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Silent Auction

Finish your holiday shopping early this year or treat yourself to something special at our exclusive Silent Auction! The proceeds will help promote and support our choruses and go towards future endeavors like student music workshops and community outreach initiatives.

Below is just a taste of what you'll find, so be sure to get your bids in often and early!

Expertly Curated Collections of Liquors & Wines*

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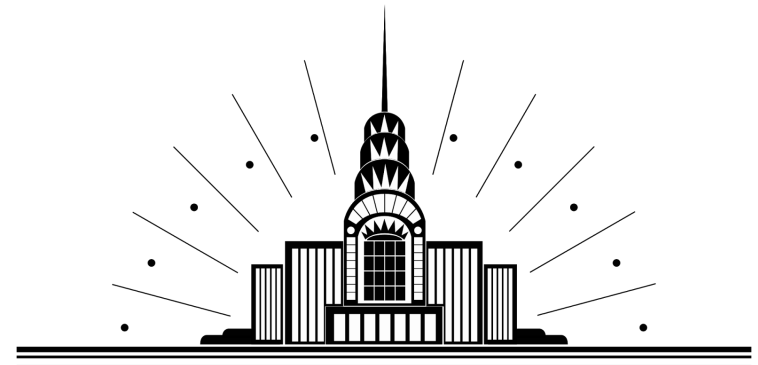
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Join us!

Interested in singing with Sirens of Gotham or Voices of Gotham? Visit us at an upcoming Guest Night!

The Guest Night process is designed to provide an opportunity for prospectives to learn about the organization, mix and mingle with the current members, experience a rehearsal, and prepare for your audition!



Voices and Sirens rehearse every Thursday night at 7:30pm in Metro Baptist Church located at 410 West 40th Street (between 9th and 10th Ave). Please email us if you plan to visit - we'd hate to be rehearsing off-site and miss you!

info@sirensogotham.org • info@voicesogotham.org

Upcoming Performances

February 2017 - **Voices/Sirens** Guest Night

April 22, 2017 - **Sirens** competes in the SAI Region 15 Convention

May 2017 - **Voices/Sirens** Spring Show

June 2017 - **Voices** Send-off Show

July 5, 2017 - **Voices** competes in the BHS International Convention

September 16, 2017 - **Voices** competes in the BHS Mid-Atlantic District Convention

December 2017 - **Voices/Sirens** Winter Show



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A Message from the Chorus Leadership

Thank you for joining us tonight for Gotham Cheer!

We are deeply honored that you chose to spend your Saturday night with us. Get ready for a New York City experience unlike any other. Why? Because Gotham Cheer is more than just a concert and a gala—it's a celebration!

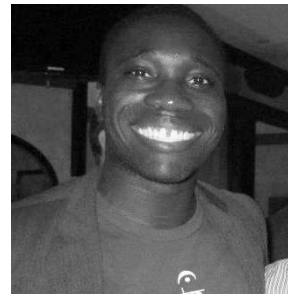
Tonight celebrates an amazing year for both Sirens and Voices of Gotham. 2016 was full of top place finishes in competition, growth as singers, friends, and leaders, and a greater impact on our local NYC community and beyond. We're immensely proud of what we have accomplished this year and are excited to build upon it in 2017 with your help and support.

Tonight also celebrates not just the barbershop style, but the barbershop culture. While you'll experience a variety of performances and musical styles tonight, the overall richness, quality of sound, and sincerity is made possible by a foundation in barbershop harmony. This style of four-part harmony has united the individual performers and the choruses at large, both with each other and a broader community of singers.

But most of all, tonight celebrates you, the people who support our passion for singing and who make our pursuits more worthwhile. We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to share the gift of song with those we know and those we don't—to inspire and embrace our expanding community of singers, music enthusiasts, family, and friends.

With all this to celebrate, we hope you enjoy tonight's program and festivities. Here's to you and an amazing evening!

Cheers,



Nemo Ashong
2016 President
Voices of Gotham



Rachel Livingston
2016 Team Coordinator
Sirens of Gotham

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About the Artists



Sirens of Gotham

Based in the heart of Manhattan, Sirens of Gotham is a fresh take on women's a cappella. Performing a variety of genres ranging from barbershop to contemporary pop to classical to vocal jazz, the Sirens take pride in performing all kinds of a cappella music.

