

## **Musical Notes from the South Florida Lambda Chorale**

### **Do You Love to Sing?**

Tired of singing in the shower or to your cat? It can be a lot more fun unleashing your talent and polishing your vocal skills with a congenial group of like-minded men and women. Come join us this month at one of our regular Wednesday night practices, then meet with our artistic director during the practice break for an easy audition. Practice begins at 7:30 p.m., but plan on arriving 10 or 15 minutes early, at the Sunshine Cathedral (MCC), 1480 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Our practice space is on the second floor of the activities building adjacent to the church's main building, behind the blue door. For further information, please call (866) WE-SING-4-U (866-937-4644). We'd love to have you join us.

### **Gary's Back, and We Couldn't Be Happier**

This spring, our founding father, Gary Keating, returned to Lambda as artistic director, seven years after having left to work on his doctorate in choral conducting at the University of Miami. The future looked uncertain for our chorus in March, when we were left unexpectedly without an artistic director. Gary came to our rescue on an interim basis, preparing us for the upcoming GALA Festival, and now he has agreed to accept the position on a permanent basis. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented, creative, and loyal professional to lead us.

### **Speaking of the GALA Festival**

Once every four years, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) holds a major festival. This July, the week-long event was at the new Adrienne Arsht Center in Miami and drew approximately 5,000 singers and 130 choruses from throughout the U.S. and six other countries. Lambda Chorale thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform before thousands of people and to attend performances of the other choruses. Throughout the week, the creativity and musicality were incredible. The gay and lesbian choral movement has become a major player in the nation's cultural landscape.

### **Pull Out Your Calendar**

Lambda Chorale has two more major concerts planned for 2008. "A Little Help from Our Friends," our fall concert, will be Saturday, September 27, at the Sunshine Cathedral. Along with our own chorus and soloists, it will feature appearances by the South Florida Jazz Ensemble and other guests. Tickets will be an incredibly low \$15 each. So, why not buy a whole block of them for your friends? Call (866) WE-SING-4-U or go to [www.lambdachorale.com](http://www.lambdachorale.com) for reservations and more information.

We will also have a holiday concert in December, and soon we will be able let you know the time and venue.