

THE ANNUAL GALA
CELEBRATION & AUCTION
benefiting



Boston
Gay Men's
Chorus

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016, 7:00PM
CRESCENDO



Annual Gala Celebration & Auction
Benefiting the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Registration Opens.....	6:45 pm
Silent Auction.....	7:00 pm
Photo Booth	7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
Welcome	8:30 pm
Raffle Drawing.....	8:35 pm
Live Auction	8:35 pm
Fund the Future.....	9:05 pm
The Skivvies.....	9:15 pm
Check Out	10:00 pm
(or after The Skivvies' performance.)	

All times approximate

Pre-Party Hosts:

Jay Baer

Stephen Conner, John Strumwasser

Jeffrey Fatchaline, Michael Gillespie, Jay Joynes, David Shaffer

Al Ingram

Edward J. Lemay, Michelle Wu

Theresa Murray

Luis Valdez

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All sales are final. There are no exchanges or refunds on items by donors or BGMC. No warranties are made with respect to value or quality of merchandise or services auctioned.

Pursuant to IRS code, purchase amounts are tax deductible only to the extent that the purchase price exceeds the fair market value of the item. 100% of the proceeds of the auctions go directly to the BGMC.

This auction catalog is not a complete list of items. Please be sure to browse the auction area for more great items. Thank you for participating — **bid high and bid often!!**

Silent Auction

For each item there is a bid sheet. The opening bid must equal or exceed the minimum bid listed on the sheet. Each increase in bid must equal or exceed the “minimum raise” listed on the sheet.

To make a bid: legibly write your bidder number, name, and bid amount on the bid sheet. Bids that are incomplete or illegible may be voided.

Silent auction tables will close in phases. Announcements will be made as each table nears closing. As silent auction tables close, winning bids will be circled on each sheet.

Live Auction

Our guest auctioneer will give you general instructions on bidding as the live auction starts. In general, to bid on an item you raise your bidder card provided during registration to respond to a suggested bid. The auctioneer will recognize you and call out your number to confirm your bid. The auctioneer will also confirm your number if you are the winner. Your live auction winnings will be included in your statement when you check out.

Checkout

Payment may be made by MasterCard, Visa, American Express, check or cash (exact change please). Guests who present their credit card at Registration can avoid visiting a cashier at Checkout.

You may checkout your item(s) after The Skivvies’ performance — no earlier than 10:00pm. If you are unable to stay to checkout and pick up, items may be picked up at the Chorus office in the South End (by appointment).

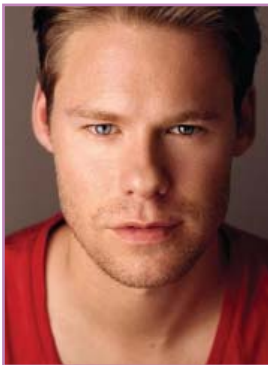
Crescendo Special Guests

The Skivvies are Lauren Molina and Nick Cearley, singer/actor/musicians performing stripped down arrangements of eclectic covers and eccentric originals. Not only is the music stripped down — cello, ukulele, glockenspiel, melodica — but the Skivvies literally strip down to their underwear to perform.



Nominated for “Show of The Year” for the 2015 MAC Award, The Wall Street Journal calls them “smart, sophisticated . . . ingenious,” and *Out* magazine says, “The Skivvies have managed to carve out a niche that we never knew needed to exist: part Weird Al-parody and part sexy burlesque...and unusual explosion of satire and sultry.” *People* magazine named The Skivvies “The Most Playful Performers” in The Most Talked about Bodies of 2014 issue.

Molina (Broadway’s *Rock of Ages*, *Sweeney Todd*, Mary Zimmerman’s *Candide* - Helen Hayes Award, *Marry Me A Little*) and Cearley (Broadway First National *All Shook Up*, *Pageant*, and on the OUT 100 list as one of the ‘most compelling actors of 2014’) met in 2003 performing in Theatreworks USA’s national tour of the *Just So Stories*. Quickly becoming best friends and musical collaborators, they began performing together in the city, with clothes on. The Skivvies were born in 2012, when they became YouTube sensations with their unique covers of artists like Robyn, Carole King and Rihanna. The videos led to live shows, and now this “musically thrilling”, undie-rock, comedy-pop duo continues to perform to sold-out audiences in New York and beyond.



