

## Lambda Chorale Hosts Cocktail Benefit

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Kicks Off New Season

By Michael James

The South Florida Lambda Chorale will host a cocktail reception benefit on November 11 at 7:30 pm in Elliott Hall, First Congregational Church, 2501 NE 30th St., Ft. Lauderdale in celebration of their 10th anniversary season.

"It will be an evening of celebration, music and a great dessert buffet, just as we did at our very first public appearance on November 11, 1991," says Carmine Martorilli, co-founder of the chorale and coordinator of food for the event.

"We are promising a special evening that will be entertaining and memorable, not just for our current and past members, but for all of our guests," said Bill Dahm, who co-chairs the event with John Wilson.

The evening will begin with cocktails and finger foods, have a short program and finish with a dessert buffet not to be surpassed. "People are still talking about our dessert buffet from 1991 and the one at this event will really top it," promised Martorilli.

"The buffet was more popularly remembered than the concert," founding artistic director Gary Keating jokes. "But we got better."

The program for the benefit will include the presentation of a proclamation from the City of Ft. Lauderdale sponsored by Commissioner Smith

Two former members will offer solos for the event, Pat Fogel and Gerry Giamarino. "We have made a concerted effort to find all our former members and invite them. The members have been the backbone of the Chorale," Keating added.

Also in attendance will be U.S. Representative Carrie Meek, Ft. Lauderdale

Commissioner Tim Smith, Miami-Dade Commissioner Katy Sorensen, Community Center Founder Alan Schubert, Rabbi Greg Kanter, GALA Choruses Executive Director Jill Strachan, Don Friedman of the Embassy Suites and many others

Chorale President Kathy Jens-Rochow said, "This is important for the Chorale to honor our past, our accomplishments, and our current and former members. The Chorale

continues to promote change and honor that we are gay, lesbian and gay-sensitive members of this community. And we know that without remembering and honoring the past, we repeat our mistakes and hamper our future."

"The Chorale is important and symbolic simply because it is a mixed chorus of men and women, gay and straight," said Keating.

Their new season will kick off in December with a joint performance with the

Gay Men's Chorus.

Keating concluded, "As Gary Miller, former conductor of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus said, 'If you want to sing, join a chorus. If you want to change the world, join a gay or lesbian chorus.'"

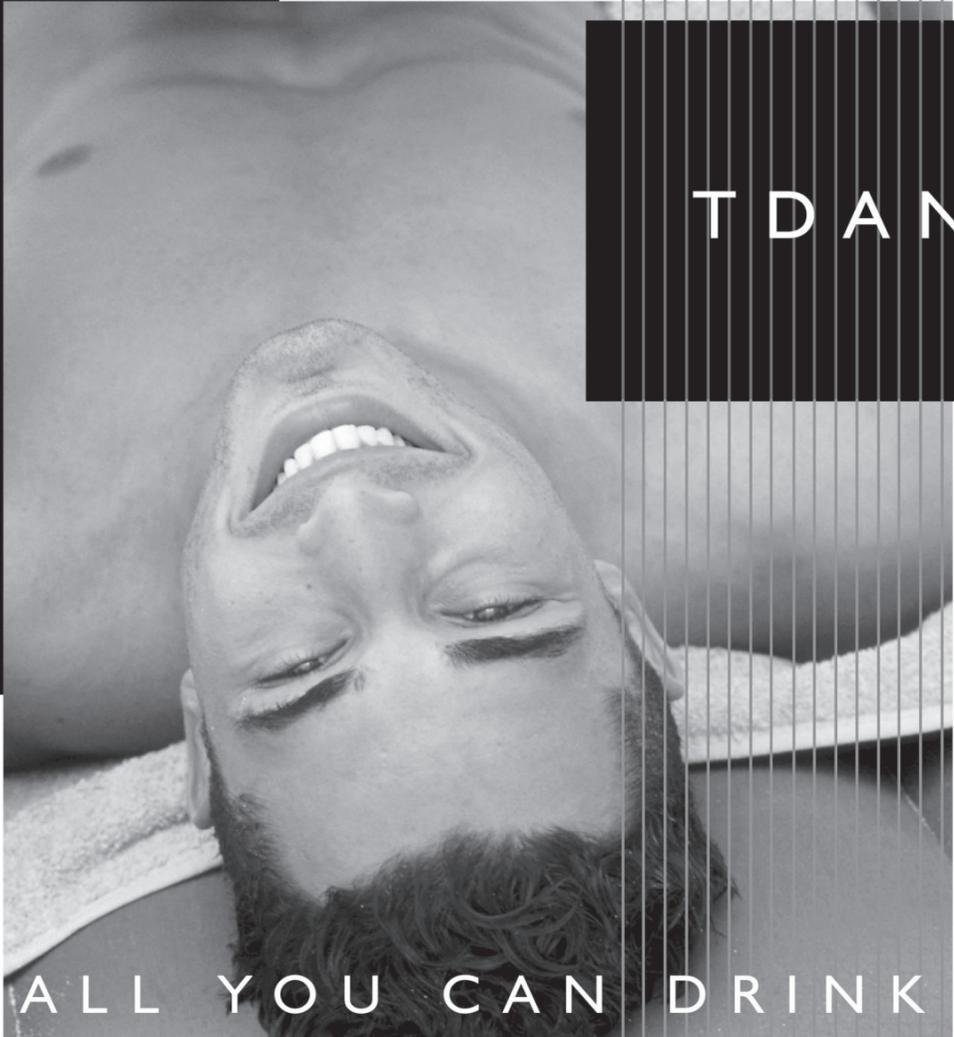
For information or tickets for the event, which are \$40 and include your first two cocktails and the dessert buffet, call 954.565.2620.



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The Lambda Chorale

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