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MEXICO CITY'S GAY CHORUS TO STAR IN NYCGMC'S BIG GAY SING BECAUSE NEW YORK'S VALUES MATTER

NEW YORK, February 14, 2017 – New York City Gay Men's Chorus today announced that El Coro Gay de Ciudad de México will be guest stars at Big Gay Sing®, its annual sing-along extravaganza from March 24 - 26 at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts. This year titled *Big Gay Sing: Welcome to New York*, the show celebrates the greatest city on Earth while also sending a very powerful message about New York's values.

"The show will celebrate New York as a vibrant, outward-looking city, with multiculturalism at the heart of its success," said Charlie Beale, Artistic Director of NYCGMC.

"As a chorus with an international reach and the power to make an impact at this very sensitive time, NYCGMC is uber-excited to invite our brothers from El Coro Gay de Ciudad de México to be center stage in New York City as our guests of honor. We're delighted to have them because they sound amazing and, you know, screw walls!" Beale added.

Big Gay Sing: Welcome to New York will feature arrangements of chart-toppers by Alicia Keys, Ella Fitzgerald, Taylor Swift, Sara Bareilles, plus some Spanish-language hits and more surprises. "The arrangements, the immensity of the sound, and the sparkle from the performers will have you jumping to your feet," Beale further commented.

Big Gay Sing, an NYCGMC original concept and now in its ninth year, has become New York's greatest way to welcome spring. Its outrageous sing-along format has become so popular that Big Gay Sing has been franchised to choruses around the US and the world.

"The mission of NYCGMC is to champion acceptance, equality, and the power of sensational music to bring about positive change. Big Gay Sing demonstrates that we can put on a spectacular show while making an important difference," said Lisa Reilly, Executive Director of Big Apple Performing Arts.

Big Gay Sing: Welcome to New York will be performed at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts at 8pm Friday March 24 and Saturday March 25, and Sunday March 26 at 3pm. Tickets are now available at nycgmc.org.

Click on the following links for more information about [NYCGMC](#), [BAPA](#), and [El Coro Gay de Ciudad de México](#).

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About the New York City Gay Men's Chorus

New York City Gay Men's Chorus is a world-class, world-renowned New York institution and a pioneering voice for the LGBTQ community. NYCGMC is comprised of more than 250 talented singers of various ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Together, we produce a vibrant sound and energy that audiences can feel and connect with. Through the power of this sound, and our spectacular performances, we are fearless champions for love, equality, and acceptance. Founded in 1980, NYCGMC has formed a strong bond with devoted followers and continues to make lasting connections with new and diverse audiences. We sing in every style from classical to pop, Broadway to gospel, and from cultures all over the world. As artists, we listen to the changing world around us and transform what we hear into music. We sing to challenge perceptions of the LGBTQ community, to combat fear and hatred, encourage compassion and human connection, and to thrill with the superb quality of our sound. Through our

music, audiences mourn losses, cheer victories, find unconditional acceptance, and celebrate life. We perform in a variety of settings, including special, private, and corporate events, concerts, television appearances, festivals, Broadway/theatre productions, conferences, weddings, parties, fundraisers, and community events. nycgmc.org

About the Youth Pride Chorus

New York City's Youth Pride Chorus harnesses the power of the performing arts to engage lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight young people ages 13-22 as agents of change. YPC fights homophobia, bullying, and all forms of hate by boldly asserting—through music—the joy, diversity, strength, and pride of today's youth. YPC singers discover their own power by empowering others in schools, online, and in the broader community through electrifying, high caliber singing and performances. youthpridechorus.org

About Big Apple Performing Arts

Big Apple Performing Arts is the non-profit management company for the New York City Gay Men's Chorus and Youth Pride Chorus. With over thirty years of history, innovative programs, and service to the LGBTQ community, Big Apple Performing Arts is renowned for producing legendary performances, commissioning new works, and taking a leading role in the movement for social justice. From Carnegie Hall to City Hall, from the AIDS crisis to the struggle for marriage equality, as well as today's gender and identity politics, the choruses of BAPA have been leaders and activists in the New York City community since 1980.

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