Getting the Most From Your GALA Choruses Membership

Your GALA membership dues grant your chorus access to many beneficial opportunities, services, and resources. Please review this guide to make sure that your chorus is getting the most from your investment in GALA Choruses.

Stay Current on Events & Programs

Make sure that you are getting information about upcoming events, programs, and important news! We send a monthly newsletter, and other emails as warranted, to our mailing list—sign up to receive these through the form in our website footer (galachoruses.org). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn (@galachoruses) for additional updates and community content. Finally, keep your chorus's Integra profile up-to-date with your main contact email, current leadership roles, and assigned administrators to ensure you receive any direct member and leader-specific communications.

Get Support from the Member Advisor Program

The Member Advisor Program provides free access to expert consultants in board development; artistic development; equity, access, and belonging; and more. The advisors' time is covered by GALA, but if travel is necessary for consultation then the chorus is

asked to cover travel and lodging expenses. You can request guidance for both proactive planning and specific issue response. Learn more and submit our request form here.

Celebrate & Embrace Our Community at Festival

Our quadrennial Festival is the largest LGBTQIA+ choral event in the world. With five days full of concerts, workshops, social events, joy and pride as you join nearly 8,000 peers in song, it's an unforgettable experience that will leave you with a full heart as you're reminded that every rehearsal is part of a movement much larger than any one chorus. Start planning and fundraising for your chorus's attendance as early as possible to get your singers onstage at Festival 2028 in Minneapolis on July 12–16. Learn more about Festival here.

Grow & Connect at the Leadership Symposium

Our annual leadership conference (not held during Festival years) offers a unique opportunity for education, networking, inspiration, and just plain fun! The workshops cover topics of interest to artistic directors, chorus managers and board members, and other choral leadership roles. The schedule also includes roundtable discussions, 1:1 MAP and GALA staff consultations, and social gatherings. Learn more about the event here.

Build Chorus Equity, Access & Belonging

Our member choruses offer more than just a place to sing: they are also communities of belonging. Our New Harmony resources explore these conversations to inspire and launch your chorus on a journey toward equity, access and belonging. In addition, the New Harmony Task Force hosts educational opportunities like workshops at our events and webinars. Learn more about these resources here.

Learn & Share Knowledge with Our Journal

In 2025, we launched The Journal of Queer Choral Studies (JOQCS): the official academic and open-access publication of GALA Choruses. Each issue collects original research and practitioner articles—plus narrative-focused "spotlight" articles—that directly reflect and expand on the work and experiences of singers and leaders in the LGBTQIA+ choral movement. Browse the journal for insights to apply to your chorus, and consider submitting your own work for upcoming issues.

Listen to Our Voices & History on Our Podcast

Since October 2025, we've hosted Queer Voices: The Official Podcast of GALA Choruses and, through our biweekly episodes, gathered diverse perspectives and created an oral history of the LGBTQIA+ choral movement. Our interviews with directors, singers, composers, and more from both inside GALA Choruses and across our peer organizations in the Americas and beyond feature inspiring stories and powerful advice for all who are invested in our community. Listen online or wherever you get your podcasts.

Search Our Online Resource Library

Our website's resource library features a collection of background materials, example documents, expert guidance, and blog posts provided by various community members over the years. Topics range from programming to fundraising, board development to rehearsal tools, and much more, helping artistic directors, chorus managers, board members, singers, and volunteers. If you don't find what you're looking for, please reach out to us and ask—we're happy to locate relevant resources, even those hosted outside of the library!

Browse Our Music Database & Commissions

Our website hosts a crowd-sourced catalog of LGBTQIA+ repertoire that fits with many of our members' programming needs. We have also funded many original commissions during our organization's long history, including the Dr. Catherine Roma Women Composers Commissioning Project. Look through what we have and suggest additional works to build out our database!

Post Jobs and Events

If you are recruiting new staff members for your chorus, you can submit your job posting to GALA Choruses for inclusion on our website's job board. You can also submit your concert information for inclusion on our list of upcoming network events. To post, email communications@galachoruses.org with the relevant information.

Join the GALA Discussion Groups

The GALA discussion groups allow you to obtain instant feedback on a particular topic or problem from your chorus colleagues. Browse active groups and request to join here.