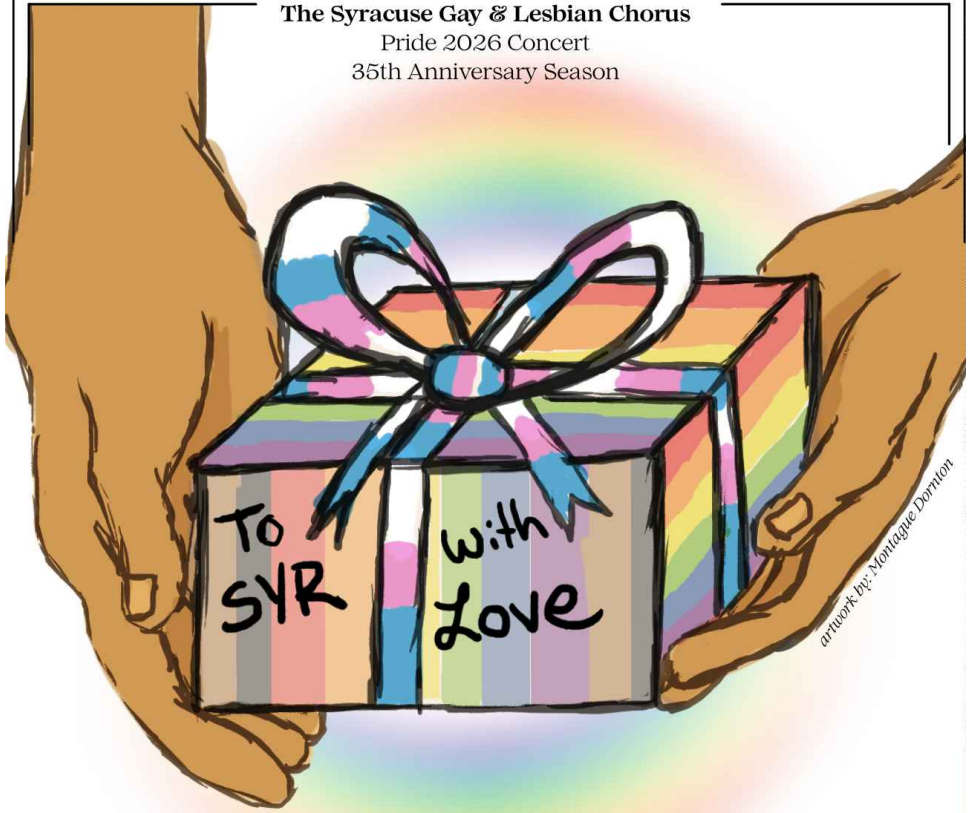


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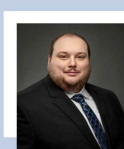
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Words from the Chair

For some of us, 1991 is a memory. For others, it is history. For the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus, it was the beginning.

Where were you in 1991? I was in middle school — and nearly half of this season's singing members were not even born yet while our founding members were busy forming the SGLC!

We are grateful for our founding members, several of whom still sing with us today. If you are a past member in the audience tonight, welcome home. I hope these songs bring back memories and encourage you to sing along. Every voice that has been part of this Chorus continues to connect us across generations.

Thirty-five seasons of music and community all started because someone decided to show up for rehearsal. That simple act of showing up — for each other, and for something larger than ourselves — is what has carried this Chorus through every season since.

Next season, rehearsals begin the first Monday after Labor Day in September at 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church. Come sing with us and bring a friend — everyone is welcome.

Following the concert, please join us for a punch and cake reception. Reconnect with the community, share memories, and add your voice to the ongoing story of the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus.

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Here Comes the Sun.....George Harrison
Arr. by Alan Billingsley

To Sir, with Love.....Don Black & Marc London
Arr. by Roger Emerson
Soloist - Kaaren Remley, George Kramer, Ny Lyric, and Matt Bauco

Seasons of Love.....Jonathan Larson
Arr. by Roger Emerson
Soloist - Denise Cody and Maggie Osinski

A Perfect Day.....Lou Reed
Arr. by Guy Bunce

To Love And To Be Loved.....Wayne Chadwick
Arr. by Ken Surley

You've Got A Friend.....Carole King
Arr. by Alan Billingsley

The Boy From New York City.....John Taylor & George Davis
Arr. by Kirby Shaw
Soloist - Emily Rocheleau, Matt Bauco, Jenny Ray and Megan Romeo

Cabaret

If We Only Have Love.....Jacques Brel
Gabriel Murphy

Soul Spring.....Kathleen Tracy
Stacy Sceiford, Jody Brown, Nancy Sheele and Kris Sceiford



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To SYR with Love

Mama.....Beth Hart
Kat Barney

The Rainbow Connection.....Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher
Jesse Navagh

