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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### "PRISM Men's Chorus Announces a New Artistic Director"

**ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN (March 1, 2021).** [PRISM Gay Men and Allies Chorus Corporation](#) and its Board of Directors today announced that **Darin DeWeese** will become the Chorus's next Artistic Director. After an extensive search – which involved the creation of a search committee made up of patrons, current and past chorus members and leaders from other local artistic organizations – the Board is pleased to appoint a person that so embodies the values, vision and ideals of PRISM.



"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Darin DeWeese has been selected to lead PRISM Men's Chorus as the next Artistic Director," said Board Chairman, Mark Ortwine. "Darin is a tremendously talented artist, a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion and will help to lead PRISM in new directions as we work to strengthen and deepen our commitment to supporting the broad diversity of the LGBTQ+ and allies community of Southeast Michigan. The search committee was thrilled with the number of wonderful applications received, but Darin's excellent application and presentation to the committee excited us the most. Darin understands the nuance of our local arts community. He has a strong vision for where PRISM can go, and we very much look forward to PRISM's growth under his leadership."

Darin shared: "I am thrilled to be stepping into the Artistic Director role for such a vibrant organization within Southeast Michigan. I simply cannot wait to start making music with this talented group of men and share our song and story with our community!"

A Michigan native, Darin grew up in historic Marshall, Michigan where he was involved with music from an early age. With an immense love for choral music, Darin followed his passion for singing to Michigan State University where he completed his Bachelor of Music Education in 2010. Following his time at MSU Darin served as the Director of Vocal Music at Tecumseh High School where he taught for seven years. During his time in Tecumseh, his choirs performed both locally and regionally, receiving numerous awards including being selected to perform at the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival in 2017. Following his time in Tecumseh, Darin served as the Artistic Director of the Out Loud Chorus in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 2019-2021.

As a singer, Darin has performed at major venues in the United States and abroad including Carnegie Hall, The Detroit Opera House, the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Miami, and has performed contracts with Celebrity Cruises. Darin currently sings on staff at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and recently served in residence at Exeter Cathedral and the University of Exeter, England in 2019.

PRISM is working hard to prepare a safe, flexible season of performances for 2021, which will include virtual and streaming performances, as well as, **when safe**, socially distanced outdoor concerts. Darin will assume the Artistic Director position on March 1, 2021.

*"Changing Lives One Note at a Time..."*

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