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CRAIG COOGAN NAMED ONE VOICE MIXED CHORUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Will expand and diversify organization's
activities to advance social change*

ST. PAUL – (January 5, 2012) -- Craig Coogan, an expert in developing strategies and programs to help GLBTA (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight ally) organizations achieve their operational goals, has been named Executive Director of One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's GLBTA chorus, effective January 2, 2012. In this role, Coogan will work with the One Voice Board and the Artistic Director, Jane Ramseyer Miller, to further expand and diversify the organization's programs in order to advance the chorus's mission of "building community by raising our voices in song to promote social change."

Commenting on Coogan's appointment, Tim Bicha, co- chair of the Board of Directors said, "We had dozens of applicants from around the country and it was clear that Craig's background and track record in working with organizations such as One Voice made him the ideal candidate for this post. We are thrilled that he is joining us and we're looking forward to his support in helping the board, Jane, and the chorus take One Voice to the next level."

Coogan, who has relocated to St. Paul from Los Angeles, said of his appointment, "I am delighted and overjoyed to be joining One Voice, an organization with an incredibly rich musical history that makes such a positive impact on the Minnesota community. It's an honor to join an organization with such a tradition and stellar reputation, and I am glad to be part of its future."

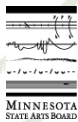


Coogan is a strategist, financial and organizational expert who has worked with a wide variety of non-profit and for-profit companies. He has an extensive track record in producing program results that are mission-driven. He was the founding Treasurer and served in that position for 10 years for Vox Femina Los Angeles, a world renowned women’s chorus. Coogan has also produced a number of award-winning films including *beyond the walls*—a documentary that followed the Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles on their tour of Russia, Estonia and Germany.

Jane Ramseyer Miller, who has held the dual role of Artistic Director and Executive Director for 17 years, continues as Artistic Director with the chorus. She said, “I am excited about the skills Craig is bringing to One Voice. He has a wonderful commitment to our mission of building community and a shared passion for our music. Craig has worked with arts organizations as well as educational groups and he’ll be a great addition to our outreach programs.”

One Voice Mixed Chorus unites gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies to build community and create social change by raising our voices in song. As the largest GLBTA chorus in North America, One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach. The 100 singing members range from ages 17 to 74, and the “Fifth Section” boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Whether performing in schools, at community events, or on stage for marquee concerts, One Voice inspires transformation through passionate, vibrant, creative and surprising performances. The award-winning chorus, under the direction of Artistic Director Jane Ramseyer Miller, has performed for thousands of people throughout the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond. More: www.ovmc.org.

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