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Women's Chorus Roundtable Discussion

On Thursday March 27 we will be holding a women's chorus roundtable discussion by conference call from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM EST. The primary purpose for the session is to provide an opportunity for our women's chorus leadership to discuss topics of common interest. Please email info@galachoruses.org to register for the session and suggest topics for discussion. An agenda for the session and instructions to logon to the call will be emailed to those who register. There is no charge for the session.

Accompanists and Interpreters Needed for Festival

If there are any accompanists or interpreters planning to attend Festival who would be willing to perform with other groups please contact Will Varner at musicwilllive@aol.com.

Festival Workshop Proposals Ready

GALA Choruses invites you to

Ari Gold to Perform at *A Night on South Beach*

Friday night of Festival week we will be heading for a night on the beach at Club Nikki on South Beach. Award winning independent recording artist Ari Gold will be the headline performer for the evening. His critically acclaimed album *Transport Systems* spawned the #1 Sirius radio hit "Where the Music Takes You" and the accompanying video is LOGO's #1 best video for 2007. Click on the photo below to check out Ari's web site.



Festival Week Schedule Online

The concert blocks are the heart of Festival but there is much, much more to do, see and hear! A schedule showing all that is happening

share your skills and talents with others in the GLBT choral movement by applying to present a workshop at Festival 2008. A limited number of workshops will be presented each morning during the Festival. [Click here](#) for the workshop proposal form. Proposals are due by March 31.

New Guidelines for No Talent Show



Sensible Shoes

The World's Greatest No Talent Show, scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008 will take place at Jungle Island Adventure Night. The program will run twice during the evening. We invite you to celebrate the glory and glamour of Queer Culture with acts ranging from the sublime to the outrageous.

Each member chorus may nominate an ensemble plus one other act.

Examples of No Talent Show acts include comedy routines, baton twirling, impersonations of beloved and/or bygone stars, modern dance, poetry slams, whatever! Acts do not have to be musical. Participation is open to soloists and groups, but not entire choruses. [Click here](#) for more details and the forms to apply.



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during Festival week is now up on the GALA Choruses web site. Don't miss this opportunity to bring yourself up to date on all there is to do at Festival. The schedule is designed to allow you to drill down through the items which interest you on each days' schedule. Grab a cup of coffee and [click here](#) to begin planning the details of your Festival experience.

Music Program and Copyright Certification

All performing groups must submit the program for their performance by entering the information in our online system. In addition to listing each song that will be performed you must also submit all of the legal copyright information so that we can certify that your program is legal to perform and record. This system also allows you to submit an introduction to be read from the stage by the emcee before your performance. The deadline for submitting all of your information is April 15, 2008. To access this online system you must have a user name and password. To obtain this information, please e-mail events@galachoruses.org. Once you have your logon info [click here](#) to go to the online program system.

2008 Commission Matching Grant Program Open

The solicitation for the 2008 commission matching grant program is open. Generous funding for the program has been provided by former GALA Choruses Board member, Dwight Joyner. Applications are due by June 1. Over \$18,000 in matching grants were awarded in 2007. [Click here](#) for further details on the program and application guidelines.

GALA Choruses Adds Grant Committee

As part of GALA's 2008-2010 strategic plan, three additional grant programs have been established along with a new Grants Committee to oversee GALA's grant activities. The new grant programs include youth chorus support, chorus management continuing education and outreach support. The Grants Committee will be comprised of up to 15 members elected by GALA's member choruses and will be chaired by the Vice President of GALA Choruses. Nominations for election to the Grants Committee for the 2008-2009 term are now open. [Click here](#) for further details and the nomination form.

GALA Store Consignment & Festival Program Advertising Info Available

Member choruses have two options for marketing their CDs, etc at Festival. Choruses can have their own booth at the Expo which will be open from Saturday July 12 through mid day Monday July 14 and then after the Expo closes member chorus exhibitors can either (a) consign their merchandise to the GALA Store to be located at the Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA) (formerly the Carnival Performing Arts Center) or (b) have their own table at ACPA. Choruses choosing to have their own booth at the Expo and table at ACPA must provide their own staff and acquire their own State of Florida Special Event Sales Tax License. The cost for this option is

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\$750. Spaces are limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. The second option is to consign your merchandise to the GALA store at ACPA for the entire week. GALA Choruses personnel will staff the store and handle the Florida sales tax license. The consignment fee is a flat \$100.00. [Click here](#) to access the forms for either option.

Opportunities are also available to advertise in the Festival program book that is given to all Festival delegates. The program is used as a resource for delegates and choruses for years to come. The program book includes all Festival schedules/activities, chorus programs, advertisements and delegate information. Many choruses advertise in the Festival program, frequently requesting the page opposite their performance program page. Your ad can promote the sale of your current CD's or logo merchandise or simply express your choruses' pride as we celebrate Festival 2008. [Click here](#) to access the form for advertising in the Festival program.

Please contact Scott Chilcott at funding@galachoruses.org with any questions.

Legacy Award Nominations Open

The Legacy Awards are intended to recognize individuals who have provided outstanding leadership as part of the GLBT choral movement and whose careers have exemplified the values GALA believes in. All member choruses may nominate one individual. A committee comprised of former Legacy Award winners will make a selection recommendation to the GALA Board of Directors. Nominations are due by April 15. The award winners will be announced at a reception prior to the closing ceremonies at Festival. [Click here](#) for all of the details on the Legacy Awards.

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