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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 12, 2018: Sirens of Gotham Guest Night



September 14-16, 2018: Voices of Gotham Retreat in the Poconos

Consider joining Voices of Gotham before September and join us on a weekend retreat full of music, coaching, outdoor activities, and fun!

October 5-7, 2018: Mid-Atlantic District Convention

See Voices of Gotham and a number of their chapter quartets compete in Reading, PA!

October 16, 2018: Sweet Adelines International Harmony Classic Competition

Sirens of Gotham is making its international competition debut at the Sweet Adelines International Convention in St. Louis! This barbershop chorus competition features the highest-scoring small to midsize SAI barbershop choruses across the globe.

December 2018: Winter Show with Sirens of Gotham

More details coming soon!

voices of gotham

10th

anniversary show



FEATURING SIRENS OF GOTHAM AND 'ROUND MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY JUNE 23RD | 6 PM

NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE AUDITORIUM

2 WEST 64TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10023

VOICES OF GOTHAM THROUGH THE YEARS

<p>Chartered Date May 14, 2008</p>	<p>1st Meeting Jan. 8, 2008</p>
	<p>1st Show – Overture featuring 'Round Midnight' Nov. 14, 2008</p>
<p>Introduction of Logo "Live in the Seventh" and Wristbands July 2, 2010</p>	
<p>1st Tin Pan Alley Contest Oct. 23, 2010</p>	<p>International Appearance as MicTester July 2, 2010</p>
<p>1st District Chorus Championship Oct. 1, 2011</p>	
<p>1st International Competitor Appearance July 6, 2012</p>	<p>1st Top Ten Finish at International Competition July 5, 2013</p>
	
<p>2nd District Chorus Championship Oct. 5, 2013</p>	<p>Highest Finish at International – 6th Place July 3, 2015</p>
	
<p>Stevie Wonder Set – 3rd Top Ten Finish in a Row July 7, 2017</p>	

THANK YOU TO OUR GIVE IN THE SEVENTH DONORS!



A donation to Voices of Gotham helps make it possible for us to spread the 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. 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 (\$1,000 and above)

Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

Give in the Seventh: High Third (\$204 - \$999)

Doug Brown, Bill Ferns, BJ Hillinck, Tom & Nan McQueeney

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

Niiamah Ashong, Brian Lindvall, Dylan Lupo, John Maderazo, Jeremy & Spencer Thurber, Jeremy Weissmann

Friend (\$5-\$83)

Eric Blum, Adam Csatadi, Jonathan Fosdick, Vik Ganti, David Lloyd, Richard Townsend, Rob Weber



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHORUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends, Family, & Fans,

Welcome to our 10th Anniversary Performance! We are so excited to celebrate this milestone in our journey with you all. As someone who joined Voices of Gotham in its inaugural year in 2008, I am so honored to still be a part of this ensemble today. These past 10 years (how quickly they've gone by!) have been filled with many firsts, many wins, and many successes, but while we are so proud of the ways our hard work has paid off, it's the struggles and challenges we've faced that make this anniversary so meaningful.

Our 10th year kicked off with a Director Search and a decision to sit out of the BHS International Chorus contest this year, but true to our core, we've stood firm and instead chose to focus our energies inward. In the past six months, we've carefully monitored the chorus experience and worked tirelessly to elevate the needs of our membership and revitalize the collaborative heart of Voices of Gotham. The people in this community (one that we've built along with our dear friends Sirens of Gotham), the relationships we've developed, and the experiences we've shared are simply one of a kind. We savor the successes, but more than anything else, we cherish the friendships and memories that make this all worthwhile.

This performance and our plans in the near future are a testament to this resilient, familial energy, something that wouldn't have been possible without the incredible work of our Interim Music Team Leaders. We've been so fortunate to have BJ Hillinck and Nick Gordon step in as Interim Directors, and, with the help of our talented Music Team, keep us moving forward as musicians and as a community. We look forward to announcing our new director soon with immense confidence and gratitude because of the amazing work the Board, our Music Team, and our partner chorus have done to serve this community.

Tonight, we celebrate ten years of "Living in the Seventh" for two major reasons. First, we honor and appreciate the incredible leaders and members who have helped make Voices of Gotham what it has been and what it will be; we're so lucky to have such active and generous alumni, some of whom are here tonight! Second, we extend our love and thanks to you, our amazing friends, family, and fans. We would not be here without you and your unwavering support, so thank you for joining us once again for a celebration of harmony.

Here's to a fond look back on the past ten years and an eager step forward to another ten — let's see "just how far we'll go!"

