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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 EDT. The primary purpose for the session is to provide an opportunity for our women's chorus leadership to discuss topics of common interest.

Some excellent topics for discussion have been suggested so far including apparel - selection and enforcing uniformity, finding a hook - growing an audience, founding AD - when it is time to discretely disengage, what are people up to musically and programmatically, how are choruses doing generally - healthwise, what was the discussion/process in deciding whether to attend Festival, and what would people like in terms of networking, communicating with each other.

[Click here](#) for directions to log on to the session. There is no charge for the session.

Contact us at [info@galachoruses.org](mailto:info@galachoruses.org) or 412-322-4260 with any questions.

### Accompanists and

### Music Resource Center Open

Check out our NEW online library of music often performed by our member choruses. Nearly 200 selections are available complete with sound clips and sample pages from the score. The library is searchable by several attributes including composer, arranger, genre, voicing and lyrics.

Please contact our Artistic Director-in-Residence, Tim Seelig at [tgseelig@aol.com](mailto:tgseelig@aol.com) with additional music you wish to have included in the library.

The library is in the Members Only section of the web site. If you do not have your logon information, please contact us at [info@galachoruses.org](mailto:info@galachoruses.org).

### 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.

### 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

### 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](mailto:musicwilllive@aol.com).

### Festival Workshop Proposals Ready

GALA Choruses invites you to 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.

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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:events@galachoruses.org). Once you have your logon info [click here](#) to go to the online program system.

### 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 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.

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