



**CRESCENDO is the BGMC's largest and most important fundraising event of the year. It is a celebration of and for the Chorus, raising funds needed to support the Chorus' mission and outreach. On this evening, friends of the Chorus gather together to honor the past, celebrate the present and invest in the future.**

The BGMC plays a crucial role in fostering social change. Since our humble beginning in 1982 we've performed for more than 190,000 people; our history of outreach is unparalleled, having presented concerts in more than 65 towns across Massachusetts and New England. We have collaborated to raise more than \$310,000 to support AIDS services, civil rights, and GLBT youth. We have also stood up to right-wing protests from Vermont to Poland and replaced the hate with glorious harmony and a positive, affirming image of the gay community.

In addition to our subscription concerts, which reach more than 9,000 patrons annually, the Chorus performs more than a dozen outreach events each year. For the BGMC, every outreach event is an opportunity to build bridges of understanding among all people.

**The Boston Gay Men's Chorus uses the power of music to create a more tolerant society.**

Here are some of the BGMC's current outreach priorities:

**supporting gay and lesbian youth**

- created an ongoing project to perform concerts at local high schools
- performances for Belmont, Concord-Carlisle & Lincoln-Sudbury, Worcester, Barnstable High Schools, and many others
- first gay chorus in the world to sing a concert with a high school chorus
- free and discounted concert tickets to GLBT students

**outreach to religious communities & congregations**

- concerts for more than 25 churches and synagogues MA
- providing an affirming image of gay and lesbian people
- challenging homophobia and religious intolerance

**supporting people living with HIV / AIDS**

- donated more than 3,000 tickets to clients of AIDS Action Committee & Boston Living Center
- raised an estimated \$250,000 for AIDS organizations around New England over the past 25 years

**promoting marriage equality**

- BGMC CD delivered to all members of MA House and Senate
- performed at numerous marriage equality rallies and celebrations
- sang for more than a dozen same sex weddings



*Chorus members proudly represent the Commonwealth in Berlin at the city's gay pride parade on the first leg of the BGMC's first European tour. June 2005*



## BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS' AUCTION CONTRACT

Crescendo is the BGMC's annual fundraising gala and most important night of the year, taking place on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the House of Blues. Over 400 guests will be on hand that evening to celebrate our past 30 years and support our future work by purchasing tickets and participating in our signature live and silent auction- and we seek your help to make this event successful by donating a unique item or service for our auction!

### HOW IT WORKS

- Determine Donation...** Unique, special and one-of-a-kind items and services make for great donations. If you have questions about what to donate, you can contact the BGMC office for ideas (contact information below).
- Complete Form...** Every donation must have corresponding contract, which allows the BGMC to properly identify donors, verify donations and attribute recognition in all event-related materials.
- Marketing Materials...** If you have marketing materials relevant to your business and/or the donation, please include them when sending the donation and contract. We are happy to try and incorporate them into the auction display.
- Sending Donation...** Donations with completed contracts can be sent via regular mail to the address below. If you are using a shipping service, please use same address. It is not a problem to complete and return the contract ahead of sending in the actual donation, but please do not send in a donation without a contract because we wouldn't be able to properly thank you!

<b>address</b>	Boston Gay Men's Chorus Attn: CRESCENDO 95 Berkeley Street, Suite 410 Boston, MA 02116	<b>contact</b>	Jared West, General Manager
		<b>phone</b>	617.542.7464
		<b>fax</b>	617.542.7466
		<b>email</b>	auction2012@bgmc.org

- Donation Deadline...** To ensure your donation benefits this event, please have all items and corresponding paperwork submitted to the BGMC by April 30, 2012.
- Tax Deduction...** Donations are tax deductible for the fair market value of the item or service. Bay State Performing Arts, Inc. is a 501C(3) not-for-profit organization doing business as the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. The BGMC's Federal Tax ID Number is 52-1255775.

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