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## **GALA Choruses Festival 2024 Unites Voices from Around the Globe in Minneapolis**

Minneapolis, MN – July 2024 – GALA Choruses Festival is the largest LGBTQ+ choral event in the world. Festival 2024 will gather about **7,000 singers** from **122 choruses** July 10–14 in Minneapolis, MN. This is just a portion of the more than **15,000 singers** and nearly **200 LGBTQ+ choruses** in North America and beyond who make up GALA Choruses. Festival 2024 choirs will perform at world-class venues in downtown Minneapolis including **Orchestra Hall**, **The Minneapolis Convention Center**, and **Central Lutheran Church**.

The last Festival was held in 2016 in Denver, CO. It gathered more than **6,000 singers** in-person and more than **14,000 unique viewers** online. Typically held every four years, a GALA Choruses Festival was scheduled for the summer of 2020. Of course, it was canceled due to the pandemic, and GALA Choruses survived that difficult time thanks to the generous support of member choruses. Festival 2024 in Minneapolis will mark a historic 8-year gap between Festivals, while also being the largest in the history of the LGBTQ+ Choral Movement. In addition to North American LGBTQ+ choirs, Festival will also showcase groups from China, Estonia, Finland, Ukraine, and Taiwan.

"I believe that GALA Choruses has evolved with the changing times," says former GALA Choruses Board President Michael Tate. "While the core mission of supporting new and existing LGBTQ+ and allied choruses has not changed, we have continued to expand and recognize the many colors of our amazing rainbow community. In particular, providing better visibility for and with trans and non-binary individuals has been an exciting and deliberate expansion of our work."

GALA is especially excited that all Festival Performances will be streamed to the GALA website. Learn more at https://galachoruses.org/resource/livestream/

For more information about the GALA Choruses Festival 2024, including a full schedule of events and ticketing details, please visit https://galachoruses.org/festival-2024/



Are you a choral fan local to the Twin Cities or Greater Minnesota? Learn how to experience Festival in person here: <a href="https://galachoruses.org/resource/festival-locals/">https://galachoruses.org/resource/festival-locals/</a>

**About GALA Choruses:** GALA Choruses is the name of the non-profit organization that serves an association of LGBTQ+ choruses in North America. We represent the largest group of choirs in the global LGBTQ+ Choral Movement. GALA Choruses cultivates the artistic development of 15,000 singers from nearly 200 choruses in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. We serve choruses, small or large.

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