



SILICON VALLEY GAY MEN'S CHORUS  
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Dear Friend of SVGMC,

It's hard to believe our 2006-2007 season is already underway! Our December concert, "**WinterSong**", filled the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with wonderful holiday music from around the world, all thoughtfully selected by our Artistic Director, Daniel Hughes. I hope you were there!

Every year, we present a concert at the acoustically-excellent Le Petit Trianon in San Jose. If you heard the chorus in this venue last June, you'll remember the outstanding sound...and the unfortunate lack of air conditioning! This time, we've booked Le Petit Trianon at a milder time of year (March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) to perform "**HeartSong**", a program of music that makes manifest the passions of human experience. Look forward to a beautiful and moving performance at this very intimate venue (advanced ticket purchase is recommended).

We finish the season with "**PrideSong: ExtrABBAganza!**" on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at MacAfee Performing Arts Center on the campus of Saratoga High School. Exciting choreography, far-out costumes, and a rocking band will enhance this celebration of ABBA's greatest hits.

Make sure to put these shows on your calendar! For concert information and tickets, visit [www.svgmc.org](http://www.svgmc.org).

Even as we prepare for these next two performances, we're planning a monumental 2007-2008 season as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, record a CD (*The Best of SVGMC*), and travel to Miami, Florida to sing at the 2008 GALA Choruses Festival. Add to that our three regular concerts here in the Silicon Valley, and you have an exciting and ambitious season! To make it all possible, SVGMC has launched a strategic campaign to broaden our audience, raise our artistic and musical standards, and solicit the support of people like you—friends and patrons of the chorus.

SVGMC has joined the *Music & Arts Campaign* (a program of Arts Council Silicon Valley), to bring a new level of effectiveness to our fundraising efforts. While there are many ways you can support the chorus, I want to highlight three sponsorship opportunities for you:

- **Send a Singer to GALA.** Every four years, GALA (the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) hosts a week-long showcase of gay and lesbian choruses from around the world. Each chorus performs for an audience of thousands, often debuting new music that other choruses can bring home to their local audiences. SVGMC hasn't appeared at this event since July 2000, and we're anxious to share our best performances with this international audience.

It takes every voice to make a chorus, and we intend to bring *all of our singers* to GALA, regardless of their financial resources. Over the next eighteen months, we plan to raise \$1,000 for each singer. To reach that goal, we ask that you consider a **\$500** donation to our *Send SVGMC to GALA 2008* fund.

- **Adopt a Singer.** Sheet music. Performance attire. Rehearsal weekends. Travel. It costs money to sing for a chorus! SVGMC auditions singers for their musical ability, not their financial status, and we are committed to making chorus membership accessible to singers at every income level. For a **\$250** donation, you can "adopt" a singer and help defray their personal costs of being in the chorus.

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Daniel Hughes, Artistic Director ♦ Rusty Tooley, General Manager

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- **Sponsor a Track.** In celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, we're preparing to record a new CD, *The Best of SVGMC*. For \$100, you can support recording, production, and distribution, and get your name (or that of your business) printed in the liner notes.

Of course, we will be pleased to receive any amount! Donations may be made by credit card at [www.artscouncil.org/m&a](http://www.artscouncil.org/m&a) or by using the enclosed envelope. Please remember to select SVGMC as the recipient of your donation.

If your employer has a matching gift program, be sure to obtain a Matching Gift Form from your Human Resource office and include it in the envelope. This will greatly increase the impact of your donation. And with April 15<sup>th</sup> right around the corner, remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

Our Board of Directors, members, staff, and corps of volunteers thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our next concert on March 23-24, 2007.

Warmest Regards,



Dan England  
President  
Board of Directors

P.S. Did you know that there are over 1800 years of combined musical experience within our current members? Many of our members have been singing and making music since elementary school. Music has changed the lives of our members and sponsors like you. Help us to continue our legacy and ensure the future of performing arts in the Silicon Valley: please give generously today.

Enclosures (2)

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Pledge/remittance envelope