

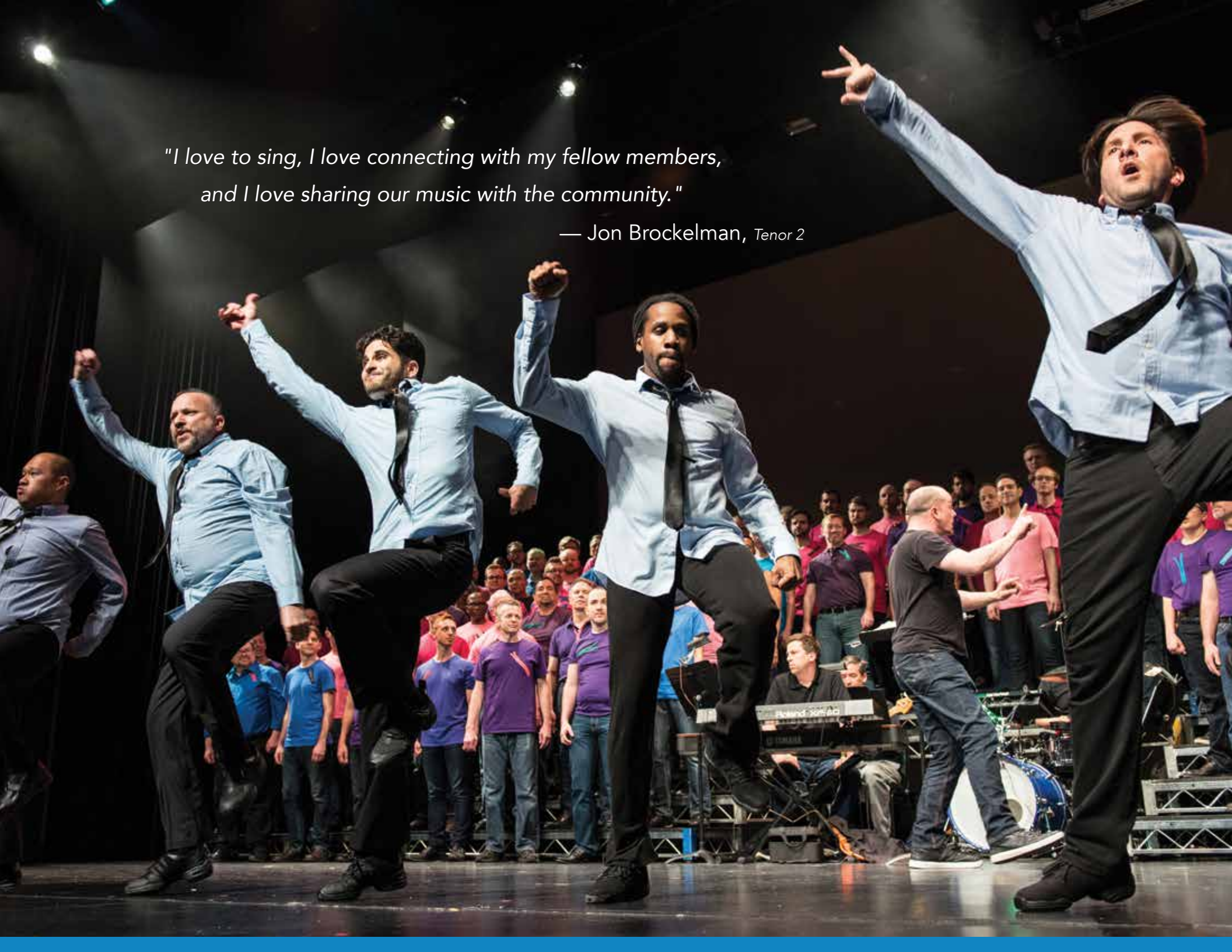


ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2017: July 2016 – June 2017
Season 33

*"I love to sing, I love connecting with my fellow members,
and I love sharing our music with the community."*

— Jon Brockelman, Tenor 2



Welcome to CGMC

Since 1985, Chicago Gay Men's Chorus has been a leading voice of social justice, offering a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ+ performers to celebrate their talents and share our message of diversity and inclusivity through our shows. Fiscal year 2017 (from July 2016 – June 2017) included more than 40 public performances. In addition to our traditional programming, for the first time we also piloted a high school outreach program to share our message with the next generation. We plan to continue outreach programs like this in future years.

