

About the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston was established as the Montrose Singers, Inc. in November 1979, and has entertained audiences for over 37 years. We welcome all men, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, ability to read music or prior chorus experience. We are a very warm, welcoming community of diverse men who love singing together!

Our members are from all backgrounds, income levels, and vocations. Some have studied voice and/or music, while others had never sung in a chorus before. It is this level of diversity that we embrace, and we promote a positive sense of community through the music we sing.

If you are interested in joining the Gay Men's Chorus, please join us at open rehearsals in September or email admin@bcpahouston.org

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Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Open Rehearsals Mondays—September 12, 19, 26

Bayou City Women's Chorus

Open Rehearsals Tuesdays—September 13, 20, 27

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WORLD AROUND**
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2016 PRIDE CONCERT
JUNE 5TH, 2016

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Welcome to the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston concert **Turn the World Around!** As a member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, I can assure you that these men have poured their heart and soul into producing this show. We are honored to share our message of inclusiveness and love with all of you.

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and the Bayou City Women's Chorus will sing at GALA Festival (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) in under a month! Our members are looking forward to joining thousands of others from around the world in song at the nations largest choral gathering, taking place in Denver over the 4th of July weekend. In addition to GALA Festival, we have planned participation in the 2016 Pride Parade and performances at the Houston Symphony's Day of Music. We invite you to join us at any and all of these events!

We would like to express a very special appreciation to all of our sponsors, foundations, and individual contributors who are supporting us this season. Our Crescendo Society members are listed in this program. We simply could not continue the operation of the Bayou City Performing Arts without the generous support of these donors.

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Last, and most important, we give a big thanks to all of you, our audience members, for being here tonight. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by the men and women of the Bayou City Performing Arts.

Now please sit back and enjoy the show.

Andrew Zahorsky
Board Chair
Bayou City Performing Arts

BCPA Artistic Director: Kenneth Clayborne



Good evening and welcome to the final concert for Bayou City Performing Arts, "Turn the World Around", featuring The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston under the umbrella of Bayou City Performing Arts (BCPA).

As we sing our final concert for the 37th season, we are proud to continue to bring to our audiences and the City of Houston musical excellence. "Turn the World Around" will celebrate Houston's pride and take you on a musical odyssey of Inspiration and strength. We hope to excite your minds and hearts with a global message of inclusiveness and love.

There are exciting changes and ideas within BCPA and I am positive that we will continue to raise the bar of our accomplishments, including expanding our partnerships with other community organizations in Houston, making music fun for the membership and providing highly entertaining value through our concerts and outreach performances. We will continue to spread the message of hope and love throughout the world this summer in joining over 5000 voices with our attendance at GALA Festival 2016 in Denver CO. and also returning to the 3rd Annual "Day of Music" with the Houston Symphony.

We have embarked on our 38th season and are confident that you will continue to enjoy the remarkable variety of the programs of our choruses.

Our dedicated members, generous donors, volunteers and you, our audience tonight, empower us with a sense of vitality and adventure to expand our outreach as ambassadors of diversity and musical excellence in and outside of Houston. We are proud to share these moments with you.

Enjoy the show!

Kenneth Clayborne
Artistic Director

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The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Under the Direction of
Kenneth Clayborne

CONCERT PROGRAM

Brothers in Song Kirby Shaw

I Am That Man Mark Hayes
(inspired by President Barack Obama's Inaugural Address, 2009)
Soloist, Kenneth Clayborne

The Impossible Dream Joe Darion, Mitch Leigh, arr. Mark Hayes
(from *Man of LaMancha*)

I Love You/What a Wonderful World arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Soloist, David Gebo

Happy Pharrell Williams, arr. Mark Brymer

Man in the Mirror Glen Ballard, Siedah Garrett

Baba Yetu (from *Civilization IV*) Christopher Tin, Chris Kiagiri,
adapted by Derek Machan
Swahili adaptation of "The Lord's Prayer" by Chris Kiagiri
Soloist, Christian Rios