Sirens of Gotham has accomplished much since its establishment in November of 2011, but has grown exponentially since February 2013, when the ensemble became a chartered chapter of the world's largest music education organization for women: Sweet Adelines International (SAI).

Since then, the Sirens have become the SAI Region 15 Division A Champions, taken 3rd place in the 2015 New York Harmony Sweepstakes, appeared on multiple televised broadcasts, starred in a television show, performed in various world-renowned venues, produced their own live performances, and hosted a multitude of successful fundraisers.

Management Team

Rachel Livingston - Team Coordinator
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Gabriella Vega - Finance Coordinator
Helen O'Rourke - Fundraising Coordinator
Anna Chelak - Marketing Coordinator
Rachel Livingston - Membership Coordinator
Debbie Chen - Performance Coordinator

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Buy our debut CD!



Six years in the making, the debut CD for Voices of Gotham marks a milestone for this young New York City a cappella chorus. This CD celebrates the diverse repertoire and several accomplishments for a volunteer organization who has delighted audiences throughout the world.

Among the twelve tracks, you'll find multiple songs featuring Sirens of Gotham, including an in-house arrangement of "Baby, It's Cold Outside".

Find this and more among the merchandise being offered at the gala downstairs, immediately following the concert!



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Give in the Seventh

A donation to Voices of Gotham helps make it possible for us to spread this message of "Live in the Seventh" in one of the most vibrant — and expensive — cities in the world. In an effort to give back to those who give us so much, we have developed the "Give in the Seventh" initiative, a membership-based philanthropic program that strengthens the relationship between Voices of Gotham and its supporters.

Being a member of Give in the Seventh means you will have access to exclusive offers from Voices of Gotham. Furthermore, you will make it possible for an internationally impactful community of singers to preserve the gift of barbershop harmony for years to come. To Give in the Seventh is to give the gift of opportunity — the opportunity to grow the incredible art of barbershop music in the great city of New York.

Thank you to our Give in the Seventh donors!

Voices of Gotham thanks all of the donors listed below for their generous support. Donors are listed based on dollars pledged or donated for the current calendar year.

Give in the Seventh: Fermata Club (\$2,124 and above)

Rafi Hasib

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About the Artists



voices of gotham

Voices of Gotham (VoG) is a not-for-profit men's chorus whose mission is to celebrate, promote, and preserve the rich American tradition of barbershop harmony. Formed in 2008, VoG is proud to be the Hell's Kitchen, New York Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS).

Since the chorus' founding in 2008, VoG has rapidly distinguished itself as one of the country's leading incubators of both new barbershop music, and of young musical artists who will shape the continuing evolution and excellence of the barbershop tradition. VoG is ranked by the BHS as one of the top ten barbershop choruses worldwide. With over 85 members and growing, VoG is a dues-paying organization that includes high school and college students, professional actors and musicians, and men of all walks of life who simply enjoy raising their voices in song.

Board of Directors

Nemo Ashong - President

Dylan Lupo - Secretary

Braden Lynk - Treasurer

Rafi Hasib - Vice President, Music

BJ Hillinck - Vice President, Membership

Brian Lindvall - Immediate Past President

Palmer Aguirre - Member-at-Large

Bill Ferns - Member-at-Large

Bob Kovach - Member-at-Large

John Maderazo - Member-at-Large

Rob Weber - Member-at-Large

About the Directors

SARAH CLAY LINDVALL – Director, Sirens of Gotham



Sarah Clay Lindvall is a Music Educator, Vocalist, and Choral Conductor dedicated to sharing the gift of music through creative education and innovative performance.

Sarah is the Founder and Director of Sirens of Gotham, and is the Director of Music and Dramatic Arts at the Notre Dame School of Manhattan. She also acts as faculty and coach for Sweet Adelines International's Greater NY/NJ Region 15, and teaches private voice to students of all ages.

Sarah received a Masters of Music degree in Vocal Performance from New York University and holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Georgia Southern University.

Before residing in New York City, Sarah was a featured performer at The Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

STEPHANIE OFSHINSKY – Associate Music Director, Sirens of Gotham



Stephanie Ofshinsky received a Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre and a Masters of Arts in Teaching in Music Education from Manhattanville College. She currently works in the Cresskill School District where she teaches music, theater, and dance, works with instrumental and vocal ensembles, is the Tri-M Music Honor Society Co-Advisor, Principal Players School Musical Choreographer, and Fall Drama Director.

