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## PEPPERMINT FROM RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE TO GUEST STAR IN NEW YORK CITY GAY MEN'S CHORUS GAY SING-A-LONG EXTRAVAGANZA: "BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL"

**NEW YORK, February 20, 2019** – New York City Gay Men's Chorus announces that Peppermint, from RuPaul's Drag Race will join them as their guest star for the eleventh annual Big Gay Sing®, its annual sing-along extravaganza. This year the chorus of 250+ singers presents, *BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL*. Performances will run from March 22 - 24 at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts.

*BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL* pays tribute to the contributions of black artists from gospel, jazz, R&B, pop, rap, and beyond. The show celebrates the soul behind the music and honors the musicians whose unique sound helped forge the musical identity of America. Included will be an homage of R-E-S-P-E-C-T for the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, a heaping dose of Beyoncé, The Temptations, Rihanna, John Legend, and Stevie Wonder.

*BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL* will feature such favorites as *Killing Me Softly*, *Body and Soul*, *All of Me*, *Rhythm Nation*, *Feelin' Good*, *Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing*, *Lip Gloss*, *Love on Top*, among others.

Big Gay Sing®, an NYCGMC original concept and now in its eleventh smash year, has become New York's greatest way to welcome spring. Its outrageous sing-along format has become so popular that Big Gay Sing® has been franchised to choruses around the US and the world.

*BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL* will be performed at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts at **8pm Friday March 22** and **Saturday March 23**, and at **3pm Sunday March 24**. Tickets are now available at [nycgmc.org](http://nycgmc.org).

Click on the following link for more information about [NYCGMC](http://nycgmc.org).

### FOR CALENDAR LISTINGS:

<b>WHAT:</b>	BIG GAY SING BODY & SOUL
<b>PERFORMERS:</b>	New York City Gay Men's Chorus
<b>WHEN:</b>	Friday, March 22 at 8:00 pm Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 pm Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 pm
<b>WHERE:</b>	NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts 566 LaGuardia Place New York, NY 10012
<b>TICKETS:</b>	<a href="http://nycgmc.org">nycgmc.org</a>

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### About the New York City Gay Men's Chorus

New York City Gay Men's Chorus is a world-class, world-renowned New York institution and a pioneering voice for the LGBTQ community. NYCGMC is comprised of more than 250 talented singers of various ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Together, we produce a vibrant sound and energy that audiences can feel and connect with. Through the power of this sound, and our spectacular performances, we are fearless champions for love, equality, and acceptance. Founded in 1980, NYCGMC has formed

a strong bond with devoted followers and continues to make lasting connections with new and diverse audiences. We sing in every style from classical to pop, Broadway to gospel, and from cultures all over the world. As artists, we listen to the changing world around us and transform what we hear into music. We sing to challenge perceptions of the LGBTQ community, to combat fear and hatred, encourage compassion and human connection, and to thrill with the superb quality of our sound. Through our music, audiences mourn losses, cheer victories, find unconditional acceptance, and celebrate life. We perform in a variety of settings, including special, private, and corporate events, concerts, television appearances, festivals, Broadway/theatre productions, conferences, weddings, parties, fundraisers, and community events. [nycgmc.org](http://nycgmc.org)

### **About Big Apple Performing Arts**

Big Apple Performing Arts is the non-profit management company for the New York City Gay Men's Chorus and Youth Pride Chorus. With over thirty years of history, innovative programs, and service to the LGBTQ community, Big Apple Performing Arts is renowned for producing legendary performances, commissioning new works, and taking a leading role in the movement for social justice. From Carnegie Hall to City Hall, from the AIDS crisis to the struggle for marriage equality, as well as today's gender and identity politics, the choruses of BAPA have been leaders and activists in the New York City community since 1980.

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