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## AGMC Celebrates 30 Years of Broadway July 8-9 at the Rialto

— Macy's presents sparkling Broadway salute, capping off chorus' own 30<sup>th</sup> year; special discounted ticket prices, wine auction featured

June 15, 2011 — Thirty years of Broadway's best, celebrated by the 100-voice [Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus](#) and a special guest star. How much more really needs to be said?

The men of the AGMC will return to the stage of the [Rialto Center for the Arts](#) at Georgia State University Friday and Saturday, July 8-9 for three performances sponsored by [Macy's](#) that pay tribute to some of Broadway's finest songs. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday, and both 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, with a special wine auction added to the Saturday-evening performance. And in response to the ongoing recession facing many persons, the AGMC has lowered its ticket prices to enable everyone to attend.

"This production caps off the 30<sup>th</sup> season of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, one of the longest-running and most respected gay choruses in the world," noted AGMC Artistic Director [Kevin Robison](#). "Since our summer show typically features favorite songs from Broadway, movies and pop culture, we thought a salute to Broadway's best was an appropriate way to complete the season that marks our own three decades of entertainment excellence."

### **Sondheim to Wicked, Hairspray and More**

The show features an eclectic mixture of high-energy and emotion-filled Broadway songs, from such diverse shows as *Wicked*, *Hairspray*, *Chicago*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Ragtime*, *Passion*, *The Producers* and more.

The show begins with an amusing behind-the-scenes sequence that is one of the most exciting preludes to an AGMC performance yet. The show appears to be conceived right before the audience's eyes and actually opens with "Thirty Years of Broadway," featuring music and lyrics by Robison, a respected ASCAP composer.

"It's been great fun to work with the chorus' Music Advisory Committee to build that opening number," the director said, smiling. "It's definitely tongue-in-cheek, yet all too true about some of the challenges of putting on a production. Anyone who's ever been in a show — from high school to community or professional theatre — will appreciate many of the lines. We think it's a hoot, and sets the tone for a truly enjoyable performance."

### **Special Guest Shawn Megorden**



The AGMC is pleased to feature special guest [Shawn Megorden](#) in its salute to Broadway. One of Atlanta's premier vocalists, Megorden has performed across the U.S. with many big bands and combos, as well as starring roles in such timeless musicals as *Anything Goes*, *Smokey Joe's Café* and, this spring, the Atlanta Lyric Theatre's *Leader of the Pack*. With her powerful and soulful voice and spirited

*The AGMC presents*  
**30 Years of Broadway**  
*Sponsored by Macy's*

**Fri. & Sat., July 8-9**

8 p.m. — Both Friday & Saturday

2 p.m. — Saturday only

Special wine auction Saturday night

The Rialto at Georgia State Univ.

80 Forsyth St. NW, Atlanta

#### **Tickets**

**Special "recession-friendly" discounted prices for all 3 shows!**

\$15, \$25 or \$35 depending on seating selection and performance. Matinee prices lower than evening shows. Group discounts available.

#### **To Order**

Rialto box office:

Phone: (404) 413-9849

Web: <https://tickets.rialtocenter.org>

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dancing, this captivating performer will be an exceptional complement to the men of the AGMC in this Broadway tribute. Megorden's jazz and blues song stylings can be heard on her 2007 solo album, [Cover Girl](#).

### ***Saturday Auction of Great Wine 'Finds'***

Love a unique bottle of wine? Then make sure you attend the Saturday evening, July 9 show. A special wine auction will be featured, including bottles of great "wine finds" discovered by chorus members and friends in their travels, relationships and other experiences. Each bottle will come with the donor's personal story of where it was found, and its importance to his or her life.

Funds raised will support the chorus as it prepares to travel to the 2012 [GALA Choruses](#) Festival next summer in Denver. Held every four years, the week-long event brings together hundreds of gay, lesbian, transgendered, mixed and youth choruses from around the world for performances, workshops and other enriching education and sharing experiences. The AGMC gave what was considered one of the standout performances of the 2008 festival in Miami, with three standing ovations during its 25-minute set.

### ***Tickets Available at the Rialto, Online or By Phone***

Tickets for *30 Years of Broadway* range from \$15 to \$35, depending on seating selection and performance (including lower prices for the Saturday matinee). The Rialto box office is located in the lobby of the Rialto Center for the Arts at 80 Forsyth St. NW not far from the Five Points MARTA station. Ticket office hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Order tickets in person at the box office, by phone at (404) 413-9TIX (9849) or online at <https://tickets.rialtocenter.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.

### ***Sponsors***

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