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## **VISION**

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## **WELCOME TO QUEEN**



In the 1970s the world was set upon by a cyclone of musical energy and innovation that strutted, crooned, wailed,

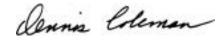
and blasted its way across international stages. It was equal parts Mick Jagger, Liberace, and Enrico Caruso. That force, naturally, was Freddie Mercury. His band, aptly (and none-too-subtly) named Queen, changed the sound of pop music forever. He also changed the face of AIDS, being one of the first public figures to succumb to the virus.

You already know much of Queen's music, even if you don't realize it. Today these songs will be presented in their operatic/choral/heavy metal glory, as only 200 (mostly) gay men can do. Hopefully you will relive fond memories of the first time you heard "Somebody to Love" or "We Are the Champions" as well as discover some new favorites.

While there are many issues facing us in these challenging times, we must remember to have fun. That is largely why we chose this concert for Pride - the songs of Queen are the essence of enjoyment. But they are also remarkably well-written; the fact that Queen is just as popular today as they were in the 70s and 80s is a testament to their quality. And, one must say, to the undying appeal of Freddie Mercury's let-it-all-out persona and freak-of-nature voice.

Seattle Men's Chorus and Seattle Women's Chorus take great pride in performing works that speak to our vision of a world that accepts and values all citizens. We also take substantial pride in performing music of the highest quality, utilizing well-known pieces from popular artists to deliver a show worthy of their supreme talents. It becomes all the more powerful when those artists are incomparable individuals to whom the LGBT community can look as an icon in our world.

Thanks for being part of our 35th season. It's been an amazing ride. Enjoy your summer and see you at Saint Mark's Cathedral in October for *Hallows in the Cathedral: Spirits Rising*, performed by Seattle Women's Chorus.



Dennis Coleman, Artistic Director

## **CELEBRATING PRIDE - CREATING CHANGE**



Welcome to our tribute to the music of Queen. Whether you were original fans of the band or know the songs as retro-chic, get ready to rock!

We're proud to be singing for you.

Our community has come a long way since Freddie Mercury turned heads in the 70s. But for all the progress we have made, I recently read a sobering statistic from the Southern Poverty Law Center: anti-LGBT hate groups in this country have grown 150% just since 2010. Laws may change quickly, but deeper changes in cultural values take time. That's our

forte! Our voices still play an important role in helping to create change that spreads and change that sticks. In that spirit, I hope you will make or renew a tax-deductible gift to support the work of Seattle Men's Chorus and Seattle Women's Chorus. We can't do it without your help.

I'd like to give special thanks to our season subscribers for their loyal support. As you probably know, the coming 2015-16 season will be our farewell to our inimitable Artistic Director, Dennis Coleman. We have an amazing lineup of SMC and SWC concerts that will bring you on a fabulous journey—we'll take you *Home for the Holidays*, whisk you off to NYC for *Everything Broadway*,

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## WHO'S WHO

## Dennis Coleman

Artistic Director, Flying House Productions



Dennis Coleman was appointed conductor of Seattle Men's Chorus in May, 1981, less than two years after the organization's founding. Under Coleman's leadership, the Chorus grew

quickly in membership size and audience attendance and soon became well-known throughout the region for their entertaining and musically varied concerts. Now, after three decades as Artistic Director, Coleman is recognized nationally as a founder of the GLBT choral movement and has led Flying House Productions to a position as one of the most successful and largest community chorus organizations in the country. Coleman also serves as the founding Artistic Director of the Seattle Women's Chorus which has matured musically and established their own audience base. Together, SMC and SWC sing with a combined membership larger than the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, a distinction in which Coleman delights.

Coleman has served on the national Board of Directors for Chorus America and was a founding Board member for the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA). He has received numerous awards including the 2010 Mayor's Arts Award and the establishment of a scholarship fund for GLBT music students that is managed by the Pride Foundation. In August 2014 he acted as Choral Director for Gay Games 9 in Cleveland.

As a UCC church musician, Coleman has conducted the choir of First Congregational Church of Bellevue since 1981. The 50-voice choir has toured Europe three times, New Zealand in 2005, South Africa in 2008, Peru in 2011, and Croatia in 2014.

## Steven F. Smith

Executive Director, Flying House Productions



Steven F. Smith has provided transformative leadership for a diverse array of performing arts organizations. Most recently he served as

Executive Director of Revels, a \$1.4M multidisciplinary theater company, where he led a successful financial turnaround and revitalized the audience, growing attendance by 21% over a four year period. From 1995-2010 he led the acclaimed Boston Gay Men's Chorus through an unprecedented period of growth in which he tripled its annual audience and grew its budget four-fold. Earlier positions included production for Northeastern University's Music Department and coordinating the residency of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts. Steve also managed an international roster of concert organists and English cathedral choirs for Karen McFarlane Artists Management.