The season kicked off in September 2016 with our *The Great Gaymerican Songbook* cabaret performance at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook and the Uptown Underground on the north side of the city. Our holiday show *Home for the Holidivas* in December 2016 brought us to the Harris Theater, the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, and the Beverly Art Center. *Lipsticks & Lyrics: The Dragtones*, our live singing drag show in February 2017, featured several iconic girl groups, to the delight of our audience in four shows at Uptown Underground. Finally, our spring show *B-Town: From Barbershop to Boybands* in May 2017 brought us back to rock the Harris Theater, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, and the Beverly Arts Center.

Outside of our regular mainstage shows, we performed at numerous community events across Chicagoland, including the Chicago AIDS Run/Walk opening ceremony, National Anthem for American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER) memorial in Boystown and a Chicago Fire soccer game, Market Days, and Midsommarfest.

We were also thrilled to partner with Walter Payton College Preparatory School and Jones College Preparatory School, two Chicago Public Schools Selective Enrollment High Schools. Current CGMC members shared their coming out stories, and about the importance of music and performance in their lives. The half day program culminated in the school choir members and CGMC members working on a musical piece together. It was a meaningful experience for both groups. A student from Walter Payton said, "I really liked how connected everyone was. As a family, they make beautiful music to inspire many around them. When all voices come together to create this beautiful music, it makes not only the singers happy, but also the audience."

"We could not have done any of these things without the support of our members, donors and ticket buyers. Please enjoy reading the highlights of our season in this report, and we look forward to celebrating our upcoming 35th anniversary season together!



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OUR MISSION

Chicago Gay Men's Chorus is an inclusive, community-based performing arts organization that creates musical experiences to entertain and enlighten, inspire change, and build community. Through colorful performances that blend traditional choral music with musical theater, jazz and pop together with a gay aesthetic, we seek to delight our audiences, enrich our members, and explore issues relevant to LGBTQ+ people and their allies - enlivening Chicago's cultural landscape and creating a better community for all.

OUR VALUES

We Believe:

- Unique performances celebrate the diversity and talents of ourselves and our community
- Individual and group creativity is fostered through fun and entertaining musical theater
- Human dignity in all of its forms deserves an environment of mutual respect, fair and ethical treatment, and a sense of community that is inclusive of all
- Our songs and our stories change lives for the better



OUR VISION

We Entertain and Enlighten

CGMC delivers a unique entertainment experience found nowhere else in the city. We produce shows that combine the best elements of musical theater, cabaret and traditional choral performance...but only CGMC can add that special "twist of gaiety" that can make each show fun, moving and memorable.

We Inspire Change

CGMC serves as ambassadors and provides a positive image to thousands every year. Sometimes the message to take action can be delivered more effectively through song than through speech.

