



triad pride
men's chorus
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Annual Report

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

www.triadpridemenschorus.org

Triad Pride Men's Chorus (TPMC) is a LGBT-identified, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina. TPMC is also a member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), the world's only association committed to serving the LGBT choral movement.

TPMC performs two concert programs each year, one in early June and the other during the holiday season in early December. Each program is presented in Winston-Salem and in Greensboro. In addition to our regular concert schedule, we have donated our time and service to perform for events and organizations such as Dining for Friends, H.O.P.E.'s Candlelight Vigil at Tanglewood, the Guilford Green Gala, NC Pride, The Adam Festival and the Triad Business and Professional Guild. In July 2002 TPMC performed for the first time at the GALA Eastern Regional Festival held in Cincinnati. In July 2004 the chorus traveled to GALA's International Festival in Montreal to perform before 160 other gay and lesbian choruses (some 6,000 people) from around the world.

NoteWorthy ensemble

NoteWorthy has been singing together since 2003. This men's ensemble features members of TPMC and serves to augment its outreach into the community at various functions. In addition, the ensemble is featured frequently in TPMC's holiday and spring concerts. Under the direction of Mario Capano, NoteWorthy has been invited to perform for a variety of organizations.

Our Mission

Triad Pride Men's Chorus performs choral music to entertain, to enlighten and to enrich while promoting equality and social justice for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity--fostering pride, understanding and acceptance.

Our Vision

Entertain—Producing quality male choral performances that provide our audiences with enjoyment while maintaining musical excellence and artistic innovation.

Enlighten—Expressing the common Human Experience that we share through the Gay Community and our audience. Affirming our self worth by sharing a positive and diverse image of the Gay Community.

Enrich—Providing a safe, nurturing environment for all to learn and to share. Reaching out through our music to evoke human compassion and understanding.

Our history

In late 1998, three men from Greensboro who had been driving to the Triangle area every week to sing with the nearest gay men's chorus decided to take a chance. Hoping that there would be enough interest in and support for a gay men's chorus in the Triad, they advertised for singers. Over twenty men showed up in January of 1999 from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point and other area towns—all eager to join together in pride and in song. In June of that year the Triad Pride Men's Chorus held its first concert. Since then the chorus has doubled in size. Membership is open to gay and gay-affirming male singers. TPMC is a member of GALA Choruses, the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Choruses.

Dear Friends,

The Triad Pride Men's Chorus continues to grow, both musically and organizationally, enabling us to expand our mission. We continue to perform choral music to entertain, enlighten, and enrich while promoting equality and social justice for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity--fostering pride, understanding and acceptance. This year we estimate that TPMC sang for 7,000 people in the Triad, with most of them being straight. Our music helps to put a positive and talented face on the LGBT community, and through song presents our common struggle to a widening audience.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to those who know that the non-profit performing arts world has been challenged with grant funding and we continue to search for funding sources to be able to strengthen our organizational infrastructure, programs, and outreach.

We remain so grateful to all our audience members, donors, sponsors, volunteers, staff, and singers for raising us up to new heights, ensuring our success.

TPMC is a non-profit organization funded through donations from individuals, corporate sponsorships, and grants. We welcome your financial and in-kind tax-deductible contributions in support of the work of the chorus!

Board of Directors

- Warren Kessler - *President*
- Paul Musick - *Vice President*
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- Bradley "BK" Price - *Singer Liaison*
- Micky Henderson - *Assistant Singer Liaison*
- Woodson E. Faulkner, II - *Artistic Director*
- Mario Capano - *Assistant Director*
- Wendy Lavine
- Rodney Ouzts
- Matt Strupp
- Amy Wood

Triad Pride Men's Chorus

2006-2007 year in Review

Concerts

Santa of the Opera Holiday Concert

December 2nd, 2006 Greensboro Day School
December 9th, 2006 North Carolina School of the Arts

TPMC's annual holiday concert featured
Holiday Music from Broadway

Artistic Director Woodson E. Faulkner
Assistant director/
Accompanist Mario Capano



Divalicious - From Mozart to Madonna

June 9, 2007 North Carolina School of the Arts
June 16, 2007 Greensboro Day School

Artistic Director Woodson E. Faulkner
Assistant director/
Accompanist Mario Capano

Special Guest
Triad Idol 2006 winner
Rainee Perdue



Outreach

- **Wake Forest Baptist Church – Winston Salem October 8, 2006**
 - TPMC was asked to perform selections from “Notably Q” which would be integrated into the morning service “When Aimless Violence. . . .” which was also aired on WSJS 600AM, you may listen to the service at <http://www.wakeforestbaptist.org>
- **Pride Concert “Tickled Pink” – Raleigh September 29, 2006**
 - To help kick off North Carolina Pride Weekend 2006, the Triangle Gay Men's Chorus welcomes special guests Common Woman Chorus and Triad Pride Men's Chorus in a concert of inspiring and light-hearted musical fare, honoring and celebrating the GLBT Community and its accomplishments.



- **NoteWorthy concert in the park - Winston Salem October 15th 2006**



- **NoteWorthy performs at Guilford College – Greensboro November 13th 2006**
- **Members of TPMC meet with Guilford College Pride Group**
 - On Wednesday August 16, members of TPMC met with students at Guilford College GLBT group to discuss who TPMC is and what our mission is
- **WFDD radio airs selections from past Holiday Concert on December 17th and 31st**
- **NoteWorthy performs for Abbotswood retirement home December 14, 2006**
- **TPMC sings for Soulforce fundraiser at Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Greensboro Friday February 16**
- **TPMC participates in Belk Charity days March 30-31**



- **Grease Sing-Along Fundraiser - Saturday April 14th at the Carolina Theatre**



- **Greensboro Grasshopper game** – Sang the national anthem Saturday May 26



- **Dining for Friends** – performing during the reception at Greensboro Coliseum Saturday June 2nd



- **Triad Idol finale** - War Memorial Theatre Saturday June 23rd



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