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Message from GALA Choruses Historian and Archivist, Joel Davis

Festival is a perfect time to add to the GALA Choruses Archive and complete information within the GALA Choruses History Project. As GALA's Historian and Archivist, here's a list of what is absent:

BOOKLETS - PUBLICATIONS STILL NEEDED:

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- 1995, Small Ensemble Festival, Washington, DC
- 1997, Small Ensemble Festival, Muncie, IN
- 1997, Leadership Conf. & Singers Weekend, Toronto, ON
- 1998, Leadership Conference & Singers Weekend, Dallas, TX
- 1999, Small Ensemble Festival, Chicago, IL
- 2001, Small Ensemble Festival, Louisville, KY
- 2001, Leadership Conf. & Singers Weekend, Portland, OR
- 2003, Choral Camp, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006, Leadership Conference & Singers Weekend, Miami, FL

(I am in possession of all other known GALA documents and publications. If, however, you are in possession of anything else rather novel that you feel should be in the Archive, please let me know.)

During Festival, there will be a collection area established within the Expo site for those of you who'd like to part with any GALAabilia you've been hanging on to for all these years. Items left there should be considered donations and non-returnable to the donor. Items left there should be clearly labeled and referenced, and identified as well by donor name and contact information.

Many of us individually have official photographs of our choruses, photographs which GALA has offered since at least Tampa, 1996. Up until this point, the archive I've amassed has not included photographs or recordings (someone else is compiling recordings) but I believe that including ensemble photographs would be a good idea. If any of you have such photographs and would like to part with them,

please consider being generous that way.

While bringing materials to Festival has already been stated as an option, it's also okay to send items to me directly. That will save me time and energy in packing and shipping things from Miami after Festival has concluded. Please send me a private email at any time and tell me what you have to donate. I will reply promptly with a YEAH or NAY and instruct you on mailing.

Thanks, everyone.
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