Randy Harrison was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, USA and graduated high school in Atlanta, GA. Harrison began acting as a child eventually receiving a BFA from Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He is best known for his role as Justin Taylor in the Showtime series *Queer as Folk* (2000). Other film credits include *Such Good People* (2014) and *Bang Bang You’re Dead* (2002). An accomplished theater actor, Harrison has appeared on Broadway in *Wicked*, off-Broadway at the Public Theater, Theatre for a New Audience, Primary Stages and Red Bull Theatre, as well as regionally at Yale Repertory Theater, The Guthrie Theater,

Shakespeare Theatre DC amongst others. He is a founding member of the downtown New York theatre company QWAN Company. Harrison currently is starring in the national touring production of *Cabaret*.

Kathy Kingston, CAI, BAS

An award-winning thought leader in fundraising auctions, professional auctioneer, and consultant, Kathy Kingston has raised millions of dollars for non-profit organizations across the country for more than 30 years. She founded Kingston Auction Company in 1986. Specializing in benefit auctions, she consistently empowers nonprofit and educational organizations to exceed their fundraising goals and offers a wealth of practical strategies for revenue enhancement and donor engagement.

She is the author of the Amazon best-selling book *A Higher Bid: How to Transform Special Event Fundraising with Strategic Benefit Auctions* published by Wiley and AFP Association of Fundraising Professionals. Ms. Kingston is the creator of the Philanthropy Model of Fundraising Auctions. Kathy writes, speaks, and consults extensively on how to achieve breakthrough fundraising auction and donor development success.



Kathy Kingston was bestowed with the Chuck Cumberlin Memorial Sportsmanship Award at the 2012 International Auctioneer Championship by her peers. She was the recipient of the prestigious “Rose Award” from the National Auctioneers Association in 2006. Ms. Kingston holds the Certified Auctioneer Institute (CAI) designation, only three percent of auctioneers worldwide have achieved this status. Kathy was a member of the Charter Class of the Benefit Auctioneer Specialist (BAS) professional designation program. Kathy has taught the BAS and CAI Benefit Auction classes. She graduated from Missouri Auction School in 1986. Ms. Kingston has competed in the International Auctioneer Championship where she was a finalist in 2013 and 2003. She was awarded the Helen Copeland Leadership Award from the United States Association for Blind Athletes and served on their national board of directors.

In 2013, Ms. Kingston was inducted into the Million Dollar Consultant™ Hall of Fame by Alan Weiss, Ph.D., who conducts a global mentoring program for consultants. As a consultant, fundraising auction strategist and performance coach, she conducts innovative benefit auction seminars, tele-seminars and custom workshops throughout the country for both nonprofit organizations and professional auctioneers. Kathy holds a Master’s Degree in Education from St. Louis University where she was named “Woman of the Year” in 1986. Her unique professional background also includes an award-winning career in higher education and public service administration, university coaching, the entertainment industry and non-profit fundraising.

Kingston Auction Company is the premier resource for record-breaking fundraising auctioneers, education & strategies. Whether providing consulting, training and coaching for not-for-profit and education executives and their boards or providing award-winning professional fundraising auctioneers, Kingston offers a proven innovative approach to maximize fundraising, to engage donors and to inspire a new culture of philanthropy.

Event Committee

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The Boston Gay Men's Chorus is one of New England's largest and most successful community-based choruses. Founded in 1982, the 175-voice ensemble is celebrated for its outstanding musicianship, creative programming, and groundbreaking community outreach. Under the dynamic leadership of Music Director Reuben M. Reynolds III, the BGMC sings a wide spectrum of classical and popular music and builds bridges to all people by providing a positive, affirming image of the gay and lesbian community. The Chorus is heard live by more than 10,000 people each season and thousands more through recordings and television broadcasts. In November 2013 CBS-WBZ named The Boston Gay Men's Chorus one of the "top 5" choruses in the city of Boston. In June 2015 the BGMC became the first gay chorus to tour the Middle East.

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Be a Producer of this June's Pride concert!
For \$100 your name will appear in the POPular
concert program book!

Come see us at the POPular table in the main hallway
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POPular

Raffle

Win Handmade Jewelry
Per chance: \$25



RAFFLE



Win custom made cufflinks and tie bar!
Handmade jewelry with sand from the Dead Sea!

\$25 per chance
Only 100 chances

Come see us at the Raffle table in the main hall to enter to win!
Each entry wins BGMC magnet.



Upcoming Events

POPular

Friday, June 3, 2016 at 8 pm
Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 3 pm AND 7 pm
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

GALA Festival

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Boettcher Concert Hall
July 4, 2016 at 9 am (Central time)
Simulcast LIVE at www.galachoruses.org

HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 3, 2016
Town Hall, Provincetown

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3 pm
Friday, December 17, 2016 at 8 pm
Saturday, December 18, 2016 at 8 pm
Sunday, December 19, 2016 at 8 pm
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

CABARET

Friday, February 17, 2017 at 8 pm
Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 5 pm AND 8 pm
Sunday, February at 3 pm (VIP)
Club Café

SPRING

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 8 pm
Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 3 pm

PRIDE/35th Anniversary

Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 3 pm
with Special Guest Sutton Foster
Symphony Hall



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Flour Bakery	\$50
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Post 390	\$150
Grill 23	\$200



Live Auction
Item No. 2

Value: Priceless

Nick Adams - Drinks



You and 1 guest join Broadway star and BGMC Special Guest on Friday, June 3, 2016 after the BGMC performance for drinks with Nick, Michelle & Emilio, Bill & Reuben for an hour.

