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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2019: Gotham Guest Nights

Considering joining Voices or Sirens of Gotham? Come visit us in January!

### April 2019: SAI Region 15 Convention in Albany, NY

Sirens of Gotham and its chapter quartets will participate in this barbershop singing competition, where they will be eligible to qualify for the SAI 2020 International Contest.

### July 2019: BHS International Convention in Salt Lake City, UT

Voices of Gotham will be competing in the BHS International Chorus Contest next summer.

## JOIN THE GOTHAM FAMILY!

Voices and Sirens rehearse every Thursday night at 7:00pm in Metro Baptist Church located at 410 West 40th Street (between 9th and 10th Aves). Visit our website for more information about upcoming Guest Nights and email us to let us know you'd like to visit!

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHORUS LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends, Family, & Fans,

Thank you for joining us for *Revelry!* We are very excited to share our music with you.

This past year has been full of Gotham accomplishments. In May, Sirens of Gotham attended the SAI Regional Contest and received their highest score to date--taking first place in Division A and landing them in fourth place overall, their highest placement yet. In October, Sirens attended the SAI International Harmony Classic Competition, performing for first time on the international stage. This debut performance featured a piece arranged by Sirens' own Associate Artistic Director, Kari Francis, and earned 1st Place Division A and 1st Place Overall!

For Voices, it has been a fulfilling year focused on celebrating the ensemble's 10th anniversary and building toward the next ten. Voices announced the selection of Larry Bombback as Artistic Director in July and followed that with an outstanding performance at their district convention that qualified them for the BHS international competition next year.

We are humbled by the incredible support that we have received throughout the years and would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of you who joined us tonight. Thank you to those who have donated time, money, and words of encouragement; none of our accomplishments would have been possible without you.

It's truly amazing to be part of something that can accomplish so much at a remarkably high caliber of musicianship, meeting for only a few hours each week. By day, these talented individuals work as professionals, musicians, students, teachers, and more. Yet by night, they leave their jobs, families, and friends behind to come together and raise their voices in song.

While our lives sometimes take us in different directions, we all know that we will always be a part of this Gotham family. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Warmly,



Samantha Bunting  
2018 Team Coordinator  
Sirens of Gotham



Braden Lynk  
2018 President  
Voices of Gotham

## Gotham Gives

Gotham Gives is the service arm of our organizations, aimed at giving back to the community beyond song. Projects have included cleaning up Seward Park Garden and partnering with New York Cares to renovate Adrian Hegeman Elementary School.



## BARBERSHOP ORGANIZATIONS

### Barbershop Harmony Society



Founded by O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall in Tulsa, OK in 1938, the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) is the first of several organizations to promote and preserve barbershop harmony among men of all ages. North America is divided into several districts, including the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) which includes areas of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Voices of Gotham has represented MAD on the international stage 8 times.

### Sweet Adelines International



Sweet Adelines International (SAI) was founded in 1945 by Edna Mae Manderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The aim was to teach and train women in music and to create and promote barbershop quartets and choruses. Areas throughout the world are divided into several regions, including Region 15, which covers the Greater New York and New Jersey area. Sirens of Gotham is the 2018 4th Place Region 15 Chorus and most recently won 1st place Division A and 1st Place Overall in the SAI Harmony Classic, the international competition for small to mid-size choruses.

## OUR PROGRAMS

### Arrangers' Lab

The Arrangers' Lab is Voices of Gotham's resident collective of composers who create and arrange new music in the barbershop harmony and contemporary a cappella styles. Already educated in significant university music programs, they apply their skills toward the study of the barbershop tradition and the ongoing development of its pedagogy and repertoire.

In addition to providing Voices of Gotham and its affiliated quartets with custom material, the Arrangers' Lab also leads an ongoing Barbershop Arranging Workshop for members of the chorus at large. In the workshop, participants study existing barbershop arrangements, learn basic theory and composition, and gain insight and feedback on their work.



### Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest

Tin Pan Alley is an annual free event open to the public hosted by Voices of Gotham that gives new quartets the chance to compete in front of both an audience and a panel of certified judges from the Barbershop Harmony Society.



TPA fosters choral excellence by encouraging barbershop quartet singing, developing quality singers, educating contestants and spectators on the history of barbershop in New York City, and mobilizing the Arrangers' Lab to produce brand new arrangements. Quartets of all voicings and levels can participate! Many that begin here go on to compete in formal competitions. Pictured here is last year's winner Spicy Special, who went on to win 2nd Place at the 2018 Mid-Atlantic District Mixed Quartet Contest!

