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2010 PRIDE CONCERT AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
LESBIAN/GAY CHORUS OF SAN FRANCISCO: "THE SOUND OF FABULOUS"

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco and the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band proudly present "The Sound of Fabulous," the 32nd annual Pride Concert, Thursday and Friday, June 24th and 25th at 8pm, at Mission High School, 3750 18th St. @ Dolores. Featuring special guests the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Golden Gate Men's Chorus, Voices Lesbian Choral Ensemble, and Cheer SF, the show kicks off Pride Weekend with spectacle and style. The concert is an official San Francisco Pride Event.

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Pride and the 30th anniversary of the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco, "The Sound of Fabulous" is the perfect way to ring in the weekend. Tickets available for \$15-40 at www.sfprideconcert.org or by phone at 1-800-838-3006. General Seating \$15-\$25; Preferred Seating \$30, and Preferred Seating with Parking \$40.

The world's first choral organization to use both "lesbian" and "gay" in its name, the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco has been producing choral programs since 1980, providing education and affirmation regarding the positive contributions of lesbians and gay men as expressed in their motto, "Everybody Matters!" LGCSF has performed as far away as Sydney, Australia and as close as the Harvey Milk Academy in the Castro. Now in their 30th season, they love to share their music.

Named the "Official Band of San Francisco", The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band is the first openly gay musical organization in the world, inspiring the formation of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/intersex/questioning/queer bands, choruses and performing groups around the globe. Founded in 1978 at the height of Anita Bryant's anti-gay crusade, the Band has made music to build understanding between gay and non-gay communities for more than three decades.

With over 200 active members, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is a wealth of talent. Internationally honored and admired, SFGMC celebrated their 30th anniversary recently with performances featuring new works by gay composers. Known affectionately as the "grandfather" of the LGBT choral movement, the SFGMC continues its long tradition of community appearances each year, including events that directly benefit local social justice and healthcare organizations.

The Golden Gate Men's Chorus (GGMC) is a select group of men representing the ethnic and social diversity of San Francisco, who share a common appreciation of choral music. The GGMC presents spring, summer, and winter programs annually, in addition to guest and community benefit performances throughout the year.

Founded in 1988, Voices Lesbian Choral Ensemble promotes both lesbian visibility and musical excellence through the beauty of their songs. As an organization they strive to reflect the

diversity within the lesbian community and are dedicated to social change that overcomes oppression in all its forms.

CHEER San Francisco was formed by Guy Andrade in 1980 as the first professional, LGBT-identified cheerleading team in history. CHEER SF performs for over one million people per year and many more watching on television. The team has performed internationally in: Canada, The Netherlands, Australia and Singapore. National performances include Oregon, Nevada, Texas, Illinois, Florida, New York and Washington DC.

The Pride Concert, first produced in 1979 at Grace Cathedral, is one of the longest-running annual performances in San Francisco. For 30 years, the Pride concert has provided a showcase for the groups who inspired a movement that spread from San Francisco around the world. These programs have provided a safe space for LGBTQ artists to come together to develop their talents and to demonstrate how the LGBTQ community enriches society at large, despite the discrimination it faces.

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