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## Gay Men's Chorus Gets Ready to "Fly!" San Diego Festival Orchestra will Accompany

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SAN DIEGO – The Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego proudly commemorates 15 years of singing out with the inaugural concert of its 15th Anniversary Season, "Watch Me Fly!" to be presented in Hillcrest on both Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 2007. The San Diego Festival Orchestra will accompany the 75-member Gay Men's Chorus during its dramatic performance of "Metamorphosis" both nights.

GMCSO performs for the first time in the magnificent acoustics of St. Paul's Cathedral in a concert that will move its audiences to tears while filling their hearts with joy. The magic of flight will come alive as the Chorus sings some of the most beautiful music ever written about flying. Featured selections will include "Dancing Through Life" and "Defying Gravity" from the smash hit Broadway musical *Wicked* and Josh Groban's hit songs "To Where You Are" and "The Prayer." Other well-known favorites will include the beautiful "Up, Up and Away" as well as the timeless classic "Over the Rainbow."

"Watch Me Fly!" also features the long-awaited California premiere of "Metamorphosis" written by Robert Seeley and Robert Espindola. Through its exquisite music, this stunning multi-movement work for men's chorus and full orchestra relates the story of our journey as gay men through self-discovery, acceptance, and ultimate triumph as a proud community. "Metamorphosis" is an uplifting piece with a universal message about the soaring of the human spirit that will inspire everyone lucky enough to hear it.

GMCSO Artistic Director Gary Holt stated, "I'm thrilled to again be working with the San Diego Festival Orchestra, an ensemble made up of some of San Diego's most outstanding musicians. These are some of the busiest and most sought-after instrumentalists in San Diego, some of whom I've been collaborating with for more than twenty years. Their gorgeous playing adds an amazing richness to the power and emotion of 'Metamorphosis,' and it will be marvelous for our loyal audience members to hear the glorious acoustics of St. Paul's Cathedral filled with the sounds of strings, brass, harp, and percussion."

Tickets to "Watch Me Fly!" are \$35 for Saturday night's performance and just \$30 for Sunday evening, with discounts available for seniors, students, and military. Special prices are also available for groups and GMCSO's 15th Anniversary Season Subscribers. Tickets are now available by calling 619.57.GMCSO and online at [www.GMCSO.com](http://www.GMCSO.com). Everyone is encouraged to buy their tickets as soon as possible because seating inside St. Paul's is limited and both performances of "Watch Me Fly!" are expected to sell out.