

JOIN VOICES OF GOTHAM!



Are you interested in singing with Voices of Gotham? Join us at our regular weekly rehearsal, Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 10:30pm! We rehearse each week, except on major holidays and during the upcoming Barbershop Harmony Society's International Convention in the first week of July.

We rehearse at Metro Baptist Church, 410 West 40th Street (between 9th Avenue and Dyer). For more information about our next scheduled rehearsal, please visit our calendar, or email us at membership@voicesofgotham.org. We hope to see you soon!

BUY OUR DEBUT CD!



Six years in the making, Voices of Gotham's debut CD marks a milestone for this young New York City chorus.

This album celebrates the diverse repertoire and unique character of our organization, and includes several new songs arranged by our members, including several performed jointly with Sirens of Gotham!

Find this and more among the merchandise being offered in the lobby at intermission, and immediately following the concert!

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New York State of Mind



May 20th, 2017 - 7:00pm

El Teatro at El Museo del Barrio

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to Voices of Gotham's annual spring show! This year's production marks nine years of rich Gotham history and, fittingly, is being produced in the historic El Teatro at El Museo del Barrio.

The past year has seen a rebirth of sorts for the organization in terms of music, leadership, and community. Under the direction of Bill Stauffer, Voices of Gotham has performed across the state and—most recently—opened for "In Transit," Broadway's first a cappella musical. The quality of our singing continues to grow, along with a resurgence in quartetting and original arrangements within the chapter. Tonight, we share the results of our members' hard work, and are proud to debut our new contest set!

We are very excited to feature special guests **Sirens of Gotham** and **Gimme Four**, two extremely talented singing groups who we consider great friends of the chorus.

If you like what you hear tonight, we invite you to join us at the "Afterglow" (a traditional 'after-party,' but with much, much more singing) immediately following the show. This will take place just a few blocks away at El Paso restaurant (1642 Lexington Ave, at 104th St).

As you enjoy our concert, feel free to take non-flash photos and share them on social media, using the hashtag **#GothamShow** and tagging **@voicesofgotham**. Thank you for helping us share our gift of song and making this all worthwhile. The Gotham community thrives through your support and contributions and, in the end, we do this for you.

With all that said, please sit back, relax, and enjoy "New York State of Mind!"



Rafi Hasib
President
Voices of Gotham

Voices of Gotham's 2017

Board of Directors also includes:

Niamah "Nemo" Ashong - Immediate Past President
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TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

VOICES OF GOTHAM

- voicesofgotham.org -

Bill Stauffer, Director

Matt Gallagher, Assistant Director

Jude Thomas, VP Music

Palmer Aguirre	Adam Csatadi	Brian Lindvall	Sam Scarrow
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Doug Brown	Chris Granger	CJ Pacelli	Tom Tyson
Ryan Brown	Rafi Hasib	Richard Portune	Jeremy Weissmann
Ron Cinnella	BJ Hillinck	Brad Reed	Leo Wiggins
Bryce Cooney	Brad Hoff	Adam Reneer	Spencer Wight

SIRENS OF GOTHAM

- sirensfgotham.org -

Sarah Lindvall, Director

Stephanie Ofshinsky, Associate Music Director

Erika Ji, Associate Artistic Director

Kiara Contreras, Music Team Secretary

Mia Baz	Charlotte Dow	Helen O'Rourke
Helen Brew	Emily Heddleson	Stephanie Ofshinsky
Samantha Bunting	Emily Kaplan	Claire Repp
Anna Chelak	Lana Klemeyer	Meredith Rich
Kiara Contreras	Ieva Kurilova	Gabriella Vega
Elizabeth Culbertson	Sarah Lindvall	Katherine Veil
Alexis DePersia-Norelli	Shanell Lockhart	Leah Wagner-Stout
Sabrina Doolittle	Julia Moore	Steffi Weisman

GIMME FOUR

- gimmefourquartet.com -

Paul Franek, Tenor
Dave Ammirata, Lead
Joe Servidio, Baritone
Will Downey, Bass

Voices of Gotham



Voices of Gotham (voicesofgotham.org) is a not-for-profit men's chorus whose mission is to celebrate, promote, and preserve the rich American tradition of barbershop harmony.

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 distinguished itself as one of the country's leading incubators of new barbershop music, and of young artists determined to 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.

Sirens of Gotham



Based in the heart of Manhattan, **Sirens of Gotham** (sirensogotham.org) 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, 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.

Gimme Four



Gimme Four (gimmefourquartet.com) is a barbershop quartet based in Caldwell, New Jersey. Paul, Dave, Will, and Joe have been singing together since 2011, and are perennial favorites in the BHS International Quartet Contest.

