



**DIVERSIONARY**  
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**Diversionary and Gay Men's Chorus team up for Trolley Follies gala cabaret;  
cast of "Altar Boyz" will make special appearance**

Diversionary Theatre and the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego have teamed up a second year for a spectacular gala cabaret that will benefit both organizations. "Trolley Follies of 2007" will be held at Diversionary on Saturday, March 3, and will feature the music of Kander & Ebb, one of Broadway's most beloved musical theatre teams, and the cast of the national tour of *Altar Boyz* will make a special appearance courtesy of Broadway San Diego.

The gala cabaret will feature music from their well-known hits *Chicago*, *Cabaret*, *Woman of the Year* and more. The show features the musical talents of Diversionary guest artists Ole Kittleson, Victoria Roze and Matthew Weeden; The Gay Men's Chorus ensemble; and Chorus members James Flaherty, Curtis Gilbert, Joe Gregore, Chris Rowland, Erik Swanson and Shawn Vasich will perform solos and novelty numbers.

The festivities begin at 6:00pm with a cocktail party outside the Theatre, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and 'trolleytinis' prepared by Café One Three. A silent auction will feature several "night on

the town” dinner/theatre packages. Following the performance, desserts and champagne will await the guests.

“We’re looking forward to having another wonderful event with the Chorus,” said Dan Kirsch, Executive & Artistic Director of Diversionary, “and we are very, very excited that the cast of *Altar Boyz* will share their talent with our audience. It will definitely be a night to remember.” The trolley theme came from Diversionary’s location in University Heights.

*Altar Boyz*, the acclaimed musical comedy now in its second year, winner of the coveted Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical Off-Broadway, is the longest running new musical comedy to open in New York in years! Full of sharp parody, sinfully spectacular dancing, and irreverent humor, this spoof about a heavenly guy-group is adored by audiences and critics alike; and arrives as a Broadway/San Diego~A Nederlander Presentation at the San Diego Civic Theatre March 6 - 11, 2007. With an extraordinary mix of side-splitting songs “convincing enough to be played on MTV,” uncontrollable laughs and lighthearted fun, this award-winning and totally original new musical is 90 minutes of pure delight that's suitable for all ages and will have the whole family laughing and singing along. Matthew Buckner (as Matthew), Ryan J Ratliff (Mark), Jesse JP Johnson (Luke), Jay Garcia (Juan) and Nick Blaemire (Abraham – he’s Jewish!) will star in *ALTAR BOYZ*; directed by Stafford Arima and choreographed by Christopher Gattelli. *ALTAR BOYZ* has music & lyrics by Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker with book by Kevin Del Aguila, based on a concept by Marc Kessler and Ken Davenport.

The **Gay Men’s Chorus of San Diego** is currently enjoying its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of song. GMCSO's spring concert will be "Watch Me Fly!" with performances at St. Paul's Cathedral in Hillcrest on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. For more information, go to [www.GMCSO.com](http://www.GMCSO.com).

**Diversionary Theatre** was started in 1986. The mission of the theatre is to produce plays with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender themes that portray characters in their complexity and diversity both historically and contemporarily. Upcoming productions in Diversionary’s 2006-2007 season include Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel’s “The Long Christmas Ride Home” and “Bunbury” by Tom Jacobson.

“Trolley Follies of 2007” will have one gala performance on Saturday, March 3, at Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, San Diego. Tickets are \$125 per person. For tickets or information, call the Diversionary box office at 619.220.0097 or log on to [www.diversionary.org](http://www.diversionary.org).

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