Restrictions: Valid for stated date and time only.
Donated by: BGMC
Value: Priceless

Live Auction
Item No. 3

Value: \$450



Tiffani for 10 Big Rig



Top chef and out Bostonian Tiffani Faison will provide dinner for 10 at her restaurant Sweet Cheeks. 2 lbs each of pork belly, pulled pork, pulled chicken, brisket, full rack of ribs, 1 whole chicken, 2 shorties including one quart of each side, one of every fried....still hungry, just ask!
All food provided, alcohol additional.

Restrictions: Make reservation at least 4 days in advance – any day of the week!

Donated by: Chef Tiffani Faison & Izzy Berdan
Value: \$450



Live Auction
Item No. 4

Value: \$1,850

Hawaii – Cottage at Spa



3 night Cottage Stay with meals at Kalani Retreat Center, set in 120 acres of organic agriculture, preserved heritage, and retreat accommodations. Exuberant in fiery lava, invigorating ocean, tropical foliage, and exuberant with people celebrating the spirit of aloha.
50,000 airline miles on United Airlines toward air travel.

Restrictions:

Resort: Subject to availability.

Air: Frequent flier miles donated and must be transferred. Any transfer fees, taxes, etc. are the responsibility of winner. Blackout dates may apply. Winner must contact the donor within 30 days to redeem.

Donated by: Kalani Retreat Center, Adam Kirk Edgerton

Value: \$1,850

Live Auction
Item No. 5

Value: \$400



RuPaul's Drag Race Battle of the Seasons



Two VIP tickets for RuPaul's Drag Race Battle of the Seasons LIVE at the Royale Boston on May 24, 2016. Michelle Visage hosts this concert, cabaret and comedy extravaganza.

Restrictions:

Valid for stated show and date only, no exchanges. Tickets must be transferred at the Box Office in person to the name of auction winner in advance of the show. Must be coordinated via BGMC office.

Donated by: Stephen Earheart & BGMC

Value: \$400



Live Auction
Item No. 6

Value: \$660

Red Sox Green Monster Seats



Bank of America



Two tickets to the World-Series-winning Red Sox. Seats atop Fenway's
Legendary Green Monster.

Game is Tuesday, May 24, at 7:10 pm Red Sox vs. Rockies. The first 15,000
fans in attendance will receive an exclusive canvas print of David Ortiz
commemorating his remarkable and historic Red Sox career.

Restrictions: Good for the date only.

Donated by: Bank of America
Value: \$660

Live Auction
Item No. 7

Value: \$2,000



10 Course Tasting & Pairing for 10 at Cinquecento



Restrictions: Make reservation at least 14 days in advance.

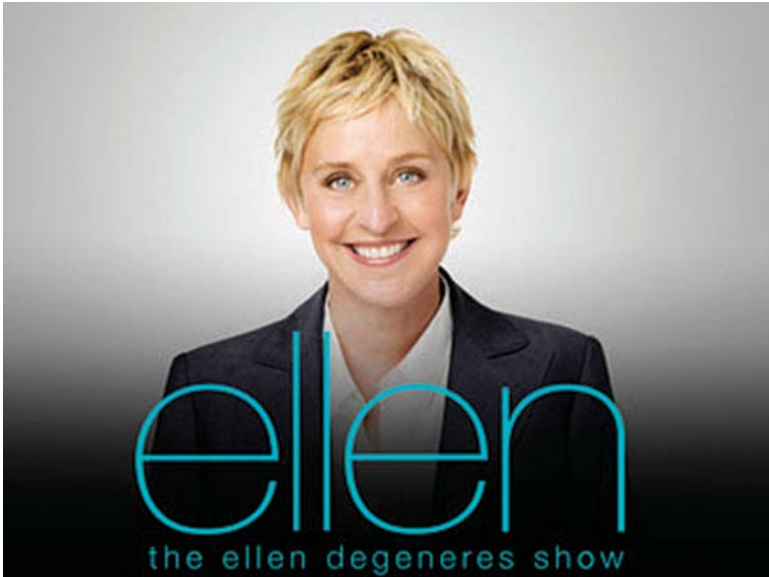
Donated by: Cinquecento, Izzy Berdan
Value: \$2,000



Live Auction
Item No. 8

Value: Priceless

Ellen – VIP tickets



Two VIP seats to a taping of The Ellen Degeneres Show in Hollywood. VIPs also get a swanky bag of Ellen swag!

