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# A BOLD NEW SEASON AWAITS

Following an incredible year of firsts and unprecedented outreach, we are thrilled to invite you back for Season 41. Building on that momentum, the Chorus is ready to launch the next 40 years! Our official 40th birthday celebration features the dedication of our own monument at the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park. Our outreach program, RHYTHM, for youth in Bay Area schools, has been a huge success and is growing by leaps and bounds. And requests for the chorus and its ensembles to perform throughout the region have never been greater with more than 50 performances last year.

Our mission is to lead by creating extraordinary music and experiences that build community, inspire activism, and foster compassion at home and around the world. We can only do that with you as a part of our SFGMC family.

Join as a subscriber to Season 41 or become a member of the Believer's Circle as a donor and receive season tickets.

Dr. Timothy Seelig

Artistic Director

Christopher Verdugo Executive Director

# TRIBUTE OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY

We're celebrating our 40th birthday with two events you won't want to miss.

Join us as we pay tribute to the memory of those Chorus members

we have lost in the past four decades.

#### Friday, October 26, 2018 St. Ignatius Catholic Church



Ellie Dehn

The Chorus will perform the reflective "When We No Longer Touch." Composed in 1991. This work is the first requiem dedicated to those lost to AIDS. Featuring the Chorus, orchestra and acclaimed soprano Ellie Dehn (Teatro alla Scala, San Francisco Opera, Metropolitan Opera), this momentous occasion marks the first time SFGMC performs at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

# National AIDS Memorial Grove Monument Groundbreaking Saturday, October 27, 2018 | 11 am | Golden Gate Park

The Chorus breaks ground for a permanent memorial to the almost 300 singers it has lost to the AIDS pandemic. The stunning installation will center around an eight-foot-tall Emperor Chime. All are invited to the ceremony in San Francisco's beloved Golden Gate Park. The dedication of the completed installation will take place on December 1, World AIDS Day.



### **BRASSY AND SASSY**

#### December 7-8, 2018 Nourse Theater

Few performing groups present the full spectrum of holiday revelry better than the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. We welcome guest star coloratura soprano Marnie Breckenridge (San Francisco Opera, English National Opera, Los Angeles Opera), who'll bring her own sass and class to our stage. In collaboration with a brilliant brass quintet, we'll dash from glorious classical fare to swing to big band so Chorus members can put on their dancing shoes. Plus, we add a few new twists on



Marnie Breckenridge

holiday classics. Sing along with your favorites and delight in the breathtaking sound of men's voices performing everything from "Silver Bells" to "Santa Baby," and our audience favorite rendition of "Silent Night."

Together, we'll bring the holiday spirit to life!

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## THE BRITS ARE COMING!

March 21, 2019
Davies Symphony Hall

The United Kingdom rocks the world with its incredible variety of musical genres, artists and bands. It's creativity is celebrated all over the world from The Beatles to Adele, Sam Smith to Sir Elton John, we've got the Brits covered. This melting pot of international influences provides a colorful songbook that will take you on a global musical journey. Plus, we'll visit the world of heartfelt folk

songs such "Danny Boy" and "Jerusalem." We salute our British friends for all the wonderful music and artists they have shared with us. A pre-concert subscriber reception is included.

A magical ride on the crumpet and cucumber sandwich tour!



June 21-22, 2019 Nourse Theater

The San Francisco Compton Cafeteria and 1969
Stonewall Inn riots in New York City marked the
beginning of a movement. Our shared history has been
changed by a group that has stood tall in the face
of enormous odds and adversity: Drag Queens!
We'll honor San Francisco's own Imperial Court and
Grand Ducal Council. Guest star Tony award-winner
Billy Porter (Pose, Kinky Boots, Smokey Joe's Cafe)
brings his powerhouse vocals to perform selections from
Kinky Boots and more. We'll celebrate San Francisco's



Special Guest Star"
Billy Porter

biggest androgynous star: Sylvester. The grand finale is a rousing premiere

work commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

You will leave feeling mighty real!

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## SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

4 Great Performances for 2018 - 2019

Your Season 41 Subscription Includes These Benefits:

- Guaranteed discounted, locked-in pricing
- Best seats in the house (by section)
- 10% off additional ticket purchases
- Exclusive subscriber receptions

- Flexible ticket exchanges
- Lost ticket replacement
- Special event invitations
- SFGMC Take Note newsletter

#### **Season 41 Concerts**

#### TRIBUTE - OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY

Friday, October 26, 2018 - 8 pm St. Ignatius Church

#### **BRASSY AND SASSY**

Friday, December 7, 2018 - 8 pm Saturday, December 8, 2018 - 2:30 pm Saturday, December 8, 2018 - 8 pm

**Nourse Theater** 

#### THE BRITS ARE COMING!

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 8 pm Davies Symphony Hall

#### **QUEENS**

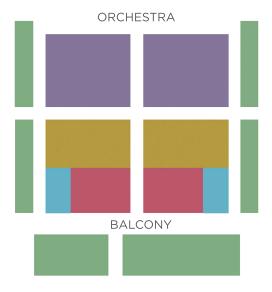
Friday, June 21, 2019 - 8 pm Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 2:30 pm Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 8 pm Nourse Theater

#### SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE SEATING

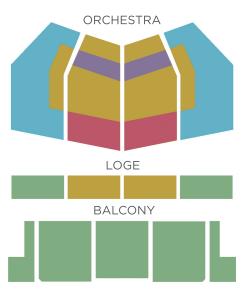
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PLATINUM	\$315
GOLD	\$250
SILVER	\$200
BRONZE	\$165

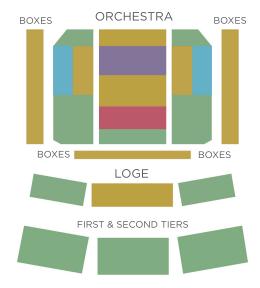
#### ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH



#### **NOURSE THEATER**



#### **DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**













# JOIN THE BELIEVERS CIRCLE

Help SFGMC reach new audiences through concerts, community outreach programs, and special events by becoming a Believers Circle supporter.

Season 41 will be another banner year for the Chorus. Your support and dedication to our mission and values make a difference. Enjoy season tickets to our concerts, all subscriber benefits and access to our annual gala, Crescendo. Join today!

#### CO-PRESENTER \$15,000

Benefits include being named as co-presenter for one of our season concerts in all communications, programs and from the stage, four VIP tickets for Crescendo Gala, plus all DIAMOND level benefits.

BELIEVERS CIRCLE LEVEL	\$10,000	RUBY \$7,500	EMERALD \$5,000	\$2,500	PEARL \$1,200
Subscriber Tickets	4 Platinum	2 Platinum	2 Gold	2 Silver	2 Bronze
Crescendo Gala	2 VIP Tickets	2 VIP Tickets	2 GA Tickets	50% Off Tickets	25% Off Tickets
Guest Artist Meet & Greets	Concerts + Crescendo	Concerts + Crescendo	Concerts	Concerts	N/A
Program & Website Recognition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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