They have undertaken a number of interesting projects including recording on wax cylinders at the Thomas Edison Museum, recording jingles for local commercials, and performing regularly with James Langton's New York All-Star Big Band at venues including the legendary Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center, The Intrepid, The Algonquin Arts Theater, and The Cutting Room.

All four members sing in the Dapper Dans of Harmony, based in Caldwell, as well as East Coast Sound, a 35-and-under chorus which draws membership from NJ, NY, and PA. The quartet is heavily involved in youth outreach and music education through barbershop singing, coaching middle and high school students at numerous youth festivals and schools throughout the region.



Voices of Gotham's 2017 programs are made possible, in part, with public funds from the Cultural Development Fund as administered by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.

GIVE IN THE SEVENTH!

A donation to Voices of Gotham helps make it possible for us to spread our message of harmony in one of the most expensive cities in the world. To that end, 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 - and helps us to grow the incredible art of barbershop music in the great city of New York. Thank you to our generous donors!

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

Give in the Seventh: High Third (\$204 - \$923) - Ron Cinnella, Doug Brown, Jean Garrett, Robert Hillinck, Dylan Lupo, Patrick Lupo, Tom & Nan McQueeney, Robert Weber

Give in the Seventh: Fundamental (\$84 - \$203) - Nanakwadwo Ashong, Niiamah Ashong, Howie Lien, Brian Lindvall, Jeff and Diane Lindvall, Braden Lynk, John Maderazo, Tony Milillo, Preston Neal, Chip Prince, Cheryl Ross, Bill Stauffer, Robert & MaryLou Suckling, Tom Tyson, Jeremy Weissmann, Evelyn Wurtz

Friend (\$5-\$83) - William Downey, Jon Fosdick, Diana Lee, Kofi Mills, Richard Rothbloom, Stephan Schwartz, Julian Tucker

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OUR PROGRAMS

In addition to our general operating costs, your generous support allows us to maintain various community-enrichment programs including "Harmony with Heart," "Gotham Gives," "Arrangers' Lab," and the "Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest."

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 community service arm of Voices of Gotham and Sirens of Gotham. Recent projects include cleaning up Seward Park Garden and partnering with New York Cares to renovate Adrian Hegeman Elementary School.

Arrangers' Lab - The Arrangers' Lab is Voices of Gotham's resident collective of composers who create and arrange new music in the barbershop style. In addition to providing Voices of Gotham and its affiliated quartets with custom material, the Arrangers' Lab also leads an ongoing Barbershop Arranging Workshop, in which members study existing barbershop arrangements and gain insight and feedback on their own work.

Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest - Tin Pan Alley (TPA) is VoG's annual novice quartet contest, which brings new quartets to compete in front of an audience with an officially accredited judging panel. TPA fosters chorus excellence by encouraging barbershop "quartetting," developing quality quartet singers, and educating audiences about the history of barbershop in New York City.

NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

Hosted by Jeff and Meredith Glemboski

VOICES OF GOTHAM

Back in Business - Words & Music by Stephen Sondheim • Arr. David Wright

The Way You Make Me Feel - Words & Music by Michael Jackson • Arr. Adam Bock

Eight Days A Week - Music by John Lennon & Paul McCartney • Arr. David Harrington

Quartet Performance: Madhattan

How Could I Ever Know? - Music by Lucy Simon, Words by Marsha Norman • Arr. Matt Gallagher

Cecilia - Music by Paul Simon • Arr. Adam Bock

Quartet Performance: Loudmouth

SIRENS OF GOTHAM

If I Were a Bell - Words & Music by Frank Loesser • Arr. Adam Bock

Second Fiddle - Words & Music by Perry Bradford • Arr. Matt Gallagher

Their Hearts Were Full of Spring - Music by Bobby Troup • Arr. Aaron Dale

ABBA Medley - Music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus • Arr. Joseph Spiecker

Wings - Words & Music by Christopher Dotson, Perrie Edwards, Jade Thirlwall, Jesy Nelson, Leigh Anne Pinnoch, Kyle Coleman, Thomas Barnes, Peter Kelleher, Ben Kohn, Mischke Butler, Erika Nuri, Iain James, Michelle Lewis, and Heidi Rojas • Arr. Andy Beck

- INTERMISSION (15 Minutes) -

GIMME FOUR

A selection of songs from our guest quartet, "Gimme Four!"

VOICES OF GOTHAM

Lately - Words & Music by Stevie Wonder • Arr. Matt Gallagher

Songs of Wonder - Words & Music by Stevie Wonder • Arr. Matt Gallagher

New York State of Mind - Music by Billy Joel • Arr. Josh Ehrlich

The Parting Glass - Scottish Traditional Song • Arr. Tom Anderson