Live in the Seventh,



Braden Lynk
2018 President, Voices of Gotham

THE PERFORMERS

Voices of Gotham

BJ Hillinck, Interim Director
Larry Bomback, Guest Director
Bill Stauffer, Guest Director

Tenor

Michael Berkson
Jon Fosdick
BJ Hillinck
Nick Taber

Lead

Doug Brown
Adam Csatadi
Chris Granger
Tyler Indyck
David Lloyd
Alex McCoy
Travis Morse
Adam Reneer
Alexander Ronneburg
Josh Springer
Bern Tan
Robbie Weber

Baritone

Phil Cheasebro
Rafi Hasib
Emmett Ingram
Marcus Luxemburg
John Maderazo
Nicolson Pierre
Spencer Wight

Bass

Kyle Althof
Harry Bickford
Eric Blum
Ryan Brown
Josh Ehrlich
Bill Ferns
Aaron Greller
Guy Kern-Martin
Dylan Lupo
Braden Lynk
Richard Portune
Steve Severinghaus
Jude Thomas
Richard Townsend
Leo Wiggins

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOICES OF GOTHAM ALUMNI WHO JOINED US TODAY!

'Round Midnight

Larry Bomback, Tenor | Wayne Grimmer, Lead | T.J. Carollo, Baritone | Jeff Glemboski, Bass

Sirens of Gotham

Stephanie Ofshinsky, Interim Director
Kari Francis, Interim Assistant Director
Anna Chelak, Interim Visual Coordinator
Kiara Contreras, Interim Music Team Secretary

Tenor

Elizabeth Culbertson
Helen O'Rourke *
Julia Graham

Lead

Anna Chelak
Danielle Davidson
Margot Gerould
Emily Kaplan
Lana Klemeyer*
Alex Leahu
Emilia Mahaffey
Vicki Tisch
Gabriella Vega

Baritone

Helen Brew
Kiara Contreras
Charlotte Dow
Laura Packer
Meredith Rich
Katherine Veil*
Shanell Lockhart

Bass

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

* Section Manager

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. 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

Braden Lynk - President
Dylan Lupo - Secretary
DeVon Lineman - Treasurer
Jude Thomas - Vice President, Music
Spencer Wight - Vice President, Membership
Robbie Weber - Vice President, Marketing
Rafi Hasib - Immediate Past President
Kyle Althof - Member-at-Large

ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

STEPHANIE OFSHINSKY - Interim Director, Sirens of Gotham



Stephanie currently works in the Cresskill, NJ 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. In addition to Sirens of Gotham, she performs with the Harmony Celebration Chorus (SAI) as a Front Row Captain. Stephanie received a BA in Musical Theatre and a Masters of Arts in Teaching in Music Education from Manhattanville College, where her studies took her across the country and the world.

JOIN THE GOTHAM FAMILY!

Interested in singing with Sirens of Gotham or Voices of Gotham? Voices and Sirens rehearse every Thursday night at 7:00pm in Metro Baptist Church located at 410 West 40th Street (between 9th and 10th Aves). Visit our website for more information about upcoming Guest Nights and email us to let us know you'd like to visit!

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ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

LARRY BOMBACK – Founder, Director, Voices of Gotham 2008–2014



Larry helped to found Voices of Gotham in 2008 and served as Director until 2014. Under his leadership, the original group of 12 flourished into a 50-person, top 10 internationally-ranked chorus known for refreshingly unique and visionary performance sets. Among his achievements was spearheading the 75th Anniversary Barbershop Harmony Society (2013) webcast featuring the 2012 BHS Quartet Champion Ringmasters (as well as Voices and Sirens of Gotham) that reached more than 100,000 viewers across the world. In his professional life, Larry is Senior VP of Administration at the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Prior to this appointment, he was Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer at DataArts. His other past roles include Director of Finance and Operations at OPERA America and Operations Manager at the New York Youth Symphony. He now lives in Philadelphia with his wife Coren and his two young children Bailey and Salem.

BILL STAUFFER – Director, Voices of Gotham 2015–2017



Bill was appointed as Director of Voices of Gotham in 2015. His musical and artistic expertise helped propel Voices of Gotham on its upward trajectory to new heights and achievements, including the chorus's highest score and international placement to date (6th place in 2015) and top-10 finishes all 3 years, in addition to multiple successful productions and performances in the NYC area. He has directed multiple choruses, including the Dapper Dans of Harmony, the Jerseyaires, the Gold Standard Chorus, and Capitaland Chorus (SAI), and has served as a coach for quartets and choruses across the country. Bill received his music education training from Westminster Choir College and is the Director of Contemporary Worship at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Liberty Corner, New Jersey. He is the proud father of twins and lives in New Jersey with his wife Terri.