Steve has consulted with over a dozen small and midsized non-profits and given seminars on strategic planning, audience development, and fundraising for ArtsBoston, Greater Boston Choral Consortium, GALA Choruses, and Chorus America. In recent years he has served multiple terms as a board member and officer for ArtsBoston, GALA Choruses, and the Greater Boston Choral Consortium. He is a magna cum laude graduate of the Arts Management program at Baldwin-Wallace University and was selected by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to attend the Achieving Excellence Executive Leadership Program for cultural organizations at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

## Eric Lane Barnes

Associate Artistic Director, Flying House Productions



Eric Lane Barnes is a nationally known writer, composer, playwright, and director. Eric writes for and directs the vocal comedy ensembles Captain Smartypants and

Sensible Shoes. Barnes' list of choral commissioners includes The Esoterics, The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC, The New York City Gay Men's Chorus, The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Sound Circle, and The Turtle Creek Chorale. Several of his pieces are published through Shawnee Press, including "Lambscapes,"

"It's Our Christmas Cheer," and "Glee." His show *Fairy Tales* won numerous awards in Chicago and enjoyed successful runs in New York and London, and his shows *The Stops* and *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* have also enjoyed numerous productions across the USA.

Barnes wrote songs and underscoring for the independent films *In-laws and Outlaws*, *Waxie Moon*, *Seattle to Ghana* and the independent feature *Fallen Jewel*. He is currently working on two children's books, a young adult novel, and a musical based on a fractured fairy tale.

## Evan Stults Principal Accompanist, Seattle Men's Chorus



Evan Stults is an accomplished vocal accompanist whose experience spans opera, recital, music theatre, and choral music. Evan has been the Seattle Men's Chorus principal

accompanist since 1986, and has played for Seattle Opera, Vashon Opera, Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre, toured the US and Canada for Columbia Artists and Community Concerts Association, and played for dozens of musicals in professional and community theatres and off-Broadway. He has accompanied artists as diverse as Frederica von Stade, Renée Fleming, Kristin Chenoweth, Megan Mullally and Harvey Fierstein, and played for premieres of new works by composers David Diamond, Gian Carlo Menotti, and John Corigliano.

## Frederick Hagreen

Freddie Mercury



A Seattle-based actor and vocalist, Frederick is ecstatic to join SMC for this incredible event. Frederick most recently appeared in the 5th Avenue Theatre's production

of *Jasper in Deadland*. Other Seattle credits include roles at Village Theatre, Balagan, and Seattle Musical Theatre among others. For Naomi!





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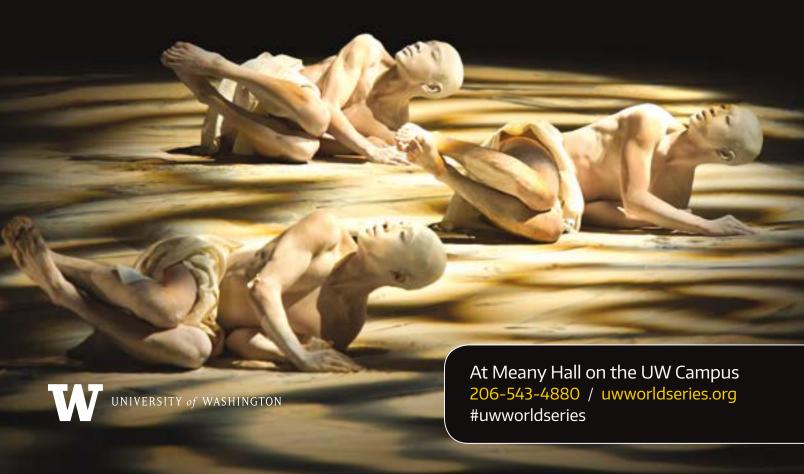
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## **WHO'S WHO**

## Nancy Hautala

Production Stage Manager

Nancy is celebrating her 31st season with Flying House Productions. Credits include Sweeney Todd, Peter Pan, Sunday in the Park with George, South Pacific, Into the Woods, Oklahoma!, The Music Man, West Side Story, Torch Song Trilogy, and Three Sisters. She holds a BA in Voice and a MA in Opera from the UW, and is a graduate of AIMS in Austria. She enjoys playing the piano and running.

