

INDIANAPOLIS MEN'S CHORUS

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The Indianapolis Men's Chorus, founded in 1990, has just finished its 15th Anniversary concert season. Under the directorship of Kevin, Butler, the Chorus presents three major concerts per season (December, March & June), as well as regularly performing for numerous charitable events in Indianapolis, including the Penrod Arts Fair, the Indianapolis Aids Walk, Grand Masquerade, and Spotlight. At this year's Spotlight 2005 performance, the Chorus helped to raise \$365,000 for the Indiana Aids Fund. IndyVisible, a smaller ensemble of the Men's Chorus, regularly performs for such events as the Heartland Film Festival, The Miniature Rose Convention, and numerous other organizational and charitable gatherings.

Widely traveled, the Chorus has presented concerts in Cincinnati and Columbus, San Diego, Seattle, the Twin Cities, and Montreal. Over Memorial Day weekend of this year, the Chorus traveled to Charleston SC, where they presented four concert performances at the world-renowned Piccolo Spoleto Festival. Although return invitations to the festival are rarely offered for the next year, the Chorus has already been invited for a return engagement in May, 2006.

The Indianapolis Men's Choir operates (along with the Indianapolis Women's Chorus) under the umbrella of IndyChoruses, a nonprofit musical organization whose members join together to strengthen the spirit of pride within the gay and lesbian community, to build bridges of understanding with all people of Indiana, and to enable their audiences and the general public to perceive the gay and lesbian community and its members in a positive way. IndyChoruses seeks to accomplish these goals by achieving the highest caliber of musical excellence in vocal and/or instrumental presentations for the education, enjoyment, and cultural enrichment of its members and patrons.