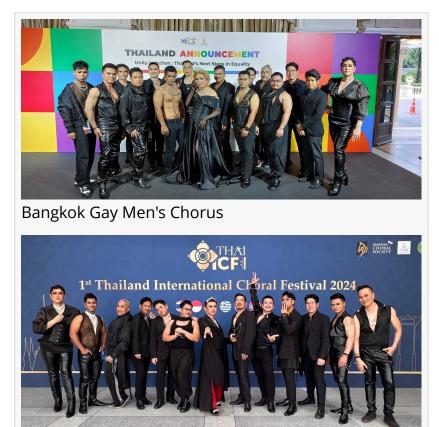


Thailand Sets the Tone for LGBTQ+ Acceptance with a Year of Musical Milestones

Thailand champions LGBTQ inclusion in 2024 with music uniting communities, inspiring change, and fostering equality through impactful performances and advocacy.

BANGKOK, THAILAND, December 26, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As 2024 draws to a close, the Bangkok Gay Men's Chorus (BKGMC) stands as a shining example of how art can inspire change and foster inclusivity. This year, **BKGMC** not only captivated audiences with its musical talent but also strengthened its role as a powerful advocate for Thailand's LGBTQ+ community. Their performances bridged divides, touched hearts, and created opportunities for businesses and communities to come together in support of equality and social progress.



Bangkok Gay Men's Chorus at 1st Thailand International Choral Festival

From corporate leaders to LGBTQ+ advocates, BKGMC's milestones in 2024 demonstrate how partnerships with arts organizations can amplify shared values. Some of the key highlights from this transformative year include:

1. 6th ASEAN International Chorus Festival (March 26): Held at the Aksara Theater, Pullman Bangkok Hotel, this event showcased BKGMC's ability to blend artistry with advocacy, sharing a message of love and unity that resonated across Southeast Asia.

2. Kim Jun Man Concert (April 23): A cross-cultural collaboration at the Goethe-Institut Bangkok that underscored the power of music to transcend borders and connect communities.

3. Pride Month Performances (June): BKGMC added its voice to Bangkok Pride (Drag Bangkok) at Parc Paragon on June 1 and delighted audiences with a spectacular performance during the

Longtail with Love celebration at Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort on June 7.

4. Unity in Action (August 13): Performing at the Santi Maitri Building, Government House of Thailand, BKGMC symbolized how music can foster mutual understanding, even in spaces where diversity is not always a focal point.

5. Thailand International Choral Festival (September 3-6): As a featured performer at the inaugural event, BKGMC cemented its reputation as a leader in Thailand's choral music and LGBTQ+ advocacy scenes.



Bangkok Gay Men's Chorus at 7th Asean International Choral Festival

6. The Anantara Riverside Bangkok Hotel hosted a Christmas Carol Celebration. BKGMC was the first openly gay male chorus hired to sing at the five-star family-friendly hotel.

BKGMC's founder, Vitaya Saeng-Aroon, highlights the importance of leveraging music as a medium for social progress. "Music has the unique ability to connect on an emotional level, breaking down barriers and building empathy. Our performances aim to promote visibility, challenge stereotypes, and offer a safe space for LGBTQ+ individuals to express themselves," Vitaya explains.

<u>Sarawut Burapapat</u>, Outreach & Patron Services Director, emphasizes Thailand's position as an LGBTQ+ hub. "With the growing prominence of events like Bangkok Pride and the rise of digital platforms amplifying LGBTQ+ voices, we are fostering a culture of inclusivity. BKMC's role as a cultural ambassador helps promote Thailand as a welcoming destination for all," Sarawut shares.

Opportunities for Businesses and Communities

For business leaders, BKGMC's journey offers a compelling case for supporting diversity-focused initiatives. By collaborating with organizations like BKGMC, businesses can align with values of inclusion, boost employee engagement, and build stronger ties with diverse customer bases.

Looking ahead to 2025, BKGMC remains committed to its mission of advancing equality and inclusivity through music. We invite businesses, community leaders, and supporters to join us in creating a brighter future. Whether attending a performance, partnering on diversity programs, or simply sharing our story, you can make a difference.

Follow the Bangkok Gay Men's Chorus on social media at <u>https://www.facebook.com/BANGKOKGMC</u> to stay updated on upcoming events and initiatives.

Together, let's harmonize for a more inclusive world.

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