INTERMISSION

Livin' La Vida Loca Desmond Child, Robert Edward Rosa,
arr. David Maddux

I Sing Out Mark Hayes
Soloist, Sam Kuo

True Colors Billy Steinberg, Tom Kelly,
arr. Matthew Brown
Soloist, Henry Membreno

Turn the World Around Harry Belafonte, Robert Freedman,
arr. Larry Farrow ttbb arr. Craig Carnahan

Stand Tall, O Man! Ken Berg

I Ain't Afraid Holly Near, arr. Steven Milloy

Seize the Day Jack Feldman, Alan Menken,
arr. Roger Emerson
(from "NEWSIES")

Why We Tell the Story Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty
(from "Once On This Island")

Performing in this Concert

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Tenor I

Christian Rios
David Gebo
John Harle
Michael Stewart

Tenor II

Adam Turetsky
Alan Adolph
David Eason
Henry Membreno
Monnie Bond
Richard Arduengo

Baritone I

Barry Pitts
Huy Troung
Jason Willis
Jerry Aucoin
Joe Tran
Jordan Weaver-Lee
Mark Hardy
Mark Tarver
Ray McCune
Sam Kuo
Tola Ouk

Baritone II

Andrew Zahorsky
Phil Alger
Ron LaCarna

Bass I

Bill Glantzberg
Christopher Eldredge
Drew McDiarmid
Jacobi Montgomery
Luis Cerda
Matt Baier
Richard Hudkins

Bass II

Clay Kirby
Frank Conley
Jerry Scheff

Director: Kenneth Clayborne

Principal Accompanist: Joe Tate

Percussion - Todd Sommer and A. Di Mapes

Visuals/Production Team:

Andrew McDiarmid, Jordan Weaver-Lee, Lynn Nee, and A. Di Mapes

PRINCIPALS



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/
GMCH Director
KENNETH CLAYBORNE

Kenneth Clayborne, Artistic Director of Bayou City Performing Arts (BCPA), leads the organization in its 37th season. Clayborne, now in his thirteenth year with BCPA, was Associate Conductor of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston from 2003 to 2013 and Assistant Conductor of the Bayou City Women's Chorus and Bayou City Chorale from their inception in 2005.

Clayborne has over thirty years of conducting experience and has received both congressional and state honors. The City of Houston and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. recognized him for his Excellence in the Performing Arts.

This native Houstonian is also in his 24th year overseeing the music department of one of the oldest African-American Methodist churches in Houston. He is on the Board of Directors of the Texas Conference Choir Clinic for Music and Worship Arts and is a member of the Texas Choral Directors Association, American Choral Directors Association and



PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST
JOE TATE

A native of Texas, Joe received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science with a minor in piano and organ performance from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. He began studying piano at the age of 13 with Mary Goodell and continued to develop his musical skills under the instruction of Thomas Stone, R. Robert Mann and Robert Bennett.

Joe has served as organist and pianist for the First Baptist Churches of Baytown, Nacogdoches and Katy, Metropolitan Baptist Church and Bellaire United Methodist Church. He served as the organist for Bear Creek United Methodist Church for 17 years.

Joe has performed with numerous recognized choral groups and artists as well as being a featured soloist with the Woodland Symphony. He has participated in numerous piano and organ recitals throughout the Houston area and he is a member of the American Guild of Organists. Originally joining the staff as accompanist for Vocal Ease during the 2004/2005 season, Joe is now in his eleventh season with Bayou City Performing Arts as Principal Accompanist for the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, Bayou City Women's Chorus and the Bayou City Chorale.

**In Appreciation for years of
tireless leadership and
commitment, the Singers of
the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston
Dedicate our June 2016 Pride Concert
TURN THE WORLD AROUND**

**To our incredibly talented
and loved Conductor,
Kenneth Clayborne.
With you we STAND TALL
and are BROTHERS IN SONG**

Crescendo Society

Bayou City Performing Arts (BCPA) invites you to play a dynamic and vital role in its financial strength by becoming a member of its prestigious Crescendo Society. The Crescendo Society exists to recognize those individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations that make monetary commitments to BCPA. Your donation will go far to keep our choruses singing and give us room to grow. Contributions are considered tax-deductible less any benefits received in exchange for these gifts. Your tax deductible gift(s) of \$100 and above will be recognized in each of Bayou City Performing Arts' concert programs.

