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Lyric Opera presents international singing phenomenon

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Saturday, October 21 at 8pm Unite with fellow Chicagoans to sing a new arrangement of a popular song

CHICAGO (8/31/2017) – Lyric Opera of Chicago is thrilled to present international singing phenomenon <u>Choir! Choir! Choir!</u> at the Lyric Opera House (20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago) on **Saturday, October 21 at 8pm**. Hailed by *The New Yorker* as "a profound way for people to connect and interact," **Choir! Choir!** blurs the lines between being an audience member and a performer by bringing strangers together to sing popular songs.

All attendees will receive a sheet of music lyrics, be evenly divided based on voice types and ranges, and taught vocal harmonies. Magically, a beautifully unified choir will be formed within only 90 minutes. Tickets for this family-friendly event, taking place in Lyric's gorgeous art-deco style **Rice Grand Foyer**, are just \$25 and are available **now**. There are no auditions and no experience is needed to participate.

Founded in 2011 by Daveed Goldman and Nobu Adilman (AKA "DaBu"), **Choir! Choir! Choir!** began as a weekly drop in, nocommitment singing event. It didn't take long for the Canadian choir directors' a cappella arrangements to attract great attention from thousands of people worldwide. Notably, **Choir! Choir! Choir!** has undertaken fan favorites such as Prince's <u>When Doves Cry</u>, Leonard Cohen's <u>Hallelujah</u>, Justin Bieber's <u>Sorry</u>, and Bon Jovi's <u>Livin' On A</u> <u>Prayer</u>, to name a few.

Choir! Choir! Choir! has amassed a dedicated and passionate community of singers and a thriving international fan base on **YouTube**. The group has performed with renowned artists such as Patti Smith, Tegan and Sara, and Rufus Wainwright, and onstage at New York's Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall with the likes of Debbie Harry and The Flaming Lips. **Choir! Choir! Choir!** exists to celebrate music and push the boundaries between practice and performance, artist and audience, offering therapeutic benefits with the ultimate side effect: a powerful community.

Secure your spot to be part of this unforgettable **<u>Choir! Choir! Choir! Choir!</u>** experience.

About Lyric

Lyric Opera of Chicago's mission is to express and promote the life-changing, transformational, revelatory power of great opera. Lyric exists to provide a broad, deep, and relevant cultural service to Chicago and the nation, and to advance the development of the art form.

Founded in 1954, Lyric is dedicated to producing and performing consistently thrilling, entertaining, and thought-provoking opera with a balanced repertoire of core classics, lesser-known masterpieces, and new works; to creating an innovative and wide-ranging program of community engagement and educational activities; and to developing exceptional emerging operatic talent.

Under the leadership of general director Anthony Freud, music director Sir Andrew Davis, and creative consultant Renée Fleming, Lyric strives to become The Great North American Opera Company for the 21st century: a globally significant arts organization embodying the core values of excellence, relevance, and fiscal responsibility.

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