

The Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
2025 Holiday Concert

Merry Everything!

December | 5 | 7:00pm
December | 6 | 2:00pm

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
3800 East Genesee Street
Syracuse, NY



An all-inclusive chorus
singing with PRIDE since 1991
www.syrglc.org



You've worked hard to achieve success.
 You deserve **financial advisors** who
work as hard for you!



Jonathan Knight, CRPC™
 Private Wealth Advisor



Alfred Saracene, CRPC™
 Financial Advisor



Brian Derry, CFP®
 Private Wealth Advisor



Jessica Jimenez, CFP®
 Financial Advisor



Sean Gardner, CRPC™
 Financial Advisor



John Davies
 Financial Advisor



Alexander Hawthorne, CRPC™
 Financial Advisor

**JON L. MYERS
 AND ASSOCIATES**



Powered by **Ameriprise**
 Financial

**Call us today and discover the personal
 service you deserve!**

Jon L Myers and Associates
 A financial advisory practice of
 Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.

315-251-0512

**6711 Towpath Rd., Suite 200
 E. Syracuse, NY**

**Here's to a concert that hits all the right notes, just like
 a sound financial plan!**

Investment products are not insured by the FDIC, NCUA or any federal agency, are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed by any financial institution, and involve investment risks including possible loss of principal and fluctuation in value.

Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates do not offer tax or legal advice. Consumers should consult with their tax advisor or attorney regarding their specific situation.

Investment advisory products and services are made available through Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC., a registered investment adviser.

Securities offered by Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Member FINRA and SIPC.

© 2025 Ameriprise Financial, Inc. All rights reserved.





SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 13, 2026 | CNYPRIDE.ORG





Barb Mushock
Soloist

Piano	315-744-2332
Organ	315-685-6396
Accordian	jmushockfamily@verizon.net

finger lakes caning

Brian O. Ackles
3774 South Street Road
Marcellus, NY 13108
315.673.2055
fingerlakescaning.com

Hand Caning • Cane Webbing • Finger Lakes Cane Weave
New England Porch Weave

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.




UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

†
PLYMOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

We worship every Sunday at 10am

232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse ♦ 315-474-4836
office@plymouthsyr.org ♦ www.plymouthsyr.org

Pastor: Rev. Craig French
Director of Music: Joseph Downing

Romano Subaru

Proud Supporter of the LGBTQIA+ Community



**960 Hiawatha Blvd. West
(315) 475-7933
www.romanosubaru.com**

Showroom Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Service Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



SUBARU



*"Cookin' so good...
you'll think we kidnapped
your mother!"*



Recent Performances

May 31, 2025

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

June 5, 2025

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

June 13 & 14, 2025

SGLC performed our Pride Concert
May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, Syracuse

August 22, 2025

SGLC performed at the 2025 Pride Day
The Great New York State Fair, Syracuse

September 28, 2025

SGLC performed at the Westcott Street Cultural Fair, Syracuse

October 19, 2025

SGLC appeared with Masterworks Chorale of CNY and Genesee Street
Voices in “A Chorale Festival of Hope, Peace and Social Justice”
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Auburn

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Holiday Nights at the Zoo
Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park
1 Conservation Place, Syracuse, NY 13204

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Rehearsals begin for our Pride Concert season & new members can join.
Memorial Hall, Plymouth Congregational Church
232 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

Friday, June 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm

SGLC presents our Pride Concert “To SYR with LOVE-35th
Anniversary Concert”

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13214



Words From the Chair

Here we are—together in this place, at this moment, creating a space that we get to share. In a world that pulls us in every direction all year long, making time to be together during the holiday season is truly a gift.

I invite you to join us and celebrate that gift—to escape into this space as we intentionally fill it with holiday music and love for the 35th time.

*Let's put our differences aside for a moment,
and let our separate worlds collide for a moment.*

*We all need a little joy; the time for peace is overdue.
Life is hard enough, and this last year, I know, was rough.*

*Put away our fear, spread a little cheer.
Hold the moment fast; it might just last throughout the year.*

Let's celebrate these days with this all-inclusive phrase:
Merry Everything to You.

Megan Arnold
SGLC Chair



Dedication

Have you seen the amazing chorus member bios on social media this season? They have showcased original chorus members, brand-new members, and members at every point in between, all sharing their favorite parts of being in the SGLC.