Stephanie's studies in the performing arts have taken her to New Jersey, New York, Texas, Florida, Canada, England, and back. She is an accomplished seamstress and vocal artist, having performed as both a soloist and ensemble member. She is also a current front row member of the Harmony Celebration Chorus (SAI). As a private voice teacher she believes that from a young age we incorporate music into how we learn as well as how we play, and throughout our school years we are asked to develop our listening and creative skills. Music becomes an important part of our daily lives, and whether you are pursuing a career in the arts or just want to impress your friends at a party, good vocal technique can make all the difference. She truly believes that everyone can sing, but sometimes you need a guiding hand to help you find your voice.

Our Programs

Arrangers' Lab

The Arrangers' Lab is Voices of Gotham's resident collective of composers who create and arrange new music in the barbershop harmony and contemporary a cappella styles. Already educated in significant university music programs, they apply their skills toward the study of the barbershop tradition and the ongoing development of its pedagogy and repertoire.

In addition to providing Voices of Gotham and its affiliated quartets with custom material, the Arrangers' Lab also leads an ongoing Barbershop Arranging Workshop for members of the chorus at large. In the workshop, participants study existing barbershop arrangements, learn basic theory and composition, and gain insight and feedback on their work.



Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest

Tin Pan Alley is an annual free, public event hosted by Voices of Gotham which brings new quartets to compete in front of both an audience and a panel of certified judges from the Barbershop Harmony Society.. TPA fosters choral excellence by encouraging barbershop quartet singing, developing quality singers, educating contestants



and spectators on the history of barbershop in New York City, and mobilizing the Arrangers' Lab to produce brand new arrangements. Quartets of all types can participate--all-male, all-female, and mixed--and many that begin here go on to compete in formal competitions.

Community Initiatives

Harmony With Heart

Our Harmony with Heart Program brings free or subsidized barbershop harmony performances to traditionally underserved and/or marginalized communities, including senior assisted-living homes and community centers, transitional housing, and children's hospital wards.



Gotham Gives

Gotham Gives is the service arm of our organizations, aimed at giving back to the community beyond song. Projects have included cleaning up Seward Park Garden and partnering with New York Cares to renovate Adrian Hegeman Elementary School.



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About the Directors

BILL STAUFFER – Director, Voices of Gotham



Bill Stauffer is a musician, composer, and music educator, as well as a lifelong barbershop performer, arranger, and clinician. In addition to Voices of Gotham, he also directs the Sweet Adelines International (SAI) Capitaland Chorus.

As a long-time member of the Barbershop Harmony Society Harmony College East staff, Bill has instructed workshops in vocal technique, choral directing, and youth choruses. Prior to joining Gotham, he directed multiple BHS choruses, including the Dapper Dans of Harmony, the Jerseyaires, and the Gold Standard Chorus.

Bill also has substantial professional experience in community mobilization for both religious and secular not-for-profit organizations. These efforts have fostered arts education and employment training programs in low income and inner city neighborhoods, as well as the production of an annual choral concert series.

Bill received his music education training from Westminster Choir College. He is the proud father of twins, a son and daughter.

MATT GALLAGHER – Associate Director, Voices of Gotham



Matt Gallagher has been barbershopping for 28 years and is proud to be a member of Voices of Gotham. He also recently became a member of the Atlantic and Northeastern Harmony Brigades. As a professional musician, Matt has conducted several Broadway musicals, most recently: Newsies, The Book of Mormon, and Rock of Ages.

Matt has had the good fortune to collaborate and perform with such artists as Dolly Parton, Joan Osborne, Clay Aiken, and Phish.

For more information, visit: www.mattgallaghermd.com.

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What is barbershop?

Barbershop vocal harmony is a style of a cappella close harmony, or unaccompanied vocal music, characterized by consonant four-part chords for every melody note in a predominantly homophonic texture. Each of the four parts has its own role: generally, the lead sings the melody, the tenor harmonizes above the melody, the bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completes the chord, usually below the lead.

Except for the bass, the voice parts in barbershop singing do not correspond closely to their classical music counterparts; the tenor range and tessitura are similar to those of the classical countertenor, the baritone resembles lyric baritone in range and a tenor in tessitura, and the lead generally corresponds to the tenor of classical repertoire, with some singers possessing a tessitura more similar to that of a high baritone. Barbershop singing is performed both by men's and women's groups; the elements of the barbershop style and the names of the voice parts are the same for both.

