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In our articles about programming of specific interest to women in yesterday's eBlast we inadvertently left out the Community Women's Orchestra. Please see details below.

Sincerely,

GALA Choruses

### **Community Women's Orchestra to Appear at Festival**

Monday, July 14, 11:00 AM  
Hilton, Symphony Ballroom



The Community Women's Orchestra, participating in its first-ever GALA Choruses Festival, will present a short program (as a 'curtain' raiser for USS Metaphor with San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus) including selections from Joan Tower's Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman (1992) and lesbian / feminist composer Dame Ethel Smyth's Concerto for Violin, Horn and Orchestra (1928).



### About the Orchestra

The Community Women's Orchestra, now in its 23rd season, is a volunteer, all female orchestra based in the San Francisco Bay Area. In an effort to bring more exposure to the works of historic and contemporary women composers, the group performs at least one work by a woman composer at each of its concerts. The CWO was founded by Nan Washburn in 1985 as a community adjunct to the professional Women's Philharmonic. Although the Women's Philharmonic disbanded in 2004, the CWO continues to grow and flourish as an independent organization. It provides a unique opportunity for women musicians to perform seldom-heard works by women composers, as well as other well-known pieces, while giving audiences a rare opportunity to attend performances of those works. Conductor Dr. Kathleen McGuire, who has led CWO since 2005, is also artistic director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC). Festival 2008 in Miami is the orchestra's first out-of-state tour; the women will accompany SFGMC and also the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus. CWO is featured on the SFGMC CD, Divas' Revenge: Opera and Broadway Our Way, and the new DVD, USS Metaphor.

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