**The next Tin Pan Alley Quartet Contest will be Saturday, January 26, 2019!**

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## THE PERFORMERS

### Voices of Gotham

Larry Bomback, Artistic Director

#### Tenor

Phil Cheesebro\*  
BJ Hillinck+  
James Rightmyer

#### Lead

Doug Brown  
Adam Csatadi  
Tyler Indyck  
David Lloyd  
Alex McCoy  
Travis Morse+  
Don Pflaster  
Adam Reneer\*  
Alexander Ronneburg+  
Nick Taber  
Robbie Weber

#### Baritone

Michael Berkson  
Adam Bock+  
Ron Cinnella  
Alan Dai  
Vik Ganti  
Rafi Hasib\*  
Emmett Ingram  
Marcus Luxemburg  
John Maderazo  
Nicolson Pierre  
Tom Tyson  
Spencer Wight

#### Bass

Kyle Althof  
Harry Bickford  
Eric Blum  
Josh Ehrlich  
Bill Ferns  
Dylan Lupo  
Braden Lynk  
Greg Mercado  
Richard Portune  
Steve Severinghaus\*  
Gabriel Spector  
Jude Thomas+  
Richard Townsend

\* Section Leader (part of Music Team)  
+ Music Team Member

### Sirens of Gotham

Mira Taferner, Artistic Director  
Kari Francis, Associate Artistic Director

#### Tenor

Elizabeth Culbertson  
Helen O'Rourke \*  
Hilary Berryman

#### Lead

Anna Chelak+  
Danielle Davidson  
Margot Gerould  
Emily Kaplan  
Lindsey King  
Lana Klemeyer\*  
Alex Leahu  
Emilia Mahaffey  
Kelsey Mourant  
Vicki Tisch  
Gabriella Vega

#### Baritone

Helen Brew  
Kiara Contreras+  
Charlotte Dow  
Stephanie Ofshinsky+  
Laura Packer  
Natalie Persia  
Meredith Rich

#### Bass

Mia Baz\*  
Lauren Brady  
Sam Bunting  
Haley Cole  
Alexis DePersia-Norelli+  
Sabrina Doolittle  
Sydney Hayes  
Karen Kumpf  
Gracie Panousis  
Aneka Roberts  
Alexandra Slade  
Steffi Weisman

\* Section Manager (part of Music Team)  
+ Music Team Member

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## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Performing a variety of genres from barbershop, to contemporary pop, to classical, to vocal jazz, Sirens of Gotham takes pride in performing all kinds of a cappella music with precision and heartfelt artistry. The ensemble has accomplished much since its establishment in November 2011, but has grown exponentially since February 2013, when Sirens of Gotham became a chartered chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI). Since then, the Sirens have claimed the title of SAI Region 15 Division A Champions three times (first in 2015, again in April 2017, and most recently in May 2018), taken 3rd place in the 2015 New York Harmony Sweepstakes, and this October, made their international competition debut at the Sweet Adelines International Harmony Classic barbershop chorus competition in St. Louis, MO, where they won 1st Place Division A and 1st Place Overall!

### Management Team

Samantha Bunting, Team Coordinator  
Meredith Rich, Communications Coordinator  
Gabriella Vega, Finance Coordinator  
Emilia Mahaffey, Gracie Panousis, Fundraising Coordinators  
Anna Chelak, Marketing Coordinator  
Lizzie Culbertson, Membership Coordinator  
Charlotte Dow, Performance Coordinator

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## ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

### LARRY BOMBACK – Artistic Director, Voices of Gotham



Larry is the founding director of Voices of Gotham, having served in the position from the ensemble's inception in 2008 until 2014, when he moved to Philadelphia to pursue career opportunities and grow his family. He returned in July 2018 in a new role as Artistic Director, where he has been tasked with building and expanding the musical leadership from within our talented ranks.

He currently sings tenor with 'Round Midnight, the 2006 New York Harmony Sweepstakes Champions, 2010 Mid-Atlantic District champions, and 2017 Barbershop Harmony Society international finalist. He previously sang tenor with the 2007 International Collegiate Quartet Champion, Road Trip. In addition to founding

Voices of Gotham, he was instrumental in launching two other choruses -- the Sirens of Gotham (SAI) in 2011 and Rittenhouse Sound (BHS) in 2014. In his professional life, Larry is Senior VP of Administration at the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Prior to this appointment, he was Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer at DataArts. His other past roles include Director of Finance and Operations at OPERA America and Operations Manager at the New York Youth Symphony. He now lives in Philadelphia with his wife Coren and his two young children Baylee and Salem.

## THANK YOU TO VOICES OF GOTHAM'S "GIVE IN THE SEVENTH" DONORS!

A donation to Voices of Gotham makes it possible for us to spread the message of "Live in the Seventh" in one of the most vibrant — and expensive — cities in the world. Thank you to all the donors listed below for their generous support. Donors are listed based on dollars pledged or donated for the current calendar year.

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### MIRA TAFERNER – Artistic Director, Sirens of Gotham



Mira is a widely successful performance artist and designer with over 15 years of experience in a cappella, barbershop, and dance. Most recently, she served on the Visual and Music Teams for the Harmunichs, a three-time champion of Barbershop in Germany (“BinG!”), and in March 2016, she took home the bronze medal with her quartet Kickstart at the BinG! National Convention. This allowed her to join the Heavy Medal chorus, a mixed Barbershop ensemble from Germany consisting of BinG! quartet medalists. She is a recurring faculty member at BinG! Harmony College and has been an ambassador for expansion and celebration of

barbershop music in Europe. She is also a professional senior graphic designer with over 7 years of work experience.

