



Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Wednesday, July 11 • Buell Theatre • 5:30 pm

Reuben M. Reynolds, III Music Director
Chad Weirick, Principal Accompanist
LeWana Clark, ASL Interpreter
John Strumwasser, Executive Director

Get Ready for This!

What's Up?

"What's Up?" was the first top-40 hit by an openly lesbian group. To quote bass player Christa Hillhouse, "4 Non Blondes was a band born from the angst of living in San Francisco through the decade of AIDS, gay activism and lesbian sexual revolution." Linda Perry, the groups lead singer and songwriter, went on to write many more hits including Pink's "Get the Party Started" and Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful".

Music and lyrics by Linda Perry
Arranged by Chad Weirick
Manuscript (4:18)

Selections from "Rent"

Music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson
Arranged by Chad Weirick
Jonathan Larson was that rarest of breeds – the straight musical theater composer. His goal was to write a rock opera "to bring musical theater to the MTV generation." What he created is the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "Rent", the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians trying to survive in the slums of New York during the AIDS crisis. Based on the lives of Jonathan and his friends, "Rent" is the story of "people living with, not dying from disease."

Rent

Manuscript (2:15)

La Vie Boheme

Manuscript (2:15)

Will I Lose My Dignity?

Manuscript (2:00)

Seasons of Love

Manuscript (2:15)

Without You

Manuscript (2:15)

One Sweet Day

Music and lyrics by M. Carey, M. McCary, N. Morris, S. Stock and W. Afanasieff
Arranged by Chad Weirick
Written by Mariah Carey and the R&B group Boyz II Men, "One Sweet Day" is a poignant song about departed loved ones looking down from heaven. Both Carey and Boyz II Men wrote the song about people in their lives who were suffering from the AIDS epidemic. It became the longest running number one song in US chart history. "When I found out she had AIDS I cried for days. She really could never care for her son again, he now lives with my mother. This sad story made me care more about other children in need. To give them advice and see that they get a better life." (Mariah Carey, on her sister being diagnosed with HIV)
Manuscript (4:50)

The Cup of Life

Music and lyrics by Desmond Child and Robi Rosa
Arranged by Chad Weirick
Manuscript (4:00)

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