

# HGMC GALA 2024 Report for August 21, 2023

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See GALA Savings Fund Budget 2023-24

## General Information:

- What: GALA Choruses signature event is our quadrennial Festival, which gathers LGBTQ+ choruses from all over North America and the world. Festival is five days of singing, connecting, and creating. It's wall-to-wall concerts, workshops, social events, joy and pride. It's the largest LGBTQ choral event in the world. It's you with thousands of your peers taking over a city and filling it with song.
- When: Wednesday, July 10 – Sunday, July 14, 2024
- Where: Minneapolis, MN
- Performance: We will be performing a 25 minute set in front of an audience of over 1000 people.
- We will have the opportunity to see over 200 LGBTQ choruses performing.
- There will also be workshops and opportunities to participate in large group performances.

## Cost per person to attend:

- Registration : \$ 299 (price increases on 10-31-2023 to \$350, 1-1-24 to \$425)
- Housing \$ 600 (5 nights ½ of double occupancy )
- Travel \$ 450 (\$400 flight and \$50 airport shuttle)
  - Total \$1349

## GALA Savings Fund

- Total saving available \$22,000
- Per member (20) \$ 1,100
- Amount available per member will be changed by the following factors
  - Number of member attending
  - Any additional funding to the saving account
    - Additional fundraising
    - Donations to the account
    - Give backs (member paying for additional part of their own trip)

## Member contributions

- HGMC will be asking everyone who wishes to attend to pay \$250 toward the expenses of the trip
  - \$125 will be due by October 21, 2023 to be applied to the registration fee
    - Still \$125 if a reduced registration fee (savings would be applied back to the savings account)
    - If late registration, member would need to pay the additional amount of the registration fee
  - Additional \$125 member will need to pay toward their airfare/travel
- HGMC will pay the remainder of the registration fee
- HGMC will pay hotel costs of double occupancy room (2 persons per room) for five nights
  - If member wants other hotel arrangements, they will need to pay the difference to the chorus
  - E.g. if member and SO are sharing a room, member SO would need to pay for half of the room.
  - Hotel rates and selections are not available yet. Booking will open in January.
- HGMC will pay \$325 toward airfare/transportation.
  - Member will be responsible for booking own flight and paying for it, then getting reimbursement.
  - Member will be responsible for local transportation
- Significant others can coordinate their registration and hotel booking through the chorus.

## Registration

- We will begin registration process in September
- All participants including SOs will need to register
- Steven will be sending out a link to the registration. Each participant will create their own login and registration. Make sure that you choose HGMC as your chorus and check that your chorus will pay the registration fee.
- Please have payment to Steven by October 23, 2023 at the latest
- If you need more time to make the complete \$125 payment, please see Steven for arrangements