### KARI FRANCIS – Associate Artistic Director, Sirens of Gotham



Dubbed “the next generation of a cappella specialist” by *Pitch Perfect* and *The Sing-Off* vocal producer Deke Sharon, Kari Francis is an avid vocalist, arranger, and choral music educator. She has shared the stage with Taylor Swift, Imogen Heap, and competed on Season 3 of NBC’s *The Sing-Off* with Kinfolk 9. Recent publications include the chapter “Vocal Percussion for Everyone” in *So You Want to Sing A Cappella: A Performer’s Guide* published by the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). She is currently a vocal teaching artist with Midori & Friends and The Center for Arts Education, and made her

Lincoln Center debut as a featured beatboxer in the 4th annual *Total Vocal*. Kari is an active lecturer and clinician, giving workshops on musicianship, arranging, and vocal percussion at music festivals and vocal camps across the United States.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Voices of Gotham (VoG) is a not-for-profit men's chorus whose mission is to celebrate, promote, and advance the rich American tradition of barbershop harmony. Formed in 2008 and celebrating its 10th year this season, Voices of Gotham is proud to be the Hell's Kitchen, New York Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and is consistently ranked as one of the top ten barbershop choruses worldwide. Voices of Gotham has distinguished itself as one of the country's leading incubators of both new barbershop music and of young musical artists who will shape the continuing evolution and excellence of the barbershop tradition.

### Board of Directors

Braden Lynk, President

Dylan Lupo, Secretary/Treasurer

Jude Thomas, Vice President, Music

Spencer Wight, Vice President, Membership

Robbie Weber, Vice President, Marketing

Rafi Hasib, Immediate Past President

Kyle Althof, Member-at-Large

# Revelry!

## A GOTHAM CELEBRATION

*The concert will begin at 6:00pm. There is no intermission.*

### **Entry music: Instruments of Gotham**

Josh Ehrlich, Michael Berkson, Max Mellman, Marcus Luxemburg

### **Emcees: Spicy Special Quartet**

Lizzie Culbertson, Anna Chelak, BJ Hillinck, Braden Lynk

## Voices of Gotham

### **King of New York**

Quartet: BJ Hillinck, Travis Morse, Adam Bock, Richard Townsend  
Music by Alan Menken, Words by Jack Feldman • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

### **Cecilia**

Words & Music by Paul Simon • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### **• SoG Chapter Quartet: GREEN •**

Colleen Grate, Lana Klemeyer, Margot Gerould, Kari Francis

### **• SoG Chapter Quartet: Fourtune •**

Hilary Kraus, Lauren Brady, Mia Baz, Alexandra Slade

### **How Far I'll Go**

Words & Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

### **Home**

Words & Music by Charlie Smalls • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

### **• SoG Chapter Quartet: The First Seconds •**

Lizzie Culbertson, Anna Chelak, Meredith Rich, Sam Bunting

### **New York State of Mind**

Words & Music by Billy Joel • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

### **New York Medley**

Quartet: BJ Hillinck, Travis Morse, Adam Bock, Richard Townsend  
Compiled & Arranged by Josh Ehrlich, Adam Bock, and Matt Gallagher

## Sirens of Gotham

### **If I Were A Bell**

Words & Music by Frank Loesser • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### **Snowfall**

Words & Music by Claude Thornhill • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### **• VoG Chapter Quartet with Guest: Madhattan+ •**

Max Mellman, Alexander Ronneburg, Spencer Wight, Richard Townsend, +Adam Bock

### **Hit Me With Your Best Shot**

Soloists: Samantha Bunting, Charlotte Dow  
Words & Music by Eddie Shwartz • Arrangement by Deke Sharon

### **Almost There**

Words & Music by Randy Newman • Arrangement by Kevin Keller

### **• VoG Chapter Quartet: Park Slope Four •**

BJ Hillinck, Alex McCoy, Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

### **Astonishing**

Quartet: Laura Packer, Anna Chelak, Lizzie Culbertson, Sam Bunting  
Music by Jason Howland, Words by Mindi Dickstein • Arrangement by Steve Tramack

### **Everybody Says Don't**

Words & Music by Stephen Sondheim • Arrangement by Adam Bock

### **If I Ruled the World**

Music by Cyril Ornadel, Words by Leslie Bricusse • Arrangement by Robert Rund

### **This is Me**

Soloists: Kiara Contreras, Sam Bunting  
Quartet: Helen O'Rourke, Lizzie Culbertson, Meredith Rich, Alexandra Slade  
Words & Music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul • Arrangement by Kari Francis

## Sirens of Gotham & Voices of Gotham

### **Auld Lang Syne**

Words by Robert Burns, Music Traditional • Arrangement by Jude Thomas

### **I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm**

Words & Music by Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Kari Francis

– 8:00 PM: RECEPTION / "AFTERGLOW" –

### **Playwright Celtic Pub**

**732 8th Ave, between 45th & 46th Street**

Following the performance, please join us for more singing & celebration!  
We have reserved the 3rd floor. When you enter the bar, take the staircase on your right.  
All ages welcome; food & drink available for purchase.

*Note: All quartet members are listed in order of Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass.*