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**WORLD PREMIERE OF**  
**"I AM HARVEY MILK"**  
**WITH MUSIC AND WORDS BY ANDREW LIPPA**  
**WILL HEADLINE**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS**  
**35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT**  
**"HARVEY MILK 2013"**

**STARRING**  
**ANDREW LIPPA**  
**LAURA BENANTI**

**FEATURING**  
**THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

**TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO'S**  
**NOURSE AUDITORIUM**

**PROJECT ALSO TO BE PERFORMED BY CHORUSES**  
**FROM COAST TO COAST**

**San Francisco, CA** –*I Am Harvey Milk*, the new oratorio with music and words by Tony® and Grammy Award nominee **Andrew Lipppa**, will have its world premiere at The Nourse Auditorium (201-299 Hayes Street, San Francisco) as part of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration concert, "Harvey Milk 2013." The special two-night engagement will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28. Starring Mr. **Lipppa** as Harvey Milk and Tony® Award-winner **Laura Benanti** as the Soprano soloist, *I Am Harvey Milk* is directed by **Noah Himmelstein**, conducted by **Dr. Timothy Seelig**, orchestrated by **August Eriksmoen**, Video and Projection Design by **Andrew Lazarow**, and will feature the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus accompanied by the Bay Area Rainbow Symphony. *I Am Harvey Milk* is produced by **Bruce Cohen**, in association with **Robb Nanus** and **Jessica Leventhal**.

*I Am Harvey Milk* was commissioned by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, along with Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, Vancouver Men's Chorus,

and Heartland Men's Chorus. Following this World Premiere Event, the piece will be made available for choruses to perform from coast to coast.

***I Am Harvey Milk*** weaves the story of Harvey Milk's life – from boyhood to his rise as the first openly gay man to hold public office in California to his assassination. Part choral work, part theater piece, ***I Am Harvey Milk*** is an emotional celebration of an American icon.

*Harvey Milk 2013* will also feature the debut of ***I am the Legacy***, featuring a variety of performance pieces celebrating the legacy of Harvey Milk submitted by artists from around the San Francisco Bay Area.

Tickets for Harvey Milk 2013 range in price from \$25-\$65 and are available now online at [SFGMC.org/harvey](http://SFGMC.org/harvey) or through City Box Office at (415) 392-4400. Visit [www.IAMHARVEYMILK.com](http://www.IAMHARVEYMILK.com) for more information.

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