BJ Hillinck – Interim Director, Voices of Gotham 2018



BJ currently serves as Interim Director of Voices of Gotham. He has since led the chorus to the M-AD Northern Division Chorus Championship in partnership with Nick Gordon. He is a lifelong musician whose background as a classical instrumentalist and chamber musician greatly influences his approach to singing and vocal directing. BJ was a founding member of Rittenhouse Sound in Philadelphia and is also music director of the Heart of Long Island Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

'ROUND MIDNIGHT



'Round Midnight has been thrilling audiences for over a decade with their one-of-a-kind style. They sing primarily barbershop harmony and demonstrate how it can be applied to different musical genres like R&B, pop, jazz, and rock. The quartet recently achieved Top 10 Finalist status in the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) International Barbershop Quartet Contest, and they are past BHS Mid-Atlantic District Quartet Champions. The group has received praise for their recording efforts, too, garnering multiple Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award (CARA) nominations in the categories of "Best

Barbershop Album" for their second album, "New York State Of Mind", and "Best Barbershop Song" for their renditions of "Nothing Can Change This Love" and "Try A Little Tenderness". Their third and latest album, "Live Out Loud", was released in 2017.

Dubbed "The Barbershop Gateway Drug" by Contemporary A Cappella guru Deke Sharon (Music Director, Pitch Perfect 1, 2, & 3), 'Round Midnight was voted "Favorite Barbershop Quartet" by the membership of CASA – the Contemporary A Cappella Society, and they were selected by Mr. Sharon to perform as an opening act on the popular Vocalosity tour. The foursome won the New York City Harmony Sweepstakes Championship and was given the coveted "Audience Favorite" award by overwhelming crowd vote. In addition, 'Round Midnight was appointed an official "Arts Envoy" group by the U.S. State Department and they have conducted master classes on barbershop harmony for students of all ages from kindergarten through university (and beyond) in North America and Europe.

SIRENS OF GOTHAM



Performing a variety of genres from barbershop, to contemporary pop, to classical, to vocal jazz, Sirens of Gotham takes pride in performing all kinds of a cappella music with precision and heartfelt artistry. The ensemble has accomplished much since its establishment in November 2011, but has grown exponentially since February 2013, when Sirens of Gotham became a

chartered chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI). Since then, the Sirens have claimed the title of SAI Region 15 Division A Champions three times (first in 2015, again in April 2017, and most recently in May 2018), taken 3rd place in the 2015 New York Harmony Sweepstakes, and this October will compete on the international stage in the Sweet Adelines International Harmony Classic barbershop chorus competition in St. Louis, MO.

VOICES OF GOTHAM 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

The concert will begin at 6pm.

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

VoG Chapter Quartet: All of the Above

Nick Taber, Eric Blum, Michael Berkson, Harry Bickford

VoG Chapter Quartet: Age of Flight

Jeremy Weissmann, Robbie Weber, Jude Thomas, Ryan Brown

VoG Chapter Quartet: Madhattan

Max Mellman, Bern Tan, Spencer Wight, Richard Townsend

New York State of Mind

Words and Music by Billy Joel • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

VoG Chapter Quartet: Sriracha

Lance Fisher, Neil "Pookie" Dingle Jr, Frank Resek, Dylan Lupu

VoG Chapter Quartet: Park Slope Four

BJ Hillinck, Alex McCoy, Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

Sirens of Gotham

If I Were A Bell

Words & Music by Frank Loesser • Arrangement by Adam Bock

If I Ruled the World

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

Almost There

Words & Music by Randy Newman • Arrangement by Kevin Keller

Everybody Says Don't

Words & Music by Stephen Sondheim • Arrangement by Adam Bock

VoG Chapter Quartet: Spicy Special

Elizabeth Culbertson, Anna Chelak, BJ Hillinck, Braden Lynk

Sirens of Gotham & Voices of Gotham

Anything You Can Do

Words & Music by Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Josh Erlich

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

'Round Midnight

Larry Bomback, Wayne Grimmer, T.J. Carollo, Jeff Glemboski

Voices of Gotham

My Romance (featuring Voices of Gotham alumni from 2008-2011)

Words & Music by Rodgers & Hart • Arrangement by Harry Duvall, for the Four Lads

New York Medley

Compiled by Josh Ehrlich, Adam Bock, and Matt Gallagher

L-O-V-E and Marriage Medley

Love and Marriage • Words by Sammy Cahn, Music by Jimmy Van Heusen

L-O-V-E • Words by Milt Gabler, Music by Bert Kaempfert

Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

How Could I Ever Know?

Words by Marsha Norman, Music by Lucy Simon • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

How Far I'll Go

Words & Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

Please join in singing

"Keep the Whole World Singing" at the show's conclusion!

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

- 8:30PM: RECEPTION/"AFTERGLOW" -

McGee's Pub

240 West 55th Street, between Broadway & 8th Avenue

Following the performance, please join us for more singing & celebration!

We have reserved 2 floors, one for eating and mingling, the other for tag singing.

All ages welcome; food & drink available for purchase.