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"Transforming and Uniting Our Global Community through Song!"

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus opens its season with a record 45 singers.

Summer auditions for SVGMC have completed and the men are excited about the upcoming season. Most of the chorus singers from last year have returned and the chorus welcomed 18 new voices at its first rehearsal last Tuesday. "I joined the chorus to engage with my community", says new member Garry Johnson who works as a registered nurse in his day job in San Mateo. "The more I am in touch with other gay men in my community, the healthier and safer I feel". "We are delighted to be making music again with long-time returning chorus alumni like Doug McGrath, Simon Lau and John Prigeon, all of whom have recently performed with other premier bay area gay choruses." said Tom Nixon, SVGMC president. In all, 10 former singers have returned.

The chorus is pleased to introduce its new Artistic Director Jonathan Ulrich – a professional music educator. "I joined the chorus as its director because I wanted to help create a top notch gay men's chorus. If we do our job right, everyone in the Southbay should know about SVGMC which is entering its 27 season. I'm thrilled we have so many new and returning voices this year." Dan England is the PR contact and Director of Marketing for the chorus again this year. "Our annual theme is Evolution. We have a new logo, a new look and now a bigger sound with the added singers. This chorus has a reputation for excellence, showmanship, and fun and that's what we hope to bring to the stage again this year." Said Dan. More information about what Evolution means will appear on the website shortly as the chorus prepares for the upcoming season including the favorite annual holiday show.

Jon Ulrich – Artistic Director, Asa Stern Assistant Director

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