Barbershop Organizations

Barbershop Harmony Society



Founded by O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall in Tulsa, OK in 1938, the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) is the first of several organizations to promote and preserve barbershop harmony among men of all ages. North America is divided into several districts, including the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) which includes areas of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Voices of Gotham has won the MAD chorus championship in 2012 and 2014.

Sweet Adelines International



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INTERNATIONAL

A parallel women's singing organization, Sweet Adelines International (SAI), was founded in 1945 by Edna Mae Manderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The aim was to teach and train women in music and to create and promote barbershop quartets and other musical groups. Areas throughout the world are divided into several regions, including Region 15, which covers the Greater New York and New Jersey area. Sirens of Gotham won the Region 15 Division A championship in 2015.

Gotham Cheer! Gala Performances

Hosted by KJ McAleesejergins

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Bern Tan, CJ Pacelli, John Maderazo, Max Mellman, Richard Townsend, Spencer Wight

Wings

Sirens of Gotham

O Holy Night

Braden Lynk, David Hason, Andrew Wheeler, Sean Feyrer

White Christmas

Julia Graham, Gabriella Vega, Shanell Lockhart, Teresa Heuser

Come Fly With Me

Rafi Hasib, BJ Hillinck, Dylan Lupo, Rob Weber

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Kira Rutherford-Boese, Stephanie Ofshinsky, Katherine Veil, Lauren Brady

You Can Fly

Gotham Atlantic Harmony Brigade

Winter Wonderland

Lana Klenmeyer, Anna Chelak, Sam Bunting, Rachel Ralston

Drivin' Me Crazy

Ryan Brown, Alex McCoy, Sam Scarrow, Dan Wright

Brooklyn

Hannah Gordon, Alexis DePersia-Norelli, Sabrina Doolittle, Laura Packer

Auld Lang Syne

Steve Severinghaus, Adam Bock, Chris Granger, Sam Scarrow

Parting Glass

Voices of Gotham

O Magnum Mysterium

Latin Text

O magnum mysterium,
 et admirabile sacramentum,
 ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
 jacentem in praesepio!
 Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
 meruerunt portare
 Dominum Christum.
 Alleluia.

English Translation

O great mystery,
 and wonderful sacrament,
 that animals should see the new-born Lord,
 lying in a manger!
 Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
 was worthy to bear
 Christ the Lord.
 Alleluia!

Holiday Sing-Along

Deck The Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 'Tis the season to be jolly (fa la la...)
 Don we now our gay apparel (fa la la...)
 Troll the ancient Yuletide carol (fa la la...)

Fast away the the old year passes (fa la la...)
 Hail the new ye lads and lasses (fa la la...)
 Sing we we joyous all together (fa la la...)
 Heedless of the wind and weather (fa la la...)

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
 In a one horse open sleigh
 O'er the fields we go
 Laughing all the way
 Bells on Bobtail ring
 Making spirits bright
 What fun it is to ride and sing
 A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
 Jingle all the way
 Oh, what fun it is to ride
 In a one-horse open sleigh

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
 How lovely are your branches
 O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
 How lovely are your branches

Not only green in summer's glow
 But evergreen 'mid winter snow

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree
 How lovely are your branches

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

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin
 Glad tiding for Christmas
 And a Happy New Year

We wish you a Merry Christmas
 We wish you a Merry Christmas
 We wish you a Merry Christmas
 And a Happy New Year

The Performers

Sirens of Gotham

Sarah Clay Lindvall, Director
 Stephanie Ofshinsky, Associate Music Director
 Anna Chelak, Associate Visual Director
 Kiara Contreras, Music Team Secretary

Tenor

Helen O'Rourke §
 Kira Rutherford-Boese *

Lead

Anna Chelak †§
 Julia Graham †§
 Erika Ji
 Emily Kaplan
 Lana Klenmeyer *
 Emilia Mahaffey
 Vicki Tisch
 Gabriella Vega §

Baritone

Mia Baz
 Helen Brew
 Kiara Contreras
 Charlotte Dow
 Shanell Lockhart
 Stephanie Ofshinsky
 Laura Packer
 Meredith Rich
 Katherine Veil *

