

# Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus

## Fact Sheet



### About the Chorus

Established in 2001, the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus (DMGMC) is more than a choral organization—it's a heartfelt dedication to supporting and promoting the LGBTQ+ community through the transformative medium of "music that matters." This non-auditioned chorus welcomes all individuals, regardless of gender, who sing in the tenor and bass ranges.

Within the larger chorus, DMGMC features two distinct small ensemble groups. HarMANY, formed in 2009, is an auditioned ensemble that celebrates the rich tapestry of voices within the LGBTQ+ community. This showcase group provides its members with unique opportunities to perform a repertoire that adds a special touch to the larger chorus's offerings. Additionally, Transcendent, another small ensemble under the DMGMC umbrella, offers an inclusive and safe space for transgender and non-binary identifying singers. This group further contributes to the chorus's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and musical expression for all members.

As a community champion, DMGMC unites voices to act as a powerful force for change. Founded on the principles of promoting harmony, igniting hearts, and moving minds, DMGMC strives to provide a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ and ally members, where the shared love for music becomes a catalyst for meaningful connections. Through captivating performances and impactful outreach programs, the chorus aims to educate, inspire, and entertain audiences, contributing to broader acceptance and understanding for the LGBTQ+ community.

<b>Founded</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Repertoire</b>
2001	80+ singers	501(c)(3) non-profit	Classical, show tunes, and popular music

### Performances

Annual season of three concerts (December, March, June); annual fundraiser; miscellaneous performances. For the most up-to-date list of events and shows, please visit <https://www.dmgmc.org/events-tickets>.

### Outreach & Community Engagement

DMGMC engages in impactful community outreach through initiatives like our Pride Youth Festival Chorus and "Out in the Schools" curriculum. Additionally, you will find chorus members performing all around the community at venues such as the Des Moines Art Center, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, Homeless Youth Shelters, West Des Moines Chamber DEI Awards, Iowa Wolves games, and more.

<b>Artistic Director</b>	<b>Board President</b>	<b>Board Vice-President</b>	<b>Accompanist/HarMANY Director</b>	<b>Transcendent/Section Leader</b>
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