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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Late January 2018: Voices/Sirens Guest Night

Come see what being a part of Gotham is all about!

### May 18-20, 2018: SAI Region 15 Convention

Sirens of Gotham will participate in this barbershop singing competition in Albany, NY.

### June 2018: Voices of Gotham 10th Anniversary Performance

Voices will celebrate 10 years with a huge show in NYC. Stay tuned for details!

### October 16, 2018: International Harmony Classic Competition

Sirens of Gotham will represent their region at the SAI International Convention and Competition in St. Louis next year (October 15-20). This barbershop chorus competition features the five highest-scoring small (division A, fewer than 30 singers) and midsize (division, AA 31-60 singers) choruses across the globe!

**Don't Miss a Moment**  
early-bird registration is now open!



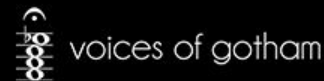
**72nd Annual Convention and Competition**  
Oct. 15-20, 2018  
The Dome at America's Center  
St. Louis, Mo., USA

**SIRENS OF GOTHAM AND VOICES OF GOTHAM  
PRESENT**

# — A NIGHT IN — GOTHAM

AN EVENING OF MUSIC & REVELRY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>  
CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH  
NEW YORK CITY**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHORUS LEADERSHIP

Thank you for joining us for *A Night In Gotham!* We're so excited to share our music and celebrate with you later over refreshments at the reception (or as we like to call it, the afterglow!) following the concert!

2017 was a year full of accomplishments. In April, Sirens of Gotham qualified (for the first time!) for the SAI International Harmony Classic Competition with a set that included an original chart by in-house arranger Matt Gallagher. Voices of Gotham also performed a full set of original Gallagher arrangements at the BHS International Contest, receiving their highest score to date and qualifying next year's competition. Other 2017 chorus highlights include Sirens working closely with the acclaimed "Father of A Cappella" Deke Sharon and Voices opening for the Broadway show *In Transit*. This year has helped us find new ways to bring barbershop to a wider audience, and we couldn't be more proud.

We also continue to develop our choruses by encouraging quartets, many of which you'll hear tonight! This year, we've sent a record number of Gotham quartets to regional contests and have had members join the ranks of some that are internationally ranked. What's even better is that new groups continue to form, including some that will debut tonight!

It's amazing to be involved with organizations that can accomplish so much and with such a high caliber of musicianship in just a few hours each week. By day, these talented individuals work as professionals, musicians, students, teachers, and more, but by night, they leave their jobs behind to come together and raise their voices in song.

While our lives sometimes take us in different directions, we all know that we will always be a part of this Gotham family. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy some rich a cappella harmonies as we welcome to experience *A Night in Gotham!*

Cheers,



Samantha Bunting  
2017 Team Coordinator  
Sirens of Gotham



Rafi Hasib  
2017 President  
Voices of Gotham

## 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

### **Give in the Seventh: High Third (\$204 - \$923)**

Evan Ardelle, Doug Brown, Bill Ferns, Robert Hillinck, Dylan Lupo, Tom & Nan McQueeneey

### **Give in the Seventh: Fundamental (\$84 - \$203)**

Niiamah Ashong, Brian Lindvall, Jeff and Diane Lindvall, Braden Lynk, John Maderazo, Steve Severinghaus, Catherine Snapp, Ray Sultan, Jeremy Weissmann

### **Friend (\$5-\$83)**

Nanakwadwo Ashong, Michael Berkson, Harry Bickford, Eric Blum, Ryan Brown, Ron Cinnella, Adam Csataji, Marcelo DaSilva, Josh Ehrlich, Jon Fosdick, Marcus Luxemburg, Alex McCoy, Tony Milillo, Preston Neal, Robert & MaryLou Suckling, Richard Townsend, Julian Tucker, Nicholas Vincent, Robert Weber

# A NIGHT IN GOTHAM AFTERGLOW

Join us for a reception featuring live music, an open bar, light refreshments and a 50/50 raffle! Follow the signs to the side of the altar after the concert.

