

One Voice Chorus Presents

Pride & Joy

December 8 & 9, 2023

Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte



One Voice is supported, in part, with funding from





About One Voice

Through artistic excellence, One Voice Chorus works to increase understanding and acceptance of LGBTQIA+ people. OVC brings together Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and affirming-ally singers of Charlotte to celebrate our lives in song, to overcome intolerance, and to promote inclusion. One Voice Chorus exists to present a public face and voice of the LGBTQIA+ community as we work for social justice. All are welcome in this non-auditioned group, which is one of the few mixed choruses in the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA).


Our Singers

Many singers have been with the group for more than a decade—some for as long as 30 years. When we began in 1990, many of our singers were hesitant to print their full names in the concert programs for fear of persecution. Much has changed since then, but the LGBTQIA+ community still does not enjoy full equal rights—even recent advances are countered by setbacks and backlash. We are your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family. The chorus serves as a powerful, yet accessible, way for some of our singers to come out. One singer said, “Our concerts are the only times of the year when my relatives and coworkers participate in something so completely gay-positive ... and celebrate and applaud me in the process. It’s powerful.”

Chroma

Chroma is our newly-formed small ensemble, taking the place of Sotto Voce. Chroma comes from “chromatic,” a type of musical scale, and the other meaning of the word, “relating to or produced by color.” An auditioned ensemble, Chroma is a space for our more experienced musicians to tackle more challenging repertoire and produce a rainbow of sound.

Learn more about our organization at onevoicechorus.com



One Voice Chorus Presents



December 8 & 9, 2023

Artistic Director - Cory Davis
Executive Director - Micah Deer

Piano - Adam Ward
Alto Sax & Flute - Rich Graham

Winter Walk ~ Timothy Takach
Chroma

Winds Through the Olive Trees ~ Linda Kachelmeier
Rich Graham, flute

O Magnum Mysterium ~ Evan Ramos

Solistice Carol ~ Kim Baryluk arr. Scott Reimer

Children, Go Where I Send Thee ~ arr. Kevin Philip
Johnson

Wydea Merchant, rapper; Brian Rosario, rapper (Dec-8
matinee) and Kayla Brown, soloist





The Christmas Song ~ Mel Tormé and Robert Wells

Ayanna-Moné Arnold, soloist

Hark in 7/8 ~ arr. Steven Landau

Chroma

Joy ~ arr. David Maddux

Andrea Decker and Marcus Wilson, soloists

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ~ arr. Shawn Kirchner

Rich Graham, alto saxophone

Psalm 150 ~ Steve Cohen

Chroma

Most Wonderful Time of the Year ~ arr. Kirby Shaw

Chroma

Sure On This Shining Night ~ Morten Lauridsen

What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? ~ Frank Loesser

Shelley Burton-Manning and Sheryl Manning, soloists

We Toast the Days ~ Linda Kachelmeier

Tyler Faulkner and Skyler Rosenthal, soloists

Join us for a free reception immediately after the concert

Freeman Hall (across the hallway upstairs)

Complimentary beer & wine, holiday cookies,

Photo Booth, OVC Merchandise

& Holiday Sing-A-Long!





Our Team

Staff

Artistic Director - Cory Davis
Executive Director - Micah Deer
Accompanist - Adam Ward

Board of Directors ('23 -'24)


President - Matthew Barbour
Vice President - Arwen Varner
Treasurer - Daniel Purdy
At-large - Sheryl Manning
At-large - Brian DuBois
At-large - Cody Warren
At-large - Logan Smith
At-large - Maggie Bunzey

Committee Leadership

DEI - Wydea Merchant
Development - Caroline Cave
Finance - Daniel Purdy
Marketing - Chad Mackie
Membership - Candice Torres
Production - Lee Barnes

Instrumentalists

Alto Sax & Flute - Rich Graham
Piano - Adam Ward





Our Chorus

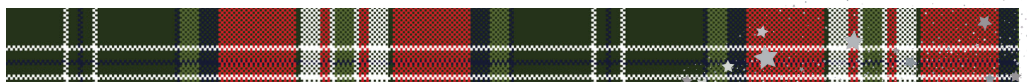
Sopranos

Adrienne Alair - she / her
Ayanna-Moné Arnold - she / they
*Kayla Brown - she / her
Maggie Bunzey - she / her
Julia Culbreth - she / her
*Danielle DeFrancesco - she / her
Liz Fitzgerald - she / her
Mary Hackenberg - she / her
Elisa Hansen - she / he / they
Sally Hinson - she / her
*Beata Ho - she / they
Meghan Howard - she / her
Jennifer Inskeep - she / they
Nicole Kniep - she / her
Amy Lambert - she / her
Ellie Little - she / her
Julie Melton - she / her
Wydea Merchant - she / her
Mary Miller - she / her
Kathie Murphy - she / her
*Angel Schoeck - she / her
Angela Spaulding - she / her
Arwen Varner - she / they
Kaitlin Wightman-Ausman - she / they

