December 12, 7pm (PST)
December 13, 11am (PST)
www.DanceAlongNutcracker.org
San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band is the first openly-gay musical organization in the world, inspiring the formation of LGBTQ+ bands, choruses and performing groups around the globe.

Founded in 1978 by Jon Sims at the height of Anita Bryant’s anti-gay crusade, the Band has made music to build understanding among communities of all sexual orientations and identities for more than four decades. Ever since making a splash by marching up Market Street with Harvey Milk’s convertible in the 1978 San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade, the Band has been appearing throughout the City and its environs to promote LGBTQ+ visibility. In the time since then, we’ve played at community and civic events throughout San Francisco, the Bay, and worldwide.

Our community has been incredibly supportive, helping us to fundraise and awarding us numerous accolades, including being named by city ordinance “The Official Band of the City and County of San Francisco”. For over 40 years, the Band has continued to play with pride and build Jon’s envisioned world where music could put a known face on coming out, where music builds bridges, and where it wouldn’t matter whether you were queer or not. In the words of our inimitable founder Jon Sims, “Our Message is Music!”

Jon Reed Sims
Founder, SFLGFB
Marche
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Concert Suite from The Polar Express
ALAN SILVESTRI & GLEN BALLARD; arr. by Jerry Brubaker

Overture Miniature
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Aloha Oe Waltz  Mele Kalikimaka
arr. by C.H. Reeves  arr. by R. Alex Anderson

Mirlitons
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Somewhere in My Memory from Home Alone
LESLIE BRICUSSE & JOHN WILLIAMS; arr. by Paul Lavender

Russian Trepak
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Aquarius / Let the Sunshine In
JAMES RADO & GEROME RAGNI; arr. by Allen Gray

Selections from The Polar Express
ALAN SILVESTRI & GLEN BALLARD; arr. by Paul Murtha

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Jingle Bells
TRADITIONAL

Blue Danube Waltz  Danza Final (Malambo)
JOHANN STRAUSS  A. GINASTERA
arr. by Erik W.G. Leidzén  arr. by David John

Christmas in a Nutshell
arr. by Chris Sharp

Waltz of the Flowers
PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY; arr. by M.L. Lake

Itinerary

Intermission

Dance-Along Nutcracker 2003
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2011
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2014
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Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles
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Throughout the Years
Around the World
Frosty’s Hawaiian Holiday!
Nutcrackers of the Caribbean

San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2003
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2011
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2013
Dance-Along Nutcracker 2000

Betty’s List
Into Outer Space
At Sea
At Sea
Into Outer Space

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco
CHEER San Francisco
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Alix Feinsod has been performing in musicals around the Bay Area all her life with Stagedoor, YMTC, The Marsh, and The Thrillpeddlers. She also writes plays for her students to perform and has designed costumes for the Magic Theater and other companies. Alix is excited to be in her second Dance-Along Nutcracker – and her favorite theater memory is singing “Popular” in a school play as a kid!

Nick Setnik is excited to get back on the stage after many years. Previously he has played ensemble parts in college level theatre productions and performed in the pit band for a handful of stage productions. Nick is looking forward to giving some holiday cheer in this virtual Dance-Along Nutcracker!

Flynn De Marco has been working in theater since elementary school. He is an accomplished cake decorator and ukulele player as well as an award winning LEGO builder, costumer, teacher, director, singer, and actor. You might call him a Renaissance Man, although he would call himself a Jack of All Trades. He has performed numerous times in the Dance-Along Nutcracker in addition to directing.

Originally from the chilly state of Alaska, Mimi Osa found her way to the eternal summer of San Francisco. She started her drag career as a way to give back to the incredible LGBTQ+ community that made her feel so welcome in her new hometown. From becoming Miss Golden Gate in 2016, to winning the Miss GAPA title in 2017, to being publicly-elected to become the Reigning Empress in 2020, Mimi has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to support local non-profit organizations. Follow the remainder of the reign here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/icmgg
Candace Monroe-Speed  Mom

Candace Monroe-Speed has been on stage since the age of two as a dancer, actress, and spoken word artist. Before moving to the Bay Area and focusing on family and her career, Candace’s last role was Lady Purple in Ntozake Shange’s *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf*, produced by Black Poet Ventures. It has been an honor for Candace to get back on stage with the *2020 Dance Along Nutcracker: The Nutcracker Express*. She currently is a middle school special education teacher in Martinez, CA.

