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San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Partners With Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy This Holiday Season

Chorus to Raise Funds for Local Public School At Holiday Concerts

December 11-12, 2015 – Nourse Theater
December 24, 2015 – Castro Theatre

SAN FRANCISCO (December 9, 2015) – Today, **San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC)** and **Dr. Timothy Seelig, Artistic Director**, announced a partnership with the **Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy** to help raise funds for the Academy at SFGMC's upcoming holiday concerts.

"One of the pillars of our mission is community building through music," writes **Seelig**. "We could not be more thrilled to be assisting the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy with much needed educational enhancements for the K-5 children in this public school that sits right in the Castro."

The Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy empowers student learning by teaching awareness, acceptance and non-violence, celebrates diversity, and achieves academic excellence while also fostering strong family-school-community connections. "As a parent of a 2nd grader at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, I'm overwhelmed that the Gay Men's Chorus would support our children in this way," writes **Jeff Fassnacht, President of the Harvey Milk Parent Faculty Club**.

Seelig notes, "The holidays are the time of giving. Sometimes, we don't know what to give or what someone might need. In this case, we know both. This year, our gifts are going to the children of the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. The fact that the children will know that thanks to the patrons of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus,

they will have fresh fruit in their rooms each week or a person who teaches them constructive play during recess is incredibly rewarding to all of us.”

Event Information:

San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus presents
“HoliGays Are Here”
Nourse Theater (275 Hayes St., San Francisco, CA)
Friday, December 11, 2015 – 8:00pm
Saturday, December 12, 2015 – 2:30pm & 8:00pm
www.sfgmc.org | (415) 392-4400

San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus presents
25th Anniversary “Home For The Holidays”
Castro Theatre (429 Castro St., San Francisco, CA)
Friday, December 24, 2015 – 5:00pm, 7:00PM & 9:00PM
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About San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus

For nearly 40 years, the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus has courageously served as the international standard bearer for a powerful and accomplished mix of high-caliber performance, human rights, community activism, empowerment and inclusiveness, establishing it as an icon among LGBT organizations. Founded in 1978, it was the first organization of its kind and is credited with starting the LGBT choral movement, galvanizing and changing the course of LGBT history. It continues to rally and inspire other arts-based community organizations around the world. Under the leadership of Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Timothy Seelig, SFGMC has in recent seasons established a heightened level of performance standards receiving audience and choral acclaim, increased its touring and recording profile and broadened its impact and reputation in the community while maintaining its signature blend of humor, personality and high-voltage performances. For more information, visit www.sfgmc.org and @sfgmc (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram).