

FAQs Regarding Strategic Alliance between SPCO and GTCYS

Is this a merger?

No, GTCYS and the SPCO will remain fully separate 501(c)(3) organizations. Each will maintain independent finances, staff, fundraising efforts, and Board of Directors.

What does the alliance look like?

GTCYS and the SPCO will share office space and administrative infrastructure (telephones, copiers, and IT service). The SPCO will also mentor GTCYS in the areas of fundraising and management strategies. The alliance sets the stage for further artistic and educational collaborations in the future.

Where is GTCYS' administrative office moving?

At the end of June, GTCYS will move its administrative office and library from downtown Minneapolis into the SPCO Center located in the Historic Hamm Building in downtown St. Paul.

Will this affect rehearsals, concerts, or auditions?

No, only the administrative office will move to St. Paul. This will not impact GTCYS rehearsals, concerts, or auditions.

Is this alliance the result of financial difficulty for either organization?

No, this alliance stems from a desire for two organizations with similar missions to share resources and expertise, which – over time – will strengthen both organizations' finances and educational programming.

How will this impact fundraising efforts?

As separate organizations, GTCYS and the SPCO will maintain independent fundraising activities. Both institutions will require continued, independent support from donors.

Will the alliance impact partnerships with other arts or educational organizations?

No, GTCYS will continue its existing partnerships and will look for opportunities to build new ones.

How will this impact artistic programming?

GTCYS' outstanding conducting staff and coaching roster will remain the same. The close proximity of working side by side sets the stage for further artistic and educational collaborations with the SPCO in the future.