As I read through them, it quickly became obvious to me that so much of what we love about the chorus is because of Mark. He makes us look good, he makes us sound good, he makes us a welcoming place to be and he makes us bring snacks so no one gets hangry during rehearsal. His leadership on the Board of Directors and his decade of service as Production Committee Chair are evident in ways large and small throughout the organization.

“It doesn’t matter how long the memory of me lasts in this world after I’m gone. I care about the survival of what I’ve shared with the world, humor, compassion, a zest for living and a love of music. For as long as children are proudly belting out the word supercalifragilisticexplaidocious, the most important part of me will always be alive.”
~Dick Van Dyke

Thank you, Mark, for sharing so much of yourself with us— an important part of you will always be alive for as long as SGLC is putting on a production.

SGLC would like to dedicate this concert to Mark Miller.





Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus

SGLC Board of Directors

Megan Arnold - Chair
Dani Cross - Treasurer
Jean Swanger - Secretary
Karen Bowman

Marvin Calderon
Alyssa Militello
Christina Perez
Mark Miller, Ex Officio

SGLC Committees

Advertising & Publicity

Jean Swanger, Advertising Chair
Hilary Dornton, Publicity Chair
Fred Belcher
Jamie Garrow
Jenny Gluck
Alyssa MacKinnon
Martha Murphy
Christina Perez
Logan Rood

Membership & Community

Development

Denise Cody, Chair
Kat Barney
Karen Bowman
Emily Bridgeford
Marvin Calderon
Alicia Loomis
Alyssa Militello
Cathleen Nelson
Emily Rocheleau
Stacy Sceiford
Andrea Stoekel
Alex Toole
Ben Wisley

Music Management

Angela Thor, Chair
Megan Arnold
Matt Bauco
James Burland
Megan Dwyer
Heidi Hart-Gorman
Sophia Pierce
Kaaren Remley
Katrina Vanburen
Paige Welch

Production

Bill Pitcher, Technical Lead
Keith Bertrand, Set Design
Raven Ceradsky
Dani Cross
Lauren Lammers
Arthur Lum
Jesse Navagh
John Osborn
Maggie Osinski
Michah Pasinski
Mia Rand
Nancy Sheeche
Kris Sceiford



Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus Singing Members

Sopranos

Megan Arnold
Kat Barney
Denise Cody
Hilary Dornton
Alicia Loomis*
Martha Murphy
Maggie Osinski
Christina Perez*
Sophia Pierce
Emily Rocheleau
Stacy Sceiford
Andrea Stoekel

Tenors

Fred Belcher
Karen Bowman*
Dani Cross
Jamie Garrow*
Heidi Hart-Gorman
Lauren Lammers
Cathleen Nelson
Micah Pasinski
Angela Thor
Alex Toole
Paige Welch
Ben Wisley

Altos

Emily Bridgeford
James Burland
Raven Ceradsky
Megan Dwyer
Jenny Gluck*
Alyssa MacKinnon
Alyssa Militello
Mia Rand
Kaaren Remley
Logan Rood
Nancy Sheehe
Jean Swanger
Katrina Vanburen*

Basses

Matt Bauco
Keith Bertrand
Marvin Calderon*
Arthur Lum
Jesse Navagh
John Osborn
Bill Pitcher
Kris Sceiford*

* Section Leader

Non-Singing Members

L Sue Clemons
Deborah Hardy
Mark Miller



Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
2025 Holiday Concert

Merry Everything

Merry Everything.....Ernie Lijoi
Arr. by Paul Saccone

Sponsored by Fred Belcher

Solstice SongJan Garrett
Arr. by Larry Nickel

Where Are You Christmas, *Recorded by Faith Hill*.....Will Jennings,
Soloist - Sophia Pierce James Horner & Mariah Carey
Arr. by Mac Huff

Riu, Riu, Chiu.....Anonymous Spanish Carol
Soloist - Jesse Navagh & Lauren Lammers Arr. by Linda Spevacek

A La Nanita Nana.....Traditional Spanish Carol
Soloist - Stacy Sceiford & Ali Loomis Arr. by Sherri Porterfield

Bashana Haba'ah.....Ehud Manor & Nurit Hirsch
Megan Dwyer, Clarinet Lauren Lammers, Violin Arr. by John Leavitt

Ocho Kandelikas (*Eight Candles*).....Flory Jagoda
Soloist - Ali Loomis Arr. by Joshua Jacobson

Cabaret

Journey to the Past.....Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty
Soloist - Hillary Dornton

Let It Go.....Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
from Frozen, the Broadway Musical
Soloist - Christina Perez