Bass

Lauren Brady *
 Sam Bunting
 Debbie Chen
 Alexis DePersia-Norelli §
 Teresa Heuser
 Rachel Ralston
 Claire Repp
 Leah Wagner-Stout
 Steffi Weisman

* Section Manager

Voices of Gotham

Bill Stauffer, Director
 Matt Gallagher, Associate Director
 Rafi Hasib, Music Vice President

Tenor

Jon Fosdick
 Rafi Hasib *†§
 BJ Hillinck
 Brian Lindvall §
 Max Mellman

Lead

Palmer Aguirre †§
 Doug Brown §
 Adam Csatadi
 Chris Granger *
 Alex McCoy
 CJ Pacelli
 Adam Reneer
 Bern Tan
 Rob Weber

Baritone

Adam Bock
 Ron Cinnella
 Matt Gallagher *
 Marcus Luxemburg
 John Maderazo
 Jude Thomas
 Tom Tyson
 Spencer Wight §

Bass

Kyle Althof
 Nemo Ashong §
 Eric Blum
 Ryan Brown §
 Bryce A. Cooney
 Josh Ehrlich
 Bill Ferns
 Dylan Lupo
 Braden Lynk §
 Steve Severinghaus *
 Richard Townsend

* Section Leader

† Gotham Cheer! Show Producer

‡ Gotham Cheer! Show Chair

§ Gotham Cheer! Committee

Gotham Cheer! Concert

Hosted by KJ McAleesejergins

Sirens of Gotham

No No Norman

Words by Gus Kahn • Music by Ted Fiorito & Ernie Erdman • Arrangement by Clay Hine

Their Hearts Were Full of Spring

Music by Bobby Troup • Arrangement by Aaron Dale

Le Jazz Hot

Solo by Gabriella Vega

Music by Henry Mancini • Words by Leslie Bricusse • Arrangement by Anne Minihane

I Have Dreamed

Words by Oscar Hammerstein II • Music by Richard Rodgers • Arrangement by David Wright

Second Fiddle

Words & Music by Perry Bradford • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

If I Were A Bell

Words & Music by Frank Loesser • Arrangement by Adam Bock

Carol of the Bells

Performed by At the Helm - Helen O'Rourke, Erika Ji, Meredith Rich, Leah Wagner-Stout
Music & Lyrics by Mykola Leontovich & Peter Wilhousky • Arrangement by Avis Fellows

Notre Dame Singers

Somewhere In My Memory

Words by Leslie Bricusse • Music by John Williams • Arrangement by Audrey Snyder

Notre Dame Glee

White Winter Hymnal

Words & Music by Robin Pecknold • Arrangement by Alan Billingsley

Silent Night

Arrangement by Avi Kaplan, Kevin Olusola, & Ben Bram • Adaptation by Roger Emerson

Gotham Mix

Text Me Merry Christmas

Solos by Sarah Clay Lindvall & BJ Hillinck

Music by David Javerbaum & Adam Schlesinger • Arrangement by Alan Billingsley

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Gotham Cheer! Concert

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Voices of Gotham

The Way You Make Me Feel

Words & Music by Michael Jackson • Arrangement by Adam Bock

Get Your Happy Days On

Music by Milton Age, Ted Koehle, Harold Arlen, & Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Aaron Dale

Pure Imagination

Music by Anthony Newley & Bricusse Leslie • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

Eight Days A Week

Music by John Lennon & Paul McCartney • Arrangement by David Harrington

The Way We Were

Performed by Madhattan - Max Mellman, Bern Tan, Spencer Wight, & Richard Townsend
Music by Marvin Hamlisch • Arrangement by Brian Beck

Stardust

Music by Hoagy Carmichael • Arrangement by Walter Latzko

Cecilia

Music by Paul Simon • Arrangement by Adam Bock

New York State of Mind

Music by Billy Joel • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

Sirens of Gotham & Voices of Gotham

O Magnum Mysterium

Music by Morten Lauridsen

Holiday Sing-Along

Deck The Hall • Jingle Bells • O Christmas Tree • We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Traditional Carols • Arranged by Audrey Snyder • Accompaniment by Josh Ehrlich

Gala

Live Music • Silent Auction • 50/50 Raffle • Refreshments • All ages welcome!

To reach the gala, please use the staircases to the right and left of the altar.

Elevator access is available on the right side of the altar.

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