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- Invitation to all Crescendo Society performance receptions during the season

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- Two season tickets to all Bayou City Performing Arts concerts

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- Half-page color advertisement in the Bayou City Performing Arts program throughout the season (Upon request)

Impresario - \$10,000 and above

All Visionary level benefits and the following:

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- Full-page color advertisement in the Bayou City Performing Arts program throughout the season (Upon Request)

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ABOUT BAYOU CITY PERFORMING ARTS



Bayou City Performing Arts (BCPA) was founded as the Montrose Singers, Inc. in November of 1979. Led by founding director Andy Mills, the Houston based men's chorus met with early successes marked by lavish productions at the Tower Theatre, performing with as many as 80 singing members. The BCPA family of choruses has expanded to include Gay Men's Chorus of Houston (GMCH), Bayou City Women's Chorus (BCWC), and Bayou City Chorale (BCC). 2015/2016 marks BCPA's 37th year of continuous performances.

BCPA has been termed "the best face of diversity in Houston". BCPA, widely respected for community leadership in inclusion and diversity, continues to provide opportunities for a wide range of Houstonians, fulfilling its mission of excellence in music, coupled with unity and pride.

Nearly all the esteemed performance arts venues in Houston have hosted BCPA performances. Outside of Houston, BCPA has performed at Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House, Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, Ted Mann Concert Hall in Minneapolis, Place des Arts – Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in Montreal, International Festival Institute at Round Top, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami and the Isaac Stern Auditorium/Ronald O. Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall in New York.

BCPA also contributes to the choral community through newly commissioned music. BCPA's discography includes a number of recordings available in the lobby today.

UP NEXT for BCPA.....

After our return from GALA Festival in Denver, your BCPA Choruses can be found at the following events:



Gay Men's Chorus of Houston
will perform at the
HOUSTON SYMPHONY'S 4TH ANNUAL DAY OF MUSIC
Saturday, July 9, 2016, Noon – 9:00 PM
JONES HALL

Bayou City Women's Chorus
will perform the National Anthem at the
HOUSTON ROLLER DERBY 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT
August 20, 2016, 6:00 PM



IN MEMORIAM

The following list represents singers and other members of the BCPA family who have passed away. We wish to remember these individuals for the spirit they had in this life and the spirit they leave with us all.

Associate

Larry Butler
Elroy Forbes
Gary McArdle
John Miller

Accompanist

Rob Hult

Choreographer

Jonathan Charles

Sign Interpreter

Nancy Busch

Tenor 1

Jeff Baty
Bob Carrington
Bob Dieker
Dennis Dunwoody
Tom Gough
Hughes Hardy
Dan Jones
Terry Jones

Shane MacIntyre

John Mata
Andy Medford
Vic Morrison
Kent Naasz
Carl Silby
Joe Singer

Tenor 2

David Allen
Frank Allen
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BCPA MISSION STATEMENT

Bayou City Performing Arts promotes organizations that, through music, theatre and other forms of artistic expression, advance tolerance, social justice and inclusiveness. Our performers are diverse groups of artists who combine a love of their art form with a commitment to excellence.

EXCITING NEWS FOR BCPA!



We are very excited to have the opportunity this year to attend and perform at GALA Festival 2016 in Denver this July!

This festival, which occurs every four years, brings GALA member choruses from all over the world together for a week of workshops, fellowship, celebrations and, of course, song.

We are looking for sponsors for GALA, as there are numerous expenses associated with our attendance. Please consider becoming a sponsor of this event. You and your organization will be featured in all correspondence regarding GALA throughout the season, and will be featured on our website and in playbills.

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