



Getting the Most From Your GALA Choruses Membership

Your GALA membership dues entitle your chorus to participate in a variety of events and programs. Please review this guide to make sure that your chorus is getting the most from its investment in GALA.

Stay Current on Events and Programs

Make sure that you are getting information about upcoming events, programs, and important news. We send a monthly newsletter, and other emails as warranted, to our mailing list—sign up to receive these by submitting the *Join Our Mailing List* form at the bottom of the [GALA Choruses home page](http://galachoruses.org) (galachoruses.org). We will also share updates and content from our member choruses on social media: follow us @galachoruses on Facebook and Instagram.

Join the GALA Discussion Groups

The GALA discussion groups allow you to obtain instant feedback on a particular topic or problem from your chorus colleagues. Browse active groups and request to join [here](#).

Use the GALA 411 Advisors

The GALA 411 advisors are available to member choruses for mentoring on a variety of topics, including artistic direction, chorus management, board development, and more. The advisors' time is paid by GALA, but if travel is necessary for consultation then the chorus is asked to cover travel and lodging expenses. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Attend the Leadership Symposium

Leadership conferences are held annually (except in Festival years) providing an opportunity for education, networking, inspiration, and just plain fun! The workshops cover topics of interest to artistic directors, chorus managers and chorus board members. The Leadership Symposium is hosted in a new city every year, and typically is scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend.

Attend Festival

Festival is the signature event of GALA Choruses. Our next Festival will be held in Minneapolis on July 12-16, 2028. Starting early on fundraising for Festival is critical to having enough singers attend for your chorus to sound its very best.

Visit Our Online Resource Center

Our website's Resource Center is broken into sections for artistic directors, chorus managers, board members and singers. It contains a collection of background materials and example documents on topics including programming, fundraising, board development, and much, much more. Browse the library [here](#). We also have a song database focusing on LGBTQ+ repertoire—visit it [here](#).

Discuss Equity, Access and Belonging with A New Harmony

Our members choruses offer more than just a place to sing: they are also communities of belonging. The A New Harmony workbooks explore these conversations to inspire and launch your chorus on a journey toward equity, access and belonging. In addition, the New Harmony Task Force hosts educational opportunities like workshops at our events and webinars. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Explore Our Journal and Podcast

In 2025, GALA Choruses has launched two new exciting channels for providing education and inspiration for our members. The [Journal of Queer Choral Studies](#), the official academic publication of GALA Choruses, is an open access online journal that is anticipating its first issue to be released in January 2026. We also host [Queer Voices: the Official Podcast of GALA Choruses](#), which highlights important voices in the LGBTQ+ choral movement through biweekly episode releases.

Post Jobs and Events

If you are recruiting for new staff members for your chorus, you can submit your job posting to GALA Choruses for inclusion on our website's [job board](#). You can also submit your concert information for inclusion on our homepage map of upcoming events. To post, email communications@galachoruses.org with the relevant information.