

THE Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus

with Artistic Director Tim Accurso

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ROYAL FAMILY

An evening of songs from the kings and queens of music

7PM | May 22, 2023



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SANTA BARBARA GAY MEN'S CHORUS

TIMOTHY
ACCURSO,
ARTISTIC
DIRECTOR

Celebrate. Collaborate. Create. Community.

Our Mission:

- To Spread joy through song
- To celebrate our diverse community of humanity
- To serve and represent the pride of the LGBTQI+ community
- To foster growth of every member's musical skill and to sing with purpose
- To promote TB ensemble singing in the state and region
- To act with integrity, respect, dedication, professionalism, honor and pride to represent the inspiration, diversity, camaraderie, and responsibility of the organization

From the Director

I'd like to thank you all for being here tonight and supporting the Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus in our spring concert "Royal Family." I was so energized by the full house and abundance of love after our winter concert, and I knew going into the spring that I wanted to push our limits and make our concert a celebration. A pillar of gay culture is Diva worship and this sparked my idea for this concert. To be named the King, Queen, Prince, or Princess of a whole genre of music is no small feat, these artists embody power, confidence, originality, resilience, and so much more. Royalty can serve as an ideal, and I think that the qualities of these great artists are worth emulating. I'd like to dedicate tonight's concert to drag performers here in Santa Barbara and across our country as they are experiencing so much discrimination and hate, and as our community continues to fight for our rights. Even right here in our home, we are seeing protests against drag events and pride festivals. Your support here tonight means so much and I hope that we can all choose love over ignorance, love over fear, and LOVE over hate.

With my love and thanks,

Timothy Accurso
Artistic Director

About Us

The Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus as SBGMC Inc. was incorporated in October 2021 as a California Public Benefit Corporation and non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.



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DANCING QUEEN **"ABBA"**

Words and Music by Benny Andersson,
Björn Alvaeus, and Stig Anderson
Arranged by David Maddux

RESPECT **"ARETHA FRANKLIN"**

Words and Music by Otis Redding
Arranged by Stephen Smith

BURNING LOVE **"ELVIS PRESLEY"**

Words and Music by Dennis Linde
Arranged by Kirby Shaw

CRY ME A RIVER **"ELLA FITZGERALD"**

Words and Music by Arthur Hamilton
Arranged by Jay Althouse
Soloist: Kevin Doyle

TOXIC **"BRITNEY SPEARS"**

Words and music by Pontus Winnberg,
Henrik Jonbak, Christian Karlsson, and Cathy Dennis
Arranged by Tim Sarsany
Soloist: Kai Tilley, synth

SOMEBODY TO LOVE **"QUEEN"**

Words and Music by Freddie Mercury
Arranged by Philip Lawson

JOLENE **"DOLLY PARTON"**

Words and Music by Dolly Parton
Arranged by Tim Sarsany

LOVE ON TOP **"BEYONCÉ"**

Words and Music by Beyoncé Knowles,
Tearius Nash, and Shea Taylor
Arranged by Steve Milloy

FROM THIS MOMENT ON **"SHANIA TWAIN"**

Words and Music by Shania Twain
and Robert John Lange
Arranged by Pakk Hui

I WOULD DIE 4 U **"PRINCE"**

Words and Music by Prince
Arranged by Tim Sarsany
Soloist: Karl Johannsen, synth

MAN IN THE MIRROR **"MICHAEL JACKSON"**

Words and Music by Glen Ballard
and Siedah Garrett
Arranged by Kirby Shaw
Soloist: Rryn Schumacher

MY HEART WILL GO ON **"CELINE DION"**

Words and Music by Will Jennings
and James Horner
Arranged by Craig James

LAST DANCE **"DONNA SUMMER"**

Words and Music by Paul Jabrara
Arranged by Steve Milloy
Soloist: Omar Dominguez

MAKE YOU FEEL MY LOVE **"BOB DYLAN"**

Words and Music by Bob Dylan
Arranged by Ian Assersohn

BORN THIS WAY **"LADY GAGA"**

Words and Music by Fernando Garibay,
Stefani Germanotta, Paul Blair, and Jeppe Laursen
Arranged by Chris Fossey
Choreography: Rich Sander



Santa Barbara Gay Men's Chorus

Artistic Director

Tim Accurso

Piano

Sadee Xu

Percussion

Jon Nathan

Bass

Liam Ronarch

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Brett Garrett

Owen Hensen

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We hope you'll join us for our next concert season. Rehearsals begin in the fall and run from 7 to 9:30pm on Monday nights at the First United Methodist Church. No experience or audition is necessary — we welcome all tenor, baritone, and bass singers, and you do not have to be gay or identify as a man to join. If you sing tenor, baritone, or bass and you would like to sing with us, please let us know. Email info@sbgmc.org for more information!



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