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Gender UnChecked! With One Voice Mixed Chorus!

Who: One Voice Mixed Chorus: Minnesota’s LGBTQA Community Chorus

What: Gender Unchecked! A concert smashing the boxes of gender stereotypes with songs playful and profound, interactive lobby displays, and giant, gender-bending puppets!

Where: Ordway Concert Hall – 345 Washington Ave, St. Paul, MN 55101

When: Saturday, June 13 – 3:00pm & 7:30pm

Tickets: \$40 - \$15 Student/Senior. Purchase tickets online at <http://www.onevoicemn.org> or call 651-298-1954.

One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies chorus is smashing the boxes of gender stereotypes. Songs range from the playful *Masculine Women, Feminine Men*, and Harry Belafonte’s *Turn the World Around*, to the serious and profound *Wounded I am* by Renaissance composer, William Byrd and the modern, *I Hide Myself* from Eric Whitacre. And songs like *Finding Her Here* by Joan Szymko and *A Far Better Man* by Steven Landau confront head on the stereotypes that prevent people from living their true identities.

The concert also comes at an important time in the struggle for full LGBT rights. There has recently been a backlash against transgender inclusion and rights in many communities across the country, ranging from discriminatory legislation, to assault of transgender people and even a spike in the murders of transgender women in 2015. One Voice’s history of producing innovative and thought-provoking concerts takes us to the next level with this concert which will incorporate moving stories of

the journey to realize your true self from chorus members and youth from Reclaim, a Twin Cities based non-profit organization that provides therapy for LGBTQ youth. On the lighter side, One Voice is also partnering with puppeteer, Bart Buch, to create giant gender-bending puppets which will be woven into the music and stories. The concert, in true One Voice tradition, promises to be a wonderfully eclectic performance that will leave you laughing, crying and wanting more!

Gender Unchecked will engage audiences as soon as they enter the performance venue through lobby displays and interactive activities that encourage patrons to consider their own gender identity, plot their determined gender on a continuum graph and experience quotes and photos from youth and adults representing the gender spectrum.

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