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## **Acclaimed Chorus Brings Music Message of Diversity, Challenge and Joy To Savannah**

### ***Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Spring Concert Expands to State Tour With Special Performance In Savannah***

**February 5, 2010** — Broadway to jazz, powerful spirituals to beautiful classical favorites... The **Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus** and Macy's presents "**The Road Leads Back: Georgia on Our Minds.**" Coming to **Asbury Memorial United Methodist** for one special performance on **Saturday, March 20**, at 4:00 p.m., the showcase of diverse and entertaining musical styles is being presented as a statewide tour of over 100-voices of the highly acclaimed chorus.

"Our mission is to entertain, educate, and connect audiences and members through music that is distinguished for its creativity, diversity and artistic excellence, said Executive Director, Keith Fenton. "We have a responsibility to bring our positive message of diversity and inclusiveness not just to the people within the metro area, but to those from smaller communities who may be searching for affirmation. Not every area can sustain a large, professional community group such as the 100-member AGMC, and we're proud to 'take our show on the road' to Savannah this spring."

"It's a very exciting time in the life of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus," Fenton added. "While the economy has certainly affected many nonprofit arts organizations, thanks to our season subscribers, generous donors and our impeccable singing membership- we are vibrant, alive and moving forward in the pursuit of our mission. I am so proud to be working with these exceptional men, and can't wait to take this moving and entertaining production on the road in March."

While the music is diverse, there's a common theme running through the concert, said Kevin Robison, now in his third year as the chorus' full-time artistic director. "Everyone is on an incredible and intriguing journey through life. Some of that journey of discovery is joyous, some of it spiritual, and some carries great sorrow," the artistic director noted. "But through the beauty of music, we can acknowledge and celebrate the knowledge we gain about ourselves – and each other – through that journey."

The first part of the concert program, "Journeys," includes highlights from the chorus' first two seasons under Robison's direction. Wagner's "Pilgrims Chorus," and selections from "Sinfonia Sacra" by Daniel Pinkham are rounded out with classics like "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," Billy Strayhorn's "Take the A-Train," and the timeless "Georgia On My Mind."

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Part two of the concert will feature highlights from the AGMC's critically acclaimed original production of "**Shaken, Not Heard**" from last season. "The interest generated by this unique and powerful work far exceeded our expectations," Robison admitted. Since it's about each person's personal journey, a shortened version of this work fits perfectly within the theme of our concert."

### **ABOUT THE ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

One of the world's longest-running all-male choruses, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus has a well-earned reputation for musical leadership and excellence. Since its founding in 1981, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus has been a voice for diversity and inclusiveness, presenting high-quality musical entertainment evidenced by the presentation of empowering performances throughout the Southeast.



Through the years, the AGMC's volunteer members have been privileged to share the stage with such notables as Leslie Jordan, former poet laureate Maya Angelou, The Atlanta Opera, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta Ballet, Turtle Creek Chorale, the International Gay Men's Chorus of Paris, and many more. The AGMC and its select ensemble, Panache, have been proud to perform at benefits for victims of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, for charitable organizations such as the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Food Bank, and AIDS Athens, and for community service events such as First Night Atlanta, AIDS Walk Atlanta, the Human Rights Campaign Annual Dinner, and Toys for Tots.

The Chorus has frequently appeared at premier performing arts venues such as the Fox Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Hall, the Cathedral of St. Philip, the Robert Ferst Center for the Performing Arts, the Atlanta Civic Center, Emory University, Agnes Scott College, the Alliance Theatre and the world-class Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre.

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### **PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**Date:** Saturday, March 20, @ 4:00 PM

**Venue:** Asbury Memorial United Methodist

**Ticket Price:** \$20

**To purchase tickets or for more information call  
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