



LAKESIDE PRIDE MUSIC ENSEMBLES

CHICAGO'S PREMIER LGBTQA FAMILY OF MUSICIANS

LAKESIDE PRIDE AT A GLANCE

Three major ensembles:
Symphonic Band
Jazz Orchestra
Marching Band

Over a dozen chamber
ensembles

250 talented volunteer
musicians and crew

Over 50 performances
last season

Audiences of over one
million last season

Inductee into the
Chicago LGBT Hall of
Fame

Joint performances with
Chicago Gay Mens
Chorus, Artemis Singers,
Windy City Performing
Arts, and ResonaTe

Founding Member of the
Lesbian and Gay Band
Association

Sister ensemble with the
London Gay Symphony
Winds



ANNOUNCING SECOND ANNUAL GALA!

With our roots dating back to the very first Chicago Pride Parade in 1979, Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles has been at the heart of the local LGBTQ community. Our mission is to use the **universal language of music** to spread a message of love and acceptance. Following four years of unprecedented growth and recognition, now is the time for us to expand our reach as we – quite literally – sound the trumpet and help lead the charge toward social justice in Chicago and across the country.

We are excited to announce our second annual gala will take place on **Saturday, March 7th on stage at the stunning Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park!** Your sponsorship will help provide the financial resources needed to fully equip and transport our ensembles that perform for over one million people annually. We are ready to take the next step in serving our community and spreading our message. Will you stand next to us and help **lead the sound of progress?**

LAKESIDE PRIDE MUSIC ENSEMBLE SECOND ANNUAL GALA

Next March, we will host our second annual gala with the following goals:

1. Continue a tradition that will allow us to expand our programming reach to wider and more diverse audiences.
2. Raise \$35,000 that will go directly toward equipment maintenance and transportation.
3. Lay the groundwork to expand our leadership in the LGBTQA community locally and nationally.

Your generous sponsorship will help us achieve these goals and so many more.



It's not enough to be tolerated. Every person deserves to be loved and accepted for who they are. We use our big sound to remind the world that we are here, we are Queer, and we are not going anywhere. We have created a family of music and we want you to hear our sounds of acceptance.

"We will always be there to lead the joyous celebrations for our community's wins, like marriage equality and the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. But we know many of our friends and neighbors are still suffering, still scared to be their true self, and still facing injustice. We are here so all our voices can be heard."

Melissa Terrell - Chair of Lakeside Pride

THE TOP FOUR REASONS TO SPONSOR OUR GALA

01

We provide a safe, creative space for LGBTQA musicians

02

Help us expand to new and underserved neighborhoods

03

Help our message of love and acceptance reach over 1.5 million people next year

04

You will be supporting one of the largest and most prestigious LGBTQ bands in the country