Altos

Lee Barnes - she / her
Casey Brown - they / them
Shelley Burton-Manning - she / her
*Caroline Cave - she / her
Bailee Craig - she / her
*Andrea Decker - she / her
Mia Foster - she / her
Emery Gardiner-Parks - they / them
Eileen Geiger - they / them
Jenny Kant - she / her
Jan Maynard - she / her
Tammie McCagg - she / her
Janet Miller - she / her
Melanie Moore - she / her
Melissa Morecock - she / her
Liz Platt - she / her
Kym Randall - she / her
*Skyler Rosenthal - they / them
Mary Schneider - she / her
Colleen Sholiton - she / her
Kris Siemon - she / her
Stephanie Spencer - she / her
Jessica Swanson - she / her
Candice Torres - she / her
Amanda Troy - she / her
Sarah Kay Whitmore - she / her

*Denotes member of Chroma, OVC's auditioned ensemble





Our Chorus

Tenors

*Tyler Albright - he / him
Matthew Barbour - he / him
Ryland Black - she / they
Henley Black - he / they
Tyler Faulkner - he / him
Jordan Frederick - she / her
Kelly Hall - he / him
*Zach Jordan - he / him
Birel Keenan - she/they
*Jonathan Klutz - he / him
*Shane Lappert - he / him
Sheryl Manning - she / her
Carlos Moore - he / him
Christopher (Ravin) Page - he / him
*Eleanor Reali - she / her
Brian Joel Rosario - he / they
Will Stewart - he / him

Basses

Dolan Bigley - he / him
Reina Campbell - she / they
Richard Cyrus - he / him
Stan DeRatt - he / him
*Brian DuBois - he / him
Grey Foster - they / them
William (Will) Fredell - he / him
Nathan Hackenberg - he / him
Ryan Irby - he / him
Riley Kilpatrick - he / him
Drew Long - he / him
Harold Lowry - he / him
Chad Mackie - he / him
*Wesley Martin - he / him
*Shaun Panado - he / him
*Dan Purdy - he / him
Marcus Wilson - he / him


Additional Members

Teresa Atchison - she / her
Dann Bain - they / them
Bria Demaray - she / her
Grey Foster - they / them

In Memoriam

We honor our previous members who have passed, and remain forever grateful for them being a part of our Chorus family. Since 1989, the work and dedication of all past members has paved the way for our continued future of spreading awareness, acceptance, and love throughout our Charlotte community. The list of those whose lives we honor can be found [here](#).


*Denotes member of Chroma, OVC's auditioned ensemble






★ Fall 2023 - Director's Circle

We are so grateful for our **Director's Circle** donors. To keep our mission and message alive, One Voice Chorus of Charlotte depends on the support of donors like you. We'd like to give special recognition to:



Maestro ~ \$2,500+

Matthew Barbour & Jonathan Klutz
Kelly Hall
Kathie Murphy & Jan Maynard




Producer ~ \$1,500 - \$2,499



Liz & Scott Fitzgerald
Beata Ho
Harold Lowry
Chad Mackie
Daniel Purdy


Composer ~ \$1,000 - \$1,499

Brian DuBois
Christopher Jones




Patron ~ \$500 - \$999


Teresa Atchison in memory of Ruby Dye
Linda Lawyer
Eddie Case & Reese Manceaux
Arwen Varner



Muse ~ \$250 - \$499



The Beller Family
Jason Boone
The Cavebright Household
Cory Davis and Brian Rosario
Esther Kant
Dana Sutton



If you, your family, or your business may be interested in learning more about giving to our 501c3 non-profit organization, please visit [Our Supporters](#) page on our website.



Special Thanks

Lydia Preziosi Harold Lowry
Logan Smith Zachary Jordan
David Hodges Mecklenburg County
Chad Mackie Triple C
Richard Cyrus Birdsong Brewing
LGBT Chamber of Commerce Devil's Logic
Unitarian Universalist Community of Resident Culture
Charlotte Divine Barrel
Alesia Hutto The Wine Vault





Upcoming Concerts

Mindful Music

March 22 & 23, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Community of Charlotte


Being part of the GALA chorus movement, which is rooted in activism, we raise our voices against injustices throughout our community and the world. Our energy levels ebb and flow like the tides, taking us on a journey from the rowdy front lines of protest to a quieter place where we must rest and recharge. This concert is dedicated to sharing some of the important history of the GALA movement as well as a message of mindful care for ourselves and others.