Intermission

Can You Feel the Love Tonight.....Elton John & Tim Rice
Arr. by Mac Huff
Soloist - Megan Schoonmaker Arnold and Anthony Ragonese

O Love.....Elaine Hagenberg
Caspian Pierce, Cello

My Heart Will Go On, *From Titanic*.....James Horner & Will Jennings
Arr. by Alan Billingsley

Hand in Hand.....Rollo Dilworth

Love Is Love Is Love Is Love.....Abbie Betinis, www.justicechoir.org
*Dedicated by the composer to the victims, and survivors, of
hate crimes everywhere, and specifically for those
at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando on June 12, 2016.*

Crazy Little Thing Called Love.....Freddie Mercury
Arr. by Mark Brymer

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Brian O. Ackles **SGLC Choral Director**



Brian Ackles (he/him) is a music educator and conductor with over forty years of experience teaching, performing, and sharing music across age groups and venues. In addition to directing the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus, he is the vocal music teacher for Marcellus High School and the choir director for the First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles. He also guest conducts community choirs and local junior and senior high music festivals in the Central New York area. Brian

received his bachelor's degree from Westminster Choir College and holds a Master of Music in Music Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

As an active educator, conductor, and vocalist, Brian is dedicated to promoting music's intrinsic and transformative power. At the core of his work, Brian seeks to create a safe and supportive space where all are welcomed and supported in their musical journey.

Brian lives in Marcellus with his wife and runs a small business, Finger Lakes Caning, that specializes in chair caning and weaving. He enjoys playing with his two grandchildren and spending summers on Skaneateles Lake.

Barb Mushock **Accompanist**

Barb Mushock taught music education in the Auburn City School District for over thirty years before retiring in 2015. She is currently the accompanist for the Marcellus School District, the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus, the Masterworks Chorale of CNY, and organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Barb has also accompanied many high school and middle school musical productions, and Auburn Player, Merry Go Round and Auburn Public Theater productions as well as Onondaga and Cayuga County All County concerts.



Our History

In the spring of 1991, following a performance by the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus in Syracuse, a sign-up sheet was put out for people interested in forming a similar chorus in Syracuse.

Originally the idea was that this was to be a men's chorus, but thankfully, several courageous women added their names to the list. Planning meetings were held, and the Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus was formed. Flyers announcing the new chorus were distributed, and information spread by word of mouth.

In the late summer of 1991, the Chorus met for their first rehearsal, led by director Carl Johengin and attended by over thirty like-minded people. Preparations for SGLC's first concert took several months, culminating in two sold-out performances of our first Holiday Concert "Home for the Holidays" in December 1991 at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Three people who were members of the Chorus during that very first season are still singing with us: Jenny Gluck, Arthur Lum, and Jean Swanger.

The Chorus started out as a group exclusively for people who identified as gay and lesbian. Over the years, however, SGLC has become a place where anyone, regardless of age, identity, skill level or financial circumstance can come together to form community and make music.

SGLC remains one of the oldest active mixed LGBTQ+ choruses in the country, if not the world. We have been performing regularly ever since at a variety of venues, except for a break during Covid. We also have performed and continue to perform in runout appearances throughout New York State. To learn more about our recent performances and upcoming events, please visit the Recent & Upcoming Performances on page 14.



Recent Performances

June 6, 2026

SGLC performed at the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony
Syracuse City Hall, Syracuse

June 18, 2026

SGLC sang the National Anthem at Syracuse Mets Pride Night
NBT Stadium, Syracuse

Upcoming Performances

July 11, 2026

Concert at Oswego County Pride Festival
Main Stage, Breibeck Park, Oswego

August 28 2026

Concert on 2026 Pride Day
The Great New York State Fair, Syracuse

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Rehearsals begin for our Winter Concert season &
new members can join through September 28.
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September 27, 2026

Concert appearance
Westcott Street Cultural Fair, Syracuse

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- Brian Ackles, for all the time and talent you have invested in our community over 7 seasons. We wish you the very best in your final year of teaching. You know when and where we rehearse, and you are always welcome;
- Barb Mushock, for being someone we rely on deeply — both musically and personally — and without whom our chorus would not be the same;
- Dan Williams, for accompanying us when Barb is being borrowed by someone else;
- Dan Skidmore, for being just the right Dan for the job and for keeping our sound and live stream running smoothly;
- Betsy Easson and Dan O’Herien, for joining in to back us up and make us sound good;
- Heidi Hart-Gorman and our Search Committee, for working diligently to find our next Choral Director;
- Pattie Wright for creating 30 Rainbow Stoles to augment our collection of the original 37 stoles created by Deborah Hardy in the mid-1990s;
- Kennedy Van Buren for providing ASL interpretation at the Friday night show;
- Carrie and Donna Sickmon, for donating a printer for Chorus use;
- Our family, friends, and fans, for supporting our love of music;
- Our advertisers and donors, for their generous patronage;
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