## Performances

### Drive! - "When I See an Elephant Fly"

Diane Duff, Carol Beckmann, Patty Danner, Samantha Bunting

### Small Mixed Ensemble - Fly Medley

Helen O'Rourke, Emilia Mahaffey, Kiara Contreras, Vicki Tisch, Helen Brew, Shanell Lockhart, Haley Cole, Lauren Brady, Nick Taber, Eric Blum, Michael Berkson, Rafi Hasib, Spencer Wight, Howie Lien, Richard Townsend, Michael Berkson, Howie Lien, Kiara Contreras, Nick Taber  
Directed by Erika Ji

### All of the Above - "Start of Something Big"

Nick Taber, Eric Blum, Michael Berkson, Harry Bickford

### Sirens Trio - "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"

Samantha Bunting, Lana Klemeyer, Anna Chelak

### Park Slope 4 - "I've Got the World on a String"

BJ Hillinck, Alex McCoy, Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

### Leftovertones - "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

Elizabeth Culbertson, Charlotte Dow, Meredith Rich, Mia Baz

### Madhattan - "Yellow Brick Road"

Max Mellman, Bern Tan, Spencer Wight, Richard Townsend

### Elemental - "Somewhere Over The Rainbow"

Kira Rutherford, Stephanie Ofshinsky, Katherine Veil, Lauren Brady

### For the Times - "Anything Goes"

BJ Hillinck, Rob Weber, Rafi Hasib, Dylan Lupo

### Parting Glass

Voices of Gotham

# THE PERFORMERS

## Voices of Gotham

Bill Stauffer, Director  
Matt Gallagher, Associate Director  
Jude Thomas, Music Vice President

### Tenor

Anderson Daniel  
Jon Fosdick  
BJ Hillinck \*  
Nick Taber

### Lead

Doug Brown §  
Adam Csatadi  
Chris Granger \*  
Ben Henley  
Alex McCoy  
Adam Reneer  
Bern Tan  
Rob Weber

### Baritone

Michael Berkson  
Ron Cinnella  
Rafi Hasib §  
Emmett Ingram  
Marcus Luxemburg  
John Maderazo  
Jude Thomas  
Tom Tyson  
Spencer Wight §

### Bass

Kyle Althof  
Harry Bickford  
Eric Blum  
Ryan Brown  
Josh Davis  
Josh Ehrlich  
Bill Ferns  
DeVon Lineman  
Dylan Lupo §  
Braden Lynk §  
Jonathon Lyons  
Richard Portune  
Steve Severinghaus \*  
Ray Sultan  
Richard Townsend §

\* Section Leader

## Sirens of Gotham

Stephanie Ofshinsky, Interim Director  
Erika Ji, Associate Music Director  
Kiara Contreras, Music Team Secretary

### Tenor

Helen O'Rourke \*§  
Julia Graham †§

### Lead

Anna Chelak §  
Erika Ji  
Emily Kaplan  
Lana Klemeyer \*  
Emilia Mahaffey  
Vicki Tisch  
Gabiella Vega §

### Baritone

Helen Brew  
Kiara Contreras  
Elizabeth Culbertson  
Charlotte Dow §  
Shanell Lockhart  
Laura Packer  
Meredith Rich §  
Katherine Veil \*

### Bass

Mia Baz  
Lauren Brady  
Sam Bunting  
Haley Cole  
Alexis DePersia-Norelli §  
Sabrina Doolittle  
Kari Francis  
Teresa Heuser  
Gracie Panousis  
Alexandra Slade  
Steffi Weisman

\* Section Manager

† A Night in Gotham Show Chair

§ A Night in Gotham Committee

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



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

Rafi Hasib - President  
Dylan Lupo - Secretary  
Braden Lynk - Treasurer  
Jude Thomas - Vice President, Music  
BJ Hillinck - Vice President, Membership  
Nemo Ashong - Immediate Past President  
Spencer Wight - Member-at-Large

## ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

### STEPHANIE OFSHINSKY – Interim Director, Sirens of Gotham



Stephanie is an accomplished vocal artist, show producer, and seamstress, having performed and directed a variety of music ensembles and theater productions in her career. As a private voice teacher, she believes that music plays a strong role in one's life from a young age, one that we incorporate into how we learn and play. Besides serving as Sirens of Gotham's Interim Director, she is also currently a front row member of the Harmony Celebration Chorus (SAI).

