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Update on ACF Community Partners Program

Earlier this year we provided information regarding a program for GALA Choruses sponsored by American Composers Forum called the "Community Partners" project. ACF received nine applications.

Grants were recently awarded to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus to commission a double-chorus piece that BGMC can perform with high school students at benefit concerts they give on behalf of the network of "Gay Straight Alliances" in schools throughout Massachusetts and Una Voce: The Florida Men's Chorale to commission a double-chorus piece that they will perform with the Symphonic Chorus of the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (an arts magnet high school in St. Petersburg) in performances to benefit the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

The panelists were Lorraine Jacquard, Administrator of the Caballeros, Gary Holt, Artistic Director of the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego and Jon Bailey, former Artistic Director of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles.

This program is made possible through funding from Mike Murphy and his partner, Dwight Joyner, a former GALA Choruses Board member.

More information about the program and/or application materials are available at <http://www.composersforum.org/cp-gala>.

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