## William St. Rose

Assistant Production Stage Manager

William has an extensive background in community and professional theatre, starting when he was in high school. He has also worked for many years as a sound tech for the rock-band Rumors of the Big Wave, including a five-week tour of Russia. It is with great pride that he has been working with both Seattle Men's Chorus, starting in 1988, and Seattle Women's Chorus since their inception.

## Peter Bracilano

Lighting Designer

Peter is the resident designer for Teatro Zinzanni in Seattle and San Francisco and faculty member at the University of Washington. His work can also be seen on the current International tour of Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. He has designed for Seattle Opera's Young Artist Program, Pacific Northwest Ballet, 5th Ave Theatre, and Village Theatre. He has designed for the Spoleto Festival of the Two Worlds in Italy, and the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. Mr. Bracilano's design work on the East Coast includes ten years with Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh. Other companies include Paramount Parks, Dallas Summer Musicals, Theatre of the Stars, and Theatre Under the Stars.

## Kurt Walls

Scenic Designer

Kurt is pleased to be returning for another season designing for the choruses. This year will include his 50th design for Flying House Productions. He is a Professor and

Director of Theatre Production at the University of Puget Sound. Kurt has also designed scenery for the Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre, Book-It Repertory Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare Company, The Moore Theatre, Tacoma Little Theatre, and Tacoma's Theatre on the Square. Prior to his position at Puget Sound, Kurt was the General Manager of Pacific Studio, a design and fabrication firm that specializes in the entertainment and museum industries. After receiving his MFA in Scene Design and Stage Technology from the University of Washington, Kurt was the Assistant Technical Director at the Seattle Repertory Theatre.

## Doris Black

Costume Designer

Doris has been designing costumes for the Choruses since 2004. She also designs for stage and film. Her theatre designs include *The Beast* for Spectrum Dance Theatre, *Angels in America* and *Tartuffe* for the University of Puget Sound, and *The Laramie Project* for Bush School. Her film work includes *Police Beat*, *Cthulhu*, and *The Dark Horse*. She works for periodcorsets.com, a company that produces period undergarments such as corsets and bustles. She received her M.F.A. in costume design from the University of Washington.

## Nathan Wilson

Choreographer

Nathan is thrilled to be part of another Seattle Men's Chorus production. He's choreographed for the chorus in the Holiday, ABBA & Beatles shows, and Hairspray In Concert at the 5th Avenue Theatre. Nathan has a BPA in Dance Performance from Oklahoma City University. He's performed internationally, and in national tours and regional theaters around the country. He's since settled down in Seattle where he works in media. Big thanks to Eric and Dennis for this opportunity...and thank you to the dancers for working so hard for this performance. Lots of love to my Seattle family, and my mom and dad.

## Kevin Gallagher

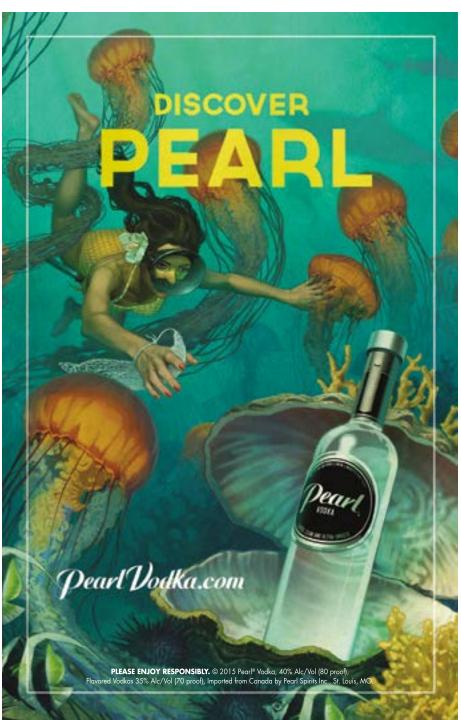
Artistic Interpreter

Kevin G. Gallagher is a multiple awardwinning teacher and performance interpreter who joined Seattle Men's Chorus in 1981. Studies at New York School for the Deaf and the Juilliard ASL Interpreting Performance Seminars, coupled with decades of on-stage work, have guided his path. Career highlights include 1st Gay Games in San Francisco and subsequent Games, being the 1st ASL interpreter at the renovated Carnegie Hall, working with numerous Gay Choruses nationally and internationally, a popular ASL video of True Colors on KCTS and local performances at the 5th Avenue, Paramount, Alice B. Theater, Bumbershoot and other venues.