Intermission



Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
2025 Holiday Concert

Merry Everything

- The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.....Eddie Pola & George Wyle
Arr. by Mark A. Brymer
- Fum Fum FantasyTraditional Catalonian Carol
Christina Perez, French Horn Arr. by Audry Snyder
- Song for a Winter's Night.....Gordon Lightfoot
Arr. by Robin Salkeld
- Silver Bells, *from the Lemon Drop Kid*Jay Livingston & Ray Evans

Sing Along

Frosty The Snowman

Feliz Navidad

- Grown-Up Christmas List.....David Foster & Linda Thompson-Jenner
Soloist - Emily Rocheleau Arr. by Mac Huff
- African Noel.....Traditional African Carol
Arr. by Victor C. Johnson

*SGLC is pleased to announce and thank our corporate sponsor
for the 2025 Holiday season:*

Jon L. Myers and Associates, Powered by Ameriprise Financial



Sing-Along Songs

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With corn cob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say
He was made of snow
But the children know how he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in that old silk cap they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me

Frosty the snowman knew the snow was hot that day
So he said let's run and have some fun
Now before I melt away

Down to the village with a broom stick in his hand
Running here and there all around the square
Saying catch me if you can



He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler stop
Frosty the snowman had to hurry on this way
But he waved goodbye saying don't you cry
I'll be back again some day

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,
Feliz Navidad Próspero año y felicidad

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,
Feliz Navidad Próspero año y felicidad

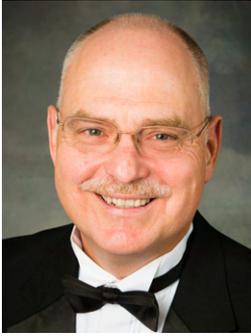
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas (3x's)
From the bottom of my heart
I wanna wish you a merry Christmas (3x's)
From the bottom of my heart

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,
Feliz Navidad Próspero año y felicidad
Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,
Feliz Navidad Próspero año y felicidad

We wanna wish you a merry Christmas (3x's)
From the bottom of my heart
We wanna wish you a merry Christmas (3x's)



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.

Alicia Loomis **SGLC Assistant Choral Director**



Alicia Loomis (she/her) is pleased to join SGLC as Assistant Choral Director and still be able to perform as a singing member! Ali brings to the chorus over twenty years of varied musical experiences singing, conducting, and directing. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Vocal Performance from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music in Music



Alicia Loomis (cont.)

SGLC Assistant Choral Director

Vocal Performance from the Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music in Music Education from Ithaca College. Ali taught junior and senior high vocal music and directed musicals in Central New York for 10 years before starting the Musical Theater department at Utica Dance, Inc. There, she taught voice and theater classes and continued her love of directing musicals for students in the Utica area. Ali has performed with numerous groups throughout New York State singing jazz standards, opera, musical theater, and more!

Ali is so happy to be able to keep music an important part of her life after a turn on her career path. She is now a personal injury attorney at MCV Law in Syracuse. Ali lives in Manlius with her spouse, Jerra, and their five children and four dogs!

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.

Betsy Easson, Percussion

Dan O'Herien, Bass

Daniel Kringer, Sound and Live Stream

Kennedy Vanburen, ASL Interpreter



Acknowledgements

The Board of Directors extends our sincere appreciation to:

- The LGBTQIA+ Community, for continuing to set the example for kindness and empathy;
- Our advertisers and donors, for their patronage;
- Our non-singing members and volunteers and everyone who stepped in and stepped up to help this season;
- Our family, friends and fans for supporting our love of music;
- Masterworks Chorale of CNY and Genesee Street Voices for inviting us to harmonize;
- Brian Ackles, for his high standards and fabulous director style;
- Alicia Loomis, for her leadership at our community appearances;
- Barb Mushock, for always making us sound good;
- Dan Williams, for playing piano when Barb is “cheating on us”;
- Lauren Lammers, for customizing the arrangement of Merry Everything and saving us when things were not looking merry at all;
- Heidi Hart-Gorman for being an amazing inaugural Snackmistress;
- Jean Swanger for assembling our beautiful concert program;
- Jenny Gluck, for maintaining our website;
- CNY Pride for their lasting partnership and dedication to building community;
- T. L. Wall Accounting and Tax Corp., for being our trusted accounting firm;
- Plymouth Congregational Church, for providing us a home since 1991; and
- May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society for sharing their beautiful space.