Restrictions:

Ellen: Show tapes most of Sept-May, excluding Dec. Must be 14 years old. Advance reservations required.

Donated by: The Ellen Degeneres Show

Value: Priceless

Live Auction
Item No. 9

Value: \$2,500



Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort



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President's Day Week February 18 - 25, 2017

Enjoy a fun-filled vacation at Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort. Situated on the south shore of spectacular Lake Tahoe in California, this property has what it takes to make your vacation a truly enjoyable one. Guests are welcomed by ski-chalet architecture, well-equipped accommodations, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs, a fitness center and sauna. Other on-site amenities include a restaurant, game room with billiards and ping-pong tables, massage and concierge service. Golf courses, casinos, a variety of restaurants and shops plus live entertainment are also just short drive away from the property. 2 Roundtrip tickets to anywhere JetBlue flies.

Restrictions:

Resort: The Reno/Lake Tahoe airport is 60 miles from the resort. Ground transportation is not provided. Guest is responsible for mandatory resort amenities fee of \$20 per day, plus tax. Security deposit and credit card imprint are required upon check-in at the resort. Any additional fees or taxes are the responsibility of the guest. All guests must be at least 21 years of age.

Air: Subject to availability and blackout dates, certain restrictions apply. Expires 5/8/2017.

Donated by: Jeremy P. Hayes, JetBlue
Value: \$2,500



Live Auction
Item No. 10

Value: \$1,000

Celebrity Chef Michael Scelfo Tasting & Pairing Menu



Chef Michael Scelfo's tasting menu of multiple plates of food paired with wines. At his restaurant "Alden & Harlow" in the heart of Harvard Square. Good for 10 people!



Restrictions:

Make reservation at least 14 days in advance. Available Sunday through Thursday.

Donated by: Chef Michael Scelfo, Alden & Harlow, Izzy Berdan

Value:\$1,000

Live Auction
Item No. 11

Value: \$1,500



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3-day, 2-night stay at San Juan Water Beach Club Hotel.

Two roundtrip tickets anywhere on JetBlue Airways, good for travel to any of JetBlue's non-stop destinations.

Restrictions:

Hotel: Mon-Thurs only, based on availability

Air: Subject to availability and blackout dates, certain restrictions apply. Expires 5/8/2017.

Donated by: San Juan Water Beach Club Hotel with special thanks to the Puerto Rico Dept. of Tourism; JetBlue

Value: \$1,500



Live Auction
Item No. 12

Value: Priceless

Visit the set of *Hollywood Today Live!*



See Ross Matthews & Garcelle Beauvais on set as they make an episode of Hollywood Today Live!

Stay in elegant AirBnB accommodations.

50,000 miles on American Airlines toward air travel.

Restrictions:

Set visit must be coordinated in advance based on availability.

Air: Frequent flier miles donated and must be transferred. Any transfer fees, taxes, etc.

responsibility of winner. Blackout dates may apply. Winner must contact the donor within 30 days to redeem.

Donated by: GMCLA, Paul Consoli

Value: Priceless

Live Auction
Item No. 13

Value: \$980



Adele Silver Hot Seat VIP Package (for 2)



TD Garden — Loge 14, Row 9, Seats 1 and 2
Silver Hot Seat VIP Package
Thursday, September 15, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Restrictions: Valid for stated show and date only, no exchanges. Tickets must be transferred at the Box Office in person to the name of auction winner in advance of the show. Must be coordinated via BGMC office.

Donated by: BGMC
Value: \$980



Live Auction
Item No. 14

Value: \$3,500

7 Night Vacation in Cancun



One Week (7 nights) at the Westin Lagunamar Ocean Resort. Good Jan. 6, 2017 to Dec. 15, 2017 (based on availability).

Restrictions: Must be booked through donor. Subject to availability.

Donated by: Thomas Sheehan

Value: \$3,500



Reuben M. Reynolds III
Music Director



Kickoff pride with pop songs you know and love. Hear music from the '60s to today: The Beatles, Queen, Abba, Elton John, Culture Club, Madonna, Christina Aguilera, Beyonce, Adele — and more! 175 singers. Dancing boys.



Special guest Nick Adams

Friday June 3, 2016 at 8 pm
Sunday June 5, 2016 at 3 pm AND 7 pm

Performances at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Tickets from \$20 (before fees)

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Ogunquit Playhouse	YogaWorks
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Piers Park Sailing Center	