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Portland Lesbian