May 30, 2009, called *BraviSEAmo!*. For tickets or more information, contact 937-626-7048 or e-mail dtngaymenschorus@aol.com.

BENEFIT MUSICALE: On March 28, 2009, The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus is sponsoring their signature annual fundraising event, "Benefit Musicale" at 1368 Huffman, Dayton, OH 45403. The event will be held in a European-style chapel in Dayton's historic Eastern Hills. The venue is an elegant, preserved architectural jewel of Dayton's history. Built as the Esther Price family's private chapel in the 1940's, it features immense vaulted wood-beamed ceilings, arched limestone masonry, and stunning stained-glass windows that were created in Germany just for the Price family. Entertainment will be provided by members of the DGMC, local legends *The Broadway Broads* and the fabulous *RubiGirls*. "A fun, light-hearted, yet classic cabaret event to benefit the DGMC programming season and support their mission **“to inspire, encourage, and sustain excellence in the choral arts and to achieve a gay-affirming presence in the Greater Miami Valley.”** Advanced, preferred table seating is \$50/person or a table of 10 for \$450. Catering by The Chimneys Inn of Miamisburg, OH. There will be a cash bar, raffles, and a silent auction. Ample parking is available. Cocktails will be served from 6:30pm-7:30pm, during which time guests can meet representatives of local GLBT mission-driven organizations, including PFLAG, The Dayton Pride Partnership, the Dayton GLBT Center, MuCrew, Miami Valley Prime Timers, and AIDS Resource Center Ohio. The cabaret program begins at 7:30pm. Join the DGMC, as we celebrate our five-year history through narrative and song, and anticipate our next full concert, *BraviSEAmo!*, at the landmark Victoria Theatre on May 30th, 2009.

BraviSEAmo!: On May 30th, 2009, the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will kick-off Gay Pride Week activities with their final concert of the season, "BraviSEAmo", at the landmark Victoria Theatre. The concert will feature songs of the open seas, with a staged version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*. Allen Kimbrough, DGMC President and development chair said, "It'll be a version of *Pinafore* you'll never forget! Artistic director Jason Schuler has some surprises in store for both the chorus and the audience. When pressed to reveal them, he said, "We've put an ironic twist or two into the story because as far as we've come as a society, some things never change. We want our audience to do more than *hear* our performance of *Pinafore*; we want them to feel the power of the

story and be energized by it." Schuler has brought in American bass William Himmelbauer to play the role of Sir Joseph Porter K.C.B. Himmelbauer who has performed with the Vidin Philharmonic Orchestra in Bulgaria, the Amato Opera Company, Opera at Rutgers, The Village Light Opera Group, West Side Opera, and the Metropolitan Opera chorus in New York City, brings a profound element into the production the DGMC is proud to present to its Dayton Audience. Tickets for *BraviSEAmo!* are \$15 each; children 7 and under are admitted free of charge.

In partnership with the Victoria Theatre Association, the DGMC anticipates broad audience appeal, attendance, and appreciation for an inspiring and entertaining evening of men's choral music. Ship AHOY! The DGMC is also pleased with the renewed and increased collaborative efforts with the Dayton Pride Partnership and other local GLBT mission-driven organizations. The process of networking to share technical, financial, and human resources helps Dayton and the greater Miami Valley region celebrate the community's vitality and spirit of unity during Pride Week 2009 activities.