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## Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Names Crystal Anderson New Executive Director

— *Brings Passion for Service, Extensive Non-Profit Management Experience to the AGMC*

**November 8, 2011** — The [Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus](http://www.agmchorus.org), a premier non-profit area performing-arts organization for over 30 years, proudly announces the selection of **Crystal Anderson** as the chorus' new executive director, effective Oct. 31.



Anderson has 15 years of professional experience in the fields of operations management and nursing. Most recently, for over three years she was senior vice president of programs for [StandUp for Kids](http://www.standupforkids.org), a nationally recognized non-profit organization that helps rescue homeless and at-risk youth.

"Through her work with homeless youth, as well as her extensive history of volunteering with hospice patients and LGBTQ organizations, Crystal has developed a deep passion for non-profit work and an intense desire to make a positive impact on her community through program development, social awareness and advocacy," said *Ann Pinyan*, AGMC board chairman.

"Crystal's strengths lie in her unwavering commitment to the organizational mission, her ability to lead others toward a shared goal, and in creating and implementing an effective administrative infrastructure.

"We're confident she will bring the same level of excellence to the chorus' business operations that *Kevin Robison* brings to its artistic product," Pinyan continued. "We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have her join our team."

[Robison](http://www.agmchorus.org), the AGMC's highly respected artistic director, is now in his fifth season with the chorus. "The AGMC is well-known for the quality of performances by our talented and dedicated volunteer singers, and I am proud to continue to play a role in its growth. But like virtually all non-profits — especially performing-arts organizations — we are constantly challenged to manage and financially support the administrative functions so vital to the chorus' ongoing development. I look forward to working closely with Crystal to continue to expand the chorus' ability to serve our community."

### **'A Natural Fit'**

Anderson said her reasons for joining the AGMC are simple. "This position fills a need within me to give back to our wonderfully diverse community while using my experience, talent and passion for achieving excellence to help the chorus grow and achieve a higher level of success than ever before. My heart has always been with helping others — whether it be the homeless, the ill or those fighting against a system that refuses to grant them equal rights based on race, religion or sexual orientation — so it was a natural fit for me."

She noted that although her main objective initially is to help the chorus build a stronger infrastructure, "I also hope to help the AGMC be an even more visible leader in the LGBTQ community as we let our voices break down the walls of hatred and fear and continue to build a stronger, more unified Atlanta area."

Anderson is a graduate of Greenville Technical College and Mercer University's Stetson School of Business and Economics. She and her husband have three children.

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### ***AGMC's Next Event: 'Bells in Boyland' Holiday Concert***

The 100-voice Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus will next appear in its popular annual holiday concert, to be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at the event's traditional location — [The Cathedral of St. Philip](#) on Peachtree Street in Atlanta's Buckhead community. Guests include [The Atlanta Concert Ringers](#) and baritone soloist [W. Dwight Coleman](#), director of the School of Music at Georgia State University and an internationally recognized vocalist.

Shows are at 8 p.m. both evenings and at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Tickets range from \$15 to \$40 and are now available through the chorus' web site, [www.agmchorus.org](http://www.agmchorus.org).

### ***About the AGMC***

Established in 1981 and today one of the world's longest-running all-male choruses, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus entertains, educates and connects audiences through music that is distinguished for its creativity, diversity and artistic excellence. The chorus is a member of [GALA](#), the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, and [Chorus America](#), a 1,600-member non-profit organization that foster the chorus music experience in the U.S.

The AGMC is supported in part by the [Georgia Council for the Arts](#) (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The GCA also receives support from its partner agency, the [National Endowment for the Arts](#). The chorus also is supported by the [Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund](#) and [The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta](#), and by PwC (PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP), St. Mark United Methodist Church, Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, The Zweifel Law Firm, and Peachtree Battle Chiropractic. A complete listing of financial supporters — and how you can support the mission of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus — can be found on [agmchorus.org](http://agmchorus.org).



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