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THE BANG GROUP TO BRING THEIR *NUT/CRACKED* TO NEW YORK CITY GAY MEN'S CHORUS HOLIDAY SHOW, *HOLIDAY SLAY!*

NEW YORK, November 21, 2017 - New York City Gay Men's Chorus (NYCGMC) today announced The Bang Group will be special guests for their holiday show, *HOLIDAY SLAY!* at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts on December 14, 15, and 16.

NYCGMC is ready to slay every holiday tradition and give your season the gay spark it so desperately needs! We will pile our sleigh with bears, twinks, and sugar plum fairies to celebrate the end of 2017 in style. Special guests The Bang Group will perform excerpts of their remarkable twist on Tchaikovsky's classic, *Nut/Cracked*, and 250 amazing voices will deck the halls with their astonishing sound. NYCGMC's holiday extravaganza brims with comfort, zany cheer, and goodwill for humanity. The most cherished holiday classics, mixed with unexpected gems, and the delightful company of New York's most renowned chorus, will make your season merry and bright.

Artistic Director, Charles Beale said, "The Bang Group will shake up our annual holiday extravaganza in the best possible way, so slay your expectations and come for the holiday classics you must hear from 250 glorious voices, but stay for the new and exciting material we have in store."

Jeffrey Kazin, Director of The Bang Group said, "After 14 years of mounting *Nut/Cracked* — David Parker's anarchic, gender nonconforming, neo-vaudeville — nothing could thrill us, or seem more fitting than celebrating our 15th anniversary production with incredible talent of the NYCGMC."

The Bang Group, founded in 1995 by Jeffrey Kazin and David Parker, is a NYC-based dance company dedicated to Parker's love of rhythmic form and is renowned for its commitment to craftsmanship, creative liberty and aesthetic diversity.

Listing details:

NYCGMC HOLIDAY SLAY!

BEARS, TWINKS, AND SUGAR PLUM FAIRIES

Featuring The Bang Group

December 14 (8pm), 15 (8pm), and 16 (3pm)

NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, 566 LaGuardia Place

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

2017/2018 Season tickets can be purchased [here](#).

For more information about NYCGMC, YPC, and BAPA (including descriptions and images) can be found [here](#).

JetBlue is the official airline and corporate partner of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus.

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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 260 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

New York City's Youth Pride Chorus harnesses the power of the performing arts to engage lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight young people ages 13-22 as agents of change. YPC fights homophobia, bullying, and all forms of hate by boldly asserting—through music—the joy, diversity, strength, and pride of today's youth. YPC singers discover their own power by empowering others in schools, online, and in the broader community through electrifying, high caliber singing and performances. youthpridechorus.org

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.