Stephanie received a BA in Musical Theatre and a Masters of Arts in Teaching in Music Education from Manhattanville College. Her studies in the performing arts have taken her to across the country and the world. 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.

## JOIN THE GOTHAM FAMILY!

Interested in singing with Sirens of Gotham or Voices of Gotham? 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). Visit our website for more information and email us to let us know you'd like to visit!

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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. 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](http://www.mattgallaghermd.com).

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



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 with precision and heartfelt artistry.



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 twice claimed the title of SAI Region 15 Division A Champions (first in 2015, and most recently in April 2017), taken 3rd place in the 2015 New York Harmony Sweepstakes, and in 2018, will compete on the international stage for the Sweet Adelines International Harmony Classic barbershop chorus competition in St. Louis, MI. We have appeared on multiple televised broadcasts, starred in a television show, and performed in a variety of world-renowned venues.

### **Management Team**

Samantha Bunting - Team Coordinator  
Meredith Rich - Communications Coordinator  
Gabriella Vega - Finance Coordinator  
Helen O'Rourke - Fundraising Coordinator  
Anna Chelak - Marketing Coordinator  
Shanell Lockhart - Membership Coordinator  
Charlotte Dow - Performance Coordinator

# A NIGHT IN GOTHAM CONCERT

The concert will begin at 8:00pm.

## Voices of Gotham

### Songs of Wonder

Words & Music by Stevie Wonder • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

### The Way You Make Me Feel

Words & Music by Michael Jackson • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### Lately

Words & Music by Stevie Wonder • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

### Park Slope 4 Quartet

BJ Hillinck, Alex McCoy, Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

### Run, Freedom, Run!

Words and Music by Mark Hollmann & Greg Kotis • Arrangement by Robert Rund

### Pure Imagination

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

### Back In Business

Words & Music by Stephen Sondheim • Arrangement by David Wright

### Madhattan Quartet

Max Mellman, Bern Tan, Spencer Wight, Richard Townsend

### Jingle Bells

Words & Music by James Pierpont • Arrangement by SPEBSQSA

## Sirens of Gotham

### If I Were A Bell

Words & Music by Frank Loesser • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### White Winter Hymnal

Words & Music by Robin Pecknold • Arrangement by Alan Billingsley

### Repeat Offenders Quartet

Laura Packer, Sabrina Doolittle, Kiara Contreras, Alexis DePersia-Norelli

### Hit Me With Your Best Shot

Soloists: Samantha Bunting, Charlotte Dow

Music by Eddie Shwartz • Arrangement by Deke Sharon

# A NIGHT IN GOTHAM CONCERT

## Sirens of Gotham (cont'd)

### Elemental Quartet

Kira Rutherford, Stephanie Ofshinsky, Katherine Veil, Lauren Brady

### King of Anything

Soloists: Anna Chelak, Mia Baz

Music by Sara Bareilles • Arrangement by Deke Sharon

### If I Ruled the World

Music by Cyril Ornadel, Words by Leslie Bricusse • Arrangement by Robert Rund

### Drive! Quartet

Diane Duff, Carol Beckmann, Patty Danner, Samantha Bunting

### ABBA Medley

Music by Benny Anderson and Björn Ulvaeus • Arrangement by Joseph Spiecker

## Sirens of Gotham & Voices of Gotham

### Anything You Can Do

Music by Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Josh Erlich

## Voices of Gotham

### Auld Lang Syne

Traditional • Arrangement by Don Gray

## Reception/Afterglow

Live Music • Open Bar (Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks)  
Light Refreshments • 50/50 Raffle • All ages welcome!

*Please follow the corridor to the side of the altar to make your way to the Afterglow!*

Note: All quartet members are listed in order of Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass.