

HGMC GALA Report for April 18, 2020

- GALA has been officially rescheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 2021 through Sunday, July 11, 2021
 - All payments, registrations, etc. will be applied to 2021 festival
 - Presumption is most choruses will participate in 2021
- GALA Registration for chorus will be left in place for 2021, with Board approval
 - We will need to recanvas member participation
 - No guidance has been given for chorus withdrawals, should we choose
- GALA member registration:
 - Joseph Shapiro initiated registration since last meeting,
 - Was not completed as site was paused
 - I will need to check with him and see if he wants to proceed with registration for 2021
 - Members will need to determine whether they are planning to participate in 2021
 - Members who were not planning to participate in 2020, can now consider participation in 2021
 - No timeline presented for new registrations yet by GALA
 - Chorus would be able to transfer registrations from anyone registered but no longer able to participate for 2021
 - Members registrations
 - 75 was paid by member (to be nonrefundable to member)
 - Remainder paid by chorus
 - Members should not initiate any refund requests
 - Any member not planning to attend may be able to transfer to another chorus member now planning to attend
 - Chorus will need to determine whether we will need any refunds
 - As the funds are essential for GALA solvency, I recommend maintaining all of the chorus registrations for now.
- Performance schedule
 - To be determined, GALA will be providing a new timeline
- GALA Housing
 - All reservations for 2020 have been cancelled
 - GALA will provide a new timeline for hotel reservations
- Street Banner
 - \$165 for street banner – has been ordered and paid
 - Order will carry over to 2021
- Programming
 - New timeline to come with deadlines for programming
- GALA Savings Fund
 - No distributions have been made
 - Amount \$11,696.07
 - All budgeted payments to fund for 2019-20 have been made
 - Recommend carry over to 2021
 - We will have the option of adding to the Fund with budgeting for next year
 - We would also have the option of putting contributions for 20-21 into savings for 2024.
- Artistic Director and Accompanist funding for GALA
 - Budgeted for 4050 for 2019-20

- 550 spent for registration
- \$3500 remains in budget for travel/lodging/meals
- Will need to rebudget for 2020-21 or place that amount into GALA savings fund for specific use for this
- Actions needed
 - Approval of participation in 2021 GALA Festival
 - Approval of applying payments already made for registrations, banner, rehearsal time to 2021 GALA Festival
 - Decision on whether to pay the GALA staff expenses into GALA fund or rebudget for 2020-21
 - Recommend be tabled to discuss with 2020-21 General Budget
 - New Budget for GALA 2021
 - Recommend preparing with the 2020-21 General Budget

Respectfully submitted to the board by Steven Creps, GALA Festival Liaison, on April 18, 2020