Our Mission

The Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus is a community choral ensemble of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people and their allies, dedicated to providing and performing an eclectic and entertaining offering of quality choral music that reflects the diverse nature of our community and serves to unite us with the wider community around us.

Interested in Joining Us?

Singing Members

We are a non-auditioned chorus and heartily welcome new singing members to join us. Anyone is welcome to join during the first three weeks of our concert rehearsal season. At that time, our Choral Director will guide you to one of the SATB sections that is most comfortable for your vocal range.

To purchase music and cover expenses, chorus members pay dues for the concert season. Scholarships are available for those with limited resources.

See the Upcoming Events on page 7 for information on the first rehearsal of the Pride Concert season.

Non-Singing Members

We welcome new non-singing members to join the chorus. Non-singing members are integral members of the organization. They enjoy all organizational privileges, including the right to vote and membership on the Board of Directors. Non-singing members can join any time during the concert season and are encouraged to attend rehearsals.

Did you know?

As a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, SGLC can be designated as your nonprofit of choice in many workplace and community giving programs, including the United Way!

To direct your contribution to us, please use our legal name and EIN:
Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus - EIN 16-1429466.



AGE WITH SAGE



*SAGE Upstate
431 E. Fayette St.
in Syracuse*

sageupstate.org

315-478-1923

*The Neighborhood
Advisor Program is
funded by the
Onondaga County
Department of
Adult and Long
Term Care Services*

LEARN NEW THINGS in Lunch & Learns on health, aging, technology, finance, more

Make Friends at socials, movies, meals out, dances, games, events

FIND SUPPORT in groups, with providers, with peers, each other

Enjoy things with others, like writing, handicrafts, music, dancing and more

GET CONNECTED with our Neighborhood Advisor, who can help you find community services you may need to remain independent at home

Communities within our community: BIPOC and Trans communities, Veterans, areas outside of Syracuse

STAY CURRENT with weekly email updates, the monthly Newsletter, Facebook, and online at www.sageupstate.com

Trainings on creating safe and affirming spaces for older LGBTQ People

MERRY EVERYTHING!

*Thank you SGLC for bringing us so many years
of music and community.*

May
Memorial
Unitarian Universalist Society

Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors

We embrace all spiritual journeys and encourage service as we build a more loving and just world.

Sunday Worship & Youth Program at 10:30 a.m.

3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse

Attractive rental venue for weddings, conferences, concerts

315-446-8920 mmuus.org





7067 East Genesee Street, Fayetteville, New York 13066
 www.HansensAdvisory.com • (315) 637-5153
 info@HansensAdvisory.com

in support of



Investing with IMPACT



Contact us to see how your investments can make an IMPACT that matches your VALUES.

Hansen's Advisory Services, Inc. is not a registered broker-dealer nor a registered investment advisor. Hansen's Advisory Services, Inc. and Vanderbilt Financial Group are separate and unaffiliated entities. Vanderbilt Financial Group is the marketing name for Vanderbilt Securities, LLC and its affiliates. Securities offered through Vanderbilt Securities, LLC. Member FINRA, SIPC. Registered with MSRB. Clearing agent: Fidelity Clearing & Custody Solutions Advisory Services offered through Vanderbilt Advisory Services. Clearing agent: Fidelity Clearing & Custody Solutions. Insurance Services offered through Vanderbilt Insurance and other agencies. Supervising Office: 125 Froehlich Farm Blvd, Woodbury, NY 11797 • 631-845-5100 For additional information on services, disclosures, fees, and conflicts of interest, please visit www.vanderbiltfg.com/disclosures

syracuse.com

THE POST-STANDARD
IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF

Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus
 SGJLC
 Singing with PRIDE since 1991.

S To support the vital work we do every day, please consider subscribing:
syracuse.com/subscribe



*Proud to support the
Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus*



ACR Health

Your Story, Your Health, Our Mission

Providing services that are always confidential and free of charge and judgement.

- HIV/STI/HCV testing
- Case management for chronic illnesses
- Health insurance navigation
- Syringe exchange
- Overdose prevention tools
- Sexual health & pregnancy prevention education
- Q Center for LGBTQ+ youth



Serving Cayuga, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties.

www.acrhealth.org | (315) 475-2430

Every Voice counts in the fight against Alzheimer's.



The Central New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association offers: Caregiver support groups, education programs, social engagements, care consultations, safety services, respite information, and much more.

24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900 | alz.org/cny

**END
ALZ**

**Our Voices are Strong;
Our Memories should be too.**

**ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**

Central New York Chapter