We Build Community

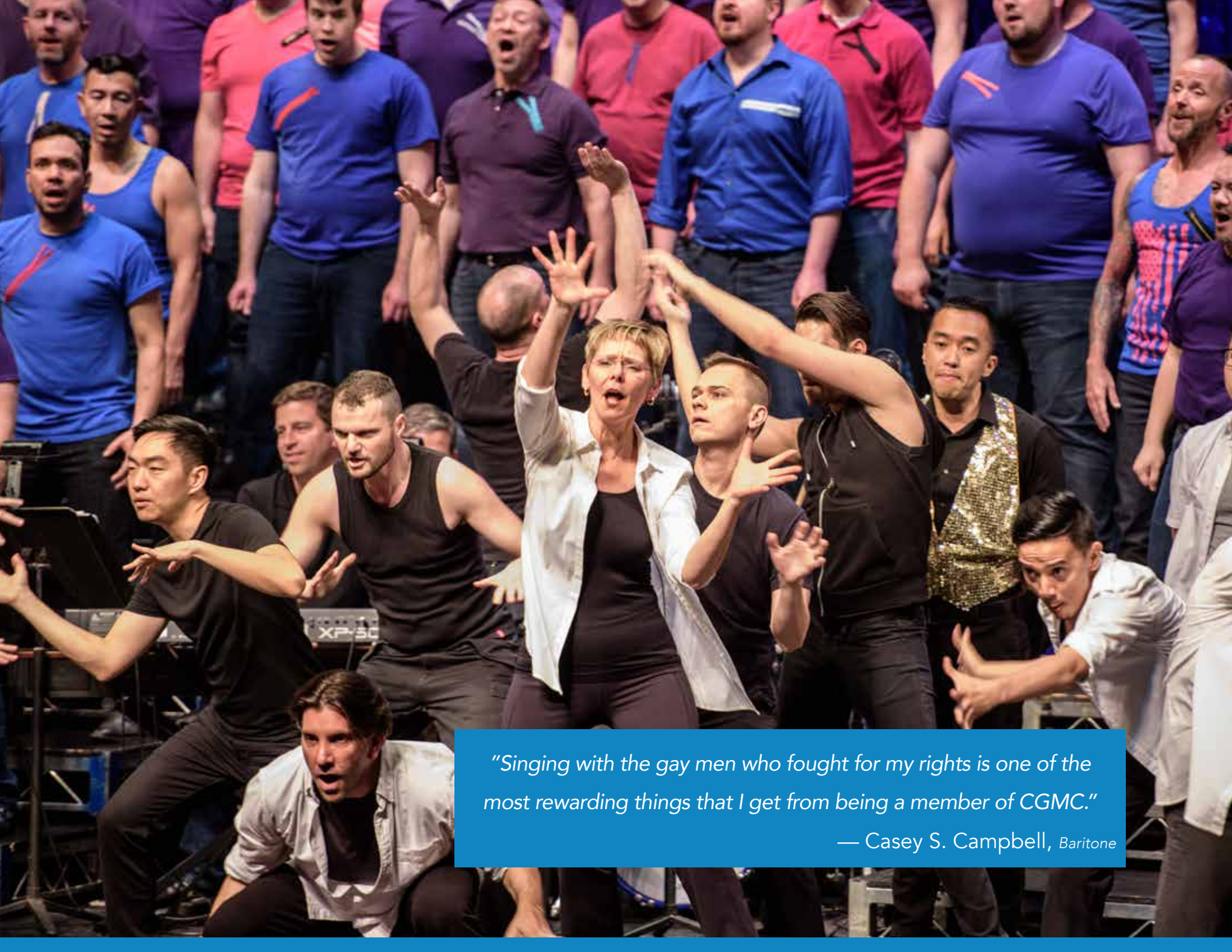
CGMC is a safe haven from discrimination and judgment. And as part of a larger community, when asked to help, CGMC heeds the call. We have sung at the Auditorium Theater honoring the victims of Sept. 11. We sing at smaller memorial services honoring local community leaders... and sometimes our own members. We have also raised our voices in celebration, singing for special events such as a Mother's Day brunch at a community center and the 2016 LGBT Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. We are humbled to realize that CGMC's presence can bring comfort, healing, and the spirit of celebration to those around us. Whether you join us as a singer, a donor, or an audience member, the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus cordially invites you to become part of our family.





"For a long time I felt alone and struggled to find myself in the gay community. CGMC has been a huge support line in my life and I'm so lucky to be part of such a tremendous family."

— Owen Maggio, Tenor 2



"Singing with the gay men who fought for my rights is one of the most rewarding things that I get from being a member of CGMC."

— Casey S. Campbell, *Baritone*

40 Public
Performances



43 New Members



208
Active Members

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEASON 33

- *The Great Gaymerican Songbook* Cabaret
- *Home for the Holidivas* Holiday Concert with special guest opera diva Cynthia Clarey
- *Lipstick & Lyrics: The Dragtones* - Live Singing Drag Show
- **B-Town: From Barbershop to Boybands* Spring Concert
- Joint concert *Love Is Great* with London Gay Men's Chorus
- Joint Performance with Chicago Tap Theater
- Educational Outreach Performances at Jones College Prep and Walter Peyton High Schools

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- National Anthem for Chicago Fire Soccer Game
- Macy's Pride Performance
- USDA Food & Nutrition Service Region Wide Diversity Performance
- Windy City Live Performance
- Market Days Performance
- Chicago AIDS Run/Walk Opening Ceremony
- LGBT Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Service Club of Women Holiday Luncheon
- WGN Radio Performance (both Holiday and Spring shows)
- Costume Council Holiday Caroling
- PNC Bank Caroling
- Navy Pier Caroling
- ATC (American Theater Company) Hymn sing for Opening of PICNIC
- The Care Plan Monthly Meeting Performances
- WGN TV Performance
- AVER (American Veterans for Equal Rights) National Anthem for unveiling of veterans memorial in Boystown
- Midsommarfest Performance
- Pride Fest Performance
- CB2 Pride Celebration Performance