Stephanie Richardson  Mom & Producer

Stephanie Richardson is a trombonist with the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band and serves as the band’s Staff Production Manager. Previously, she acted and sang in *2018 Dance-Along Nutcracker: Clara Potter and the Elder Baton*, produced *Nutcrackers in Space* (2019), and is excited to produce *The Nutcracker Express* this year! By day, she’s a TK-8 district music teacher in Brisbane, CA where she manages the district’s choral and wind band programs and recently started a string program. She also produces and directs the school district’s annual musicals. Stephanie is an avid singer and dancer whose favorite hobby is dragging friends to karaoke.

Pete Nowlen  Artistic Director

Appointed Artistic Director of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band in August 2013, Pete Nowlen is one of Northern California’s busiest musicians. He is the founder and driving force behind Sacramento’s VITA Academy, dedicated to revitalizing classical music through innovative community and audience engagement and school music programs. Other conducting credits includes the Sacramento, Auburn, Camellia, UCD and CSUS Symphonies and more than a dozen major productions ranging from *La bohème* to the *Rocky Horror Show*. Pete was a member of the French horn section of the Sacramento Symphony for 10 years. He has performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Opera, and Ballet Orchestras, served as co-principal hornist of the International Orchestra of Italy, and has been a prize winner and finalist in international solo competitions.
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The 2020 Dance-Along Nutcracker is dedicated in loving memory to Lisa Canjura-Clayton.
The Gay Freedom Band of Los Angeles promotes acceptance and celebrates diversity by bringing together musicians from across Southern California for performance and educational opportunities that embrace equality, inclusion, and the love of music.

Founded in 1978, GFBLA is one of the oldest LGBT concert bands in the world. Originally named the Great American Yankee Freedom Band of Los Angeles, this group was created to promote the visibility of the LGBT community and to provide entertainment at pride celebrations.

The main goals of the band are to create a supportive and artistically challenging environment for its members, to provide top quality live concerts that are free and open to the public, and to serve as a model of acceptance and collaboration.

**Artistic Director**  Justin Raines  
**Flute/Piccolo**  David Doan  
**Clarinet**  Mia Barnett  
**Saxophone**  Mandi Collier  
**Double Reed**  Gerard Lavatori  
**Trumpet**  Jodi Gladstone  
**Horn**  Michael Tarin  
**Trombone**  David Howells  
**Euphonium**  Tracy Adams  
**Tuba**  David Gonzalez  
**Bass**  David Gordon  
**Percussion**  Jason Lo  
**Audio Mixer**  Justin Raines  
**Editor**  Mia Barnett
The nation’s oldest out-loud LGBT mixed chorus, the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco (LGCSF) was founded in 1980 as the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Men’s Community Chorus, and renamed LGCSF in 1984. For over 40 years we have provided a home for our LGBT musical community to develop their talents, build friendships and perform great concerts.

We actively promote the work of gay and lesbian composers and take pride in providing positive examples of LGBTQ culture to San Francisco’s diverse communities. Some words from our first concert program capture the spirit that we still honor today: “For the first time in the known history of the world we [can] write our own culture, [...] we can love one another proudly. Yes, we can build, and create, and establish. Yes, the world is a better place because we are here.”

These words need to be spoken as loudly today as 40 years ago.

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| Artistic Director | Michael Reilly | Audio Engineer Vocals | Milli Becker |
CHEER San Francisco is an adult, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting beneficiaries that assist those living with HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, and other life-challenging conditions. Formed in 1980, CHEER SF has been thrilling crowds locally, nationally, and internationally with their unique brand of high-energy performances. This all-volunteer group is dedicated not only to providing polished professional entertainment but also to the philanthropic mission of the squad, serving as true ambassadors of goodwill to the communities in which they perform.

Brittany Trammell
Nelson Norman
Mia Valverde
Jacob Felicitas
Jacki Angelo
Manny Gonzalez
Jannine Takahashi-Crow
Pham Nguyen
Leah Guillermo
Anthony Chavira
Anel Zarate
Alice Jensen
Brandon Uria
Steven Merlino

Derek Jandu
Yuna Yi
Gabriella Mahmoud
John Ward
Tien Leou-on

The San Francisco Bay Times is the oldest LGBTQ newspaper in the Bay Area that is now and always has been fully funded and owned by LGBTQ individuals. Betty’s List makes it easy to find out about important events, services and products for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Look forward to staff, family, and friends who will lead a sing-along in this year’s Dance-Along Nutcracker!

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Stuart Gaffney & John Lewis
Lou Fischer & Amy Meyers

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Jason Brock
Dr. Tim Seelig
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