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Make Plans Now to Head for Sunny Mexican Riviera with GALA



Take time today to register to join GALA Choruses for RSVP Vacation's seven night cruise to the Mexican Riviera on the Norwegian Star. Both men and women are welcome.

During this cruise our singers will have the pleasure of participating in exciting choral workshops and rehearsals conducted by GALA Choruses Artistic Director-in-Residence, Dr Tim Seelig. As your musical cruise director, Tim will provide a musical experience that you know will be filled with fun and great music.

Our cruise departs the port of Los Angeles on Saturday April 18, 2009 with ports of call in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, returning to LA on Saturday, April 25, 2009. RSVP Vacations is hosting a welcome Cocktail Party for GALA Choruses our first night at

Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC to Perform in Inaugural Ceremony

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (GMCW) will perform at WE ARE ONE: THE OBAMA INAUGURAL CELEBRATION AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, the Opening Celebration for the 56th Presidential Inaugural, on Sunday, January 18, 2009. The event will take place from 2:00-4:00 pm with an exclusive broadcast on HBO the same day (7:00-9:00 pm ET/PT). The event is free and open to the public, kicking off the most open and accessible Inauguration in history.

This is the first time in American history that the GLBT Choral Movement will be represented at an inaugural ceremony. 100 GMCW members from the larger chorus of more than 250 singing members will perform with featured celebrity entertainers to be announced. Both President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden will be in attendance. An audience of 800,000 is expected at the Lincoln Memorial.

[Click here](#) for the full text of the press release.

"Prayers for Bobby" to Appear on Lifetime TV

Former GALA Board member Bill Schortinghouse has brought to our attention that a choral work introduced at Festival V in Tampa regarding the mother of a gay teenaged son has been produced as a made-for-TV movie by Lifetime Television starring Sigourney Weaver. It is showing on Lifetime on Saturday, January 24 at 9PM Eastern. [Click here](#) for the full letter from Bill on the story of "Prayers for Bobby."

Sing for the Cure Debut in Canada

Thanks to the generosity of GALA Choruses, GLASS Youth Chorus returned home from Miami in the black. Temporarily freed from the cycle of fund-raising for their own touring, director Carol Sirianni decided that this year, GLASS Youth's eighth season, would be a good time to give rather than to receive. Accordingly,