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

	Unrestricted
Support	
Earned Income	
Performances	\$ 117,484
Subscriptions	\$7,462
Merchandise sales	\$1,049
Membership	\$46,443
Total earned income	\$172,438
Contributions	
Individual	\$83,497
Corporate donations	\$11,547
Government support	\$5,000
Foundation support-individual donation matches	\$31,754
Special events	\$42,271
In-kind donations	\$35,051
Other income	\$3,017
Total contributed income	\$212,137
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$384,575
Expenses	
Program services	
Holiday, spring and call-out shows	\$220,440
Cabaret and lipstick & lyrics	\$10,409
Other membership events	\$63,300
Membership	\$9,063
Special events	\$54,743
Total program services	\$357,955
Supporting services	
Management and general	\$24,803
Fundraising	\$11,457
Total supporting services	\$36,260
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$394,215
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(9,640)
Net assets, beginning of year	34,456
Net assets, end of year	\$ 24,816

FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

	Unrestricted
Assets	
Cash	\$29,054
Account receivable, net	\$11,728
Prepaid expenses	\$2,708
TOTAL ASSETS	\$43,490
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$13,708
Accrued expenses	\$4,966
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$18,674
NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	\$24,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$43,490

**The financial statements have been audited by The A.C.T. Group, Ltd, independent certified public accountants, and their report contains no exceptions as to financial position and results of operations presented.*

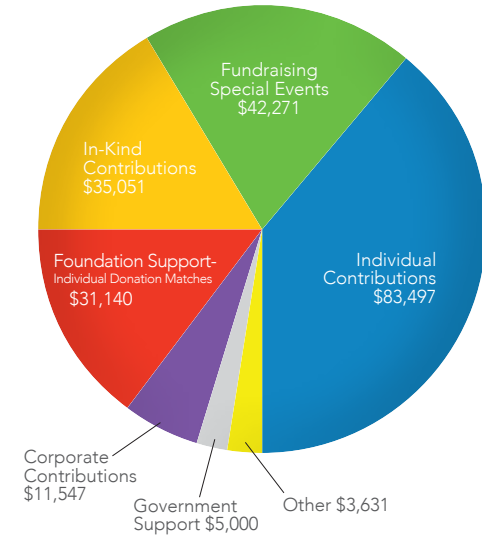
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

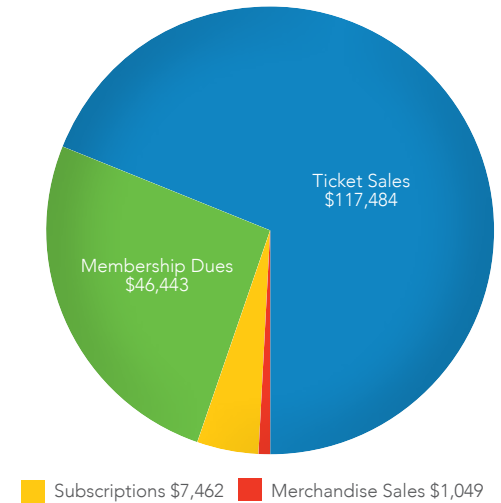
	Program	Management & General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries & Payroll Taxes	\$137,172	\$2,484	\$3,104	\$142,760
Rent	\$59,105	\$986	\$1,500	\$61,591
Contract Labor	\$33,886	\$6,096	-	\$39,982
In-Kind Expenses	\$35,051	-	-	\$35,051
Performance & Production	\$33,360	\$56	-	\$33,416
Catering & Hospitality	\$9,344	\$88	\$5,464	\$14,896
Advertising & Marketing	\$11,392	\$14	\$250	\$11,656
Travel	\$10,560	-	-	\$10,560
Insurance	\$4,831	\$4,443	\$109	\$9,383
Software Subscriptions	\$5,608	\$2,106	-	\$7,714
Bank Fees	\$5,715	\$366	\$848	\$6,929
Professional Fees	-	\$6,305	-	\$6,305
Printing	\$5,972	-	\$168	\$6,140
Dues and Subscriptions	\$2,375	-	-	\$2,375
Bad Debts	\$1,663	-	-	\$1,663
Supplies – Office & Other	\$59	\$995	-	\$1,054
Other Operating Costs	\$970	-	-	\$970
Interest Expense	-	\$704	-	\$704
Postage & Shipping	\$485	\$160	\$14	\$659
Public Relations	\$407	-	-	\$407
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$357,955	\$24,803	\$11,457	\$394,215

CHARTS

Contributed Income: \$212,137



Earned Income: \$172,438





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