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### **Small Ensemble Input Sought for GALA 2009 Columbus**

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Hello,

GALA Choruses would like to include a Small Ensemble track of clinics and workshops at the GALA Columbus 2009 conference to be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, OH over Labor Day Weekend.

Here is a synopsis of the weekend: The event begins on Thursday evening, Sept. 3 with registration and a reception. Sessions and clinics will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will end by 5:15 pm on Sunday afternoon. All ensembles will be scheduled to perform at some point during the weekend.

On Friday at lunch, all delegates of the conference will perform on the steps of the Ohio Statehouse. Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer will perform Friday evening in the ballroom of the hotel (separate ticket purchase required). There will be a concert featuring all of the Ohio GALA choruses on Saturday evening. The hotel shuttle will offer free transportation to and from the Short North, the GLBT district of Columbus, on Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday there will be a brunch where we will announce the location of Festival 2012.

The room rates at Hyatt Capitol Square are \$109 for single and double and \$119 for triple and quad. The early registration fee for each delegate is \$225

In order to ensure that we are planning properly we would like to ask you a few questions.

1. Is your small ensemble interested in attending?
2. Name of ensemble:
3. Contact name:
4. Contact e-mail:
5. Contact phone:
6. How many people from your ensemble might attend?
7. Who would you like to see as the clinicians who will work one-on-one with each ensemble?

8. Any additional thoughts or questions you may have?

Please respond by email to [events@galachoruses.org](mailto:events@galachoruses.org) by February 27th so we can continue to plan and organize the conference.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regard,

Kathie Michael, Director of Meetings and Festivals

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