

Golden Gate Men's Chorus

Sunday, July 8 • Boettcher Concert Hall • 5:30 pm

Joseph Piazza, Music Director

Fred Cummins, Accompanist

Shelter from the Storm

Tõmbtuul (Crosswinds)

Music by Veljo Tormis, lyrics by Henrik Visnapuu

Translation: Crosswind! O crosswind

We have built a house vulnerable to storm surges.

We are buffeted and battered by the raging wind on its course

Fennica Gehrman FG.55009-517-5 (4:00)

Gryning vid havet (Nautical Sunrise)

Music by Hugo Alfvén, lyrics by Sten Selander

Soloist: Faust Daos, tenor

Translation: Shiny as a shield of copper and steel is the sea, but deep under the surface a current flows strong

*The sky is red, threatening wrath with its angry red
The storm roaring and laughing, manly, glorious, and strong!*

Walton Music Corporation WWA300 (3:50)

Everyone Sang from "Songs of Love and War"

Music by David Conte, lyrics by Siegrfried Sasson

Accompaniment: Peter Cho, primo piano and Fred Cummins, secundo piano

Commissioned by the Golden Gate Men's Chorus for their 30th anniversary, in memory of Donald J. Giberson and Dick Kramer

E.C. Schirmer #7890 (3:00)

Japanese Folk Songs - Yagi Bushi

Music by Ko Matsushita, lyrics Japanese folksong

Translation: In Joshuu Sai Country, the notorious

gambler Chuuji was born. He was challenged at the gambling house by a vagrant Isabu Shimamura. Chuuji drew his deadly sword and ordered his strong men to prepare for the fight

Panamusica FZMTKUF (2:30)

Io son la primavera (I am Spring)

Music by William Hawley, lyrics by Torquato Tasso

Translation: I am Spring who gladly, lovely women, returns to you

*Take pleasure in my coming amidst laughing and song:
Love your lovers now, while April adorns lovely faces with flowers:*

Spring for you will not return forever.

Hinshaw HMC-1510 (2:45)

If Ye Love Me

Music by Philip Stopford, lyrics from John 14:15-17

Hal Leonard 08745638 (3:00)

It Gets Better

Music and lyrics by Jay Kuo and Blair Shepard

Arranged by Steve Milloy

Soloists: Jim Bohannon, bass-baritone and Rick Rosser, tenor

Commissioned by GGMC and arranged by GALA composer Steve Milloy. In October 2010, top Broadway performers were enlisted to sing and record this new song, with proceeds benefiting the Trevor Project.

Manuscript (4:45)

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Representing the ethnic and social diversity of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Men's Chorus is a select group of 50 men who share a common love of choral music and are dedicated to giving voice to the gay community through song. Founded in 1982, the GGMC is now celebrating its 30th year of joyous music-making, and this is their ninth GALA festival appearance.