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UNDER PRESSURE, DON'T STOP ME NOW, ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

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Rod Andrada David Breland

Christian Tan

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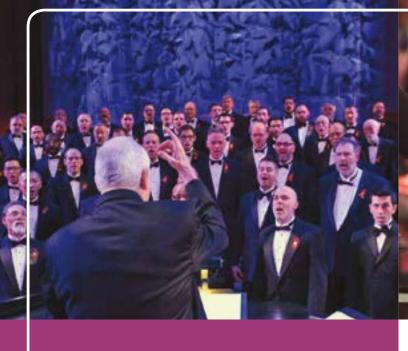
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Soloists: Jimmy Gonzalez and

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Soloist: Ritchard Wooley

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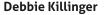


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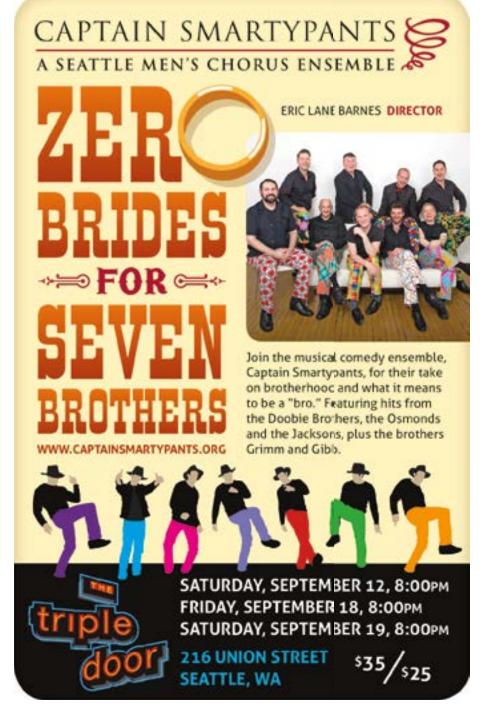
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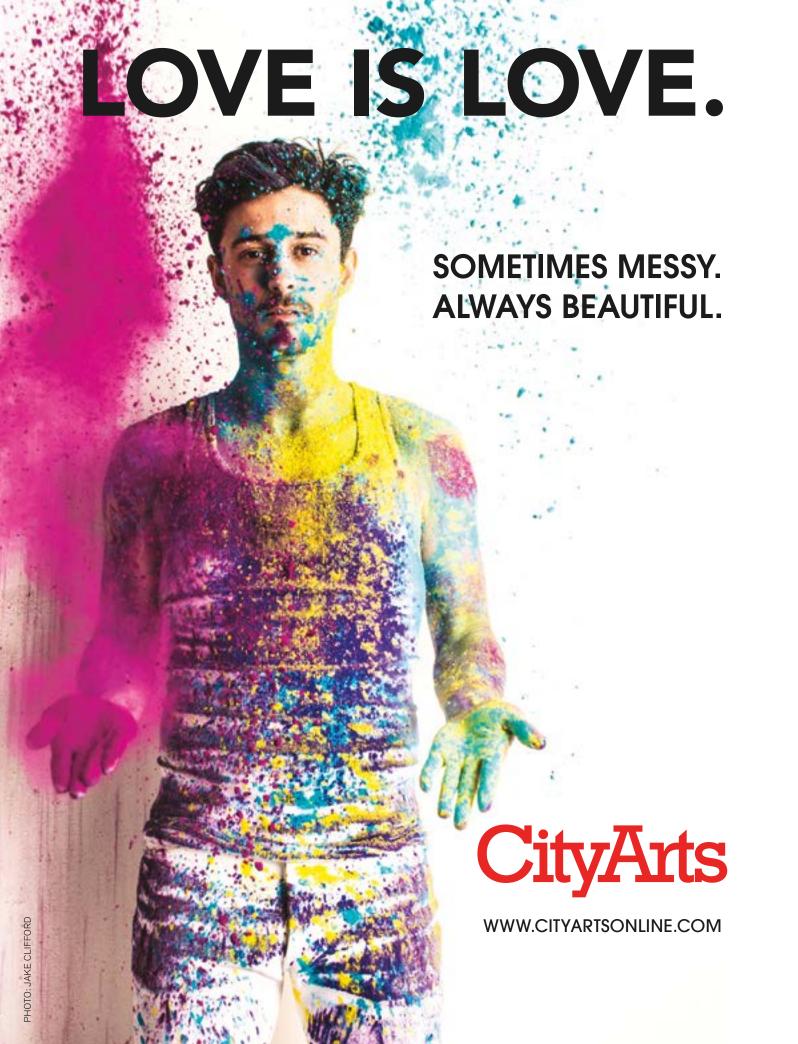
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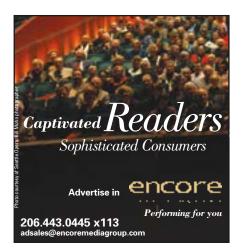












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