

Lambda Chorale to Deliver Holiday ‘Fruit and Nuts’

The South Florida Lambda Chorale’s Wednesday, December 10, concert at Fort Lauderdale’s Sunshine Cathedral (MCC) promises to be a beautiful, nostalgic and fun-filled mixture of holiday music—hence its name, “Fruit and Nuts.”

“Our original plan for the event was for the music to take our audience back to their childhood, to view the holiday season through the eyes of a child,” noted Gary Keating, the chorale’s artistic director.

“With that in mind, we decided on such well-known favorites as ‘Do You Hear What I Hear?’ ‘It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas,’ and ‘I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus.’

“Then, our more adult, romantic side took over, and we added such songs as ‘A Season for Lovers,’ ‘Ding Dong Merrily on High,’ and ‘Baby, It’s Cold Outside.’”

Among the many other songs the chorale will perform, Keating noted, one of the most beautiful is “Over the Skies of Yisrael,” a Hanukkah piece commissioned and originally performed by the Seattle Men’s Chorus.

The audience will also have the opportunity to take an active role in the performance during a sing-along portion of the program.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, at the Sunshine Cathedral(MCC), 1480 SW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

Tickets—at just \$15 each—for “Fruit and Nuts” are available in advance through chorale members, by calling 1-888-WE-SING-4-U (1-888-937-4644), or online at www.lambdachorale.com. They will also be available at the door on the day of the performance.

Lambda Chorale—a diverse group of men and women, gay and straight—focuses on building bridges of understanding through the performance of beautiful music. The group, which is looking for new members, practices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Cathedral. Qualifications for singers are simply a love of choral music and the ability to carry a tune. (Ability to read music is helpful but not a necessity.)

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