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Make great music and great friends at San Diego Gay Men's Chorus Info Night

SAN DIEGO, January 2011 – Whether you have eighty Facebook friends or eight hundred, how often do you really talk to those friends in person? Online friendships and virtual “pokes” can be fun, but they’re no match for real-life friends who will hug you each week, listen to your problems, laugh at your jokes, and share with you the good times that come from shared interests.

If you’ve got a passion for music and a need for more real-life hugs, the San Diego Gay Men’s Chorus (SDGMC) might be just the passion and the friends you’re looking for.

On Monday, January 10, SDGMC is welcoming new singers and non-singing volunteers to “Info Night,” an exciting informational night. “Info Night is your chance to learn more about the Chorus, meet Chorus members, and make new friends,” says SDGMC Artistic Director Gary Holt. “If you’re an aspiring singer, you’ll get to sit with Chorus members in a lively pre-rehearsal where we’ll learn a song together. The rest of this special night will feature a live ‘mini-concert,’ video highlights from past concerts, lots of food, prizes, and a few surprises.”

“To me going to Info Night was like seeing a new blockbuster trailer at the theater,” enthuses Cassio, one of SDGMC’s newest members who joined in September. “After being a season ticket holder for a year, I wanted to become a part of what appeared to be a great group of guys...and I was right! Singing with my chorus brothers is absolutely one of the most uplifting experiences I’ve had. The camaraderie is amazing.”

Holt agrees. “I love to joke that Info Night and our chorus rehearsals are the most fun you can have in a room full of gay men with the lights on,” he says. “Chorus members know that I often crack jokes during rehearsals – for better or for worse. At Info Night you’ll get a sampling of both my trademark humor and my commitment to producing a wonderful quality choral sound.”

Mike, another new member, says he has found everyone in the Chorus “so welcoming. My section leaders and my chorus buddy made sure that I was taken care of in each rehearsal and right through my first show,” he says. “There are singers of all ages and abilities and a huge amount of talent...I have yet to remember all 130 names, but I’m getting there! I’ll admit I wasn’t quite prepared for the emotional roller coaster of our first show: the adrenaline, the choreography workouts, and the exhilaration of performing before two

enthusiastic packed houses! Now, I see the Chorus as a force for good, I feel more a part of our community, and I'm looking forward to our next concert.”

SDGMC's Info Night starts at 6:45pm on Monday, January 10, 2011 in the Chorus' regular rehearsal space at University Christian Church at 3900 Cleveland Avenue, just across from the Hillcrest post office and the DMV.

If you would like to join SDGMC as a singer or non-singing volunteer but are unable to attend Info Night, or if you have questions, please email info@sdgmc.org or call 877-296-7664 (SONG).

About SDGMC

The San Diego Gay Men's Chorus was formed in January 2010 from the marriage of the San Diego Men's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego, two choruses that boasted long and proud legacies of performing in San Diego and beyond. SDGMC's exciting first year began with "Our House," a spring concert that celebrated the contributions of local community organizations. The Chorus followed that this past summer with two sold-out "extrABBAganza" concerts, and finished 2010 with its sold-out "Tinseltown" concerts that showcased classic holiday songs from film and television.

This Chorus' official mission is to create a positive musical experience through exciting performances that engage audiences, build community support, and provide a dynamic force for social change.

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