Match Game: From Rags to Riches

June 21 & 22, 2024

Charlotte Ballet

Match Game returns for another summer! Have you ever dreamed of escaping the rat race? In the first half of our fun and frenzied show, it's all work and no play. After a transformation worthy of a fairy godmother, the second half is all glitz and glam. This show, which is almost an all-out, irreverent musical theater production, includes costumes, choreography, and a panel of fabulous drag panelists for our Match Game sequences!





Holiday Sing-A-Long

All I Want for Christmas

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree.

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas
Is you, you yeah.

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
And I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree.

I don't need to hang my stocking
There upon the fireplace
Santa Claus won't make me happy
With a toy on Christmas Day.

I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you
You baby.

Oh, I won't ask for much
this Christmas
I won't even wish for snow
And I'm just gonna keep
on waiting
Underneath the mistletoe.

I won't make a list and send it
To the North Pole for Saint Nick
I won't even stay awake to
Hear those magic reindeer click.


'Cause I just want you here tonight
Holding on to me so tight
What more can I do?
Baby all I want for Christmas is you,
You Baby.

Oh, all the lights are shining
So brightly everywhere
And the sound of children's
Laughter fills the air.

And everyone is singing
I hear those sleigh bells ringing
Santa, won't you bring me the
one I really need?
Won't you please bring my
baby to me?

Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas
This is all I'm asking for
I just want to see my baby
Standing right outside my door.

Oh, I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
Baby all I want for Christmas is
You, You baby.





Last Christmas

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart.
But the very next day, you gave it away

This year, to save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart.
But the very next day, you gave it away

This year, to save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special

Once bitten and twice shy
I keep my distance but you still catch my eye

Tell me baby do you recognize me?
Well it's been a year, it doesn't surprise me

I wrapped it up and sent it
With a note saying "I Love You" I meant it

Now I know what a fool I've been
But if you kissed me now I know you'd fool me again

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart.
But the very next day, you gave it away

This year, to save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart
But the very next day, you gave it away

This year, to save me from tears
I'll give it to someone special

A face on a lover with a fire in his heart.
A man undercover but you tore him apart

Maybe next year, I'll give it to someone,
I'll give it to someone special. Special, someone,

someone. I'll give it to someone, I'll give it to someone special

Who'll give me something in return
I'll give it to someone, hold my heart and watch it burn


I'll give it to someone, I'll give it to someone special

I thought you were here to stay
How can love be for a day?

I thought you were someone special,
gave you my heart

I'll give it to someone, I'll give it to someone.
Last Christmas I gave you my heart

You gave it away. I'll give it to someone,
I'll give it to someone special...





Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Let your heart be light
From now on,
our troubles will be out of sight
Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Make the Yule-tide gay,
From now on,
our troubles will be miles away.
Here were are as in olden days,
happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear to us
gather near to us once more.
Through the years we all will be together
If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

(Repeat)
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring it out here!

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
Please bring it right here!





Guided by
principles.
Inspired by
diversity.
Supported by
community.

We share a
humanity
based in love.



THE
PLUS
COLLECTIVE

Charlotte-Mecklenburg's
LGBTQ+ Community Fund

Founded in 2003 as Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund, The Plus Collective is a giving program and foundation that awards grants to organizations that support the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community in the Charlotte, North Carolina region while also cultivating partnerships with community allies.

Learn more at thepluscollective.org.

thepluscollective.org



Infusion Fund

A Partnership for Arts + Culture



Multimillion Dollar Commitment

City of Charlotte

\$1.5 million and above

Bank of America
C.D. Spangler Foundation / National Gypsum Company
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
Trane Technologies

\$600,000 – \$1 million

Albemarle Foundation
Atrium Health
Barings
Duke Energy
Honeywell
JELD-WEN, Inc.
LendingTree Foundation
Lowe's Companies, Inc.
Novant Health
Red Ventures
Truist

\$300,000-\$600,000

Ally Financial
The Centene Charitable Foundation
Childress Klein Properties
Coca-Cola Consolidated
Deloitte
EY
The Gambrell Foundation
Moore & Van Allen
PwC
Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.
Rodgers Builders
Wells Fargo
Up to \$300,000
Fifth Third Bank
Foundation For The Carolinas
Deidre and Clay Grubb
Leslie and Michael Marsicano
Jane and Hugh McColl
Nucor Corporation
PNC Bank
Premier, Inc.
Jane and Nelson Schwab

Visit [InfusionFund.org](https://www.infusionfund.org) to see the full donor and recipient list