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**Renaissance City Men's Choir Names
Bill J. Adams As Artistic Director**

(Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) The Board of Directors of the Renaissance City Choirs has appointed Bill J. Adams, DMA, as the new artistic director of The Renaissance City Men's Choir. Dr. Adams will fill the position left vacant by the resignation of the Choir's former artistic director, Darlene Durrwachter-Rushing. His responsibilities begin immediately.

Dr. Adams is currently a voice instructor at Clarion University. He has held previous academic appointments at Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida, Valencia County Community College, Orlando, Florida, and the University of Kentucky. In addition, he has maintained a private singing and acting studio in New York City and was a resident artist with the Orlando Opera Company.

Dr. Adams holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Miami as well as Master of Music and Bachelor of Music degrees from the University of Kentucky. He and his partner of 20 years reside in Pittsburgh.

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“The choir successfully conducted a nationwide search to fill the artistic director’s position,” remarked M. L. White, Chair of the Renaissance City Choir Board of Directors. “A committee was formed from Board and choir membership, and more than ten candidates were reviewed over a four-month period. The search was narrowed down to four excellent finalists, and subsequently, the committee, the choir membership and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors evaluated each individual and provided a recommendation to the full Board of Directors. We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the process, and wish to thank all the candidates who participated.”

The Renaissance City Men’s Choir is Pittsburgh’s only male choir made up of gays, bisexuals and other supportive individuals. It, along with the Renaissance City Women’s Choir, directed by Susan Haugh, comprises the Renaissance City Choirs.

The Renaissance City Choirs perform at numerous venues throughout the year. Committed to making change through the power of music, the Renaissance City Choirs belong to GALA and Chorus America, two of the nation’s leading choral music advocacy organizations.

The 2004-2005 season marks the 20th anniversary of the organization. For more information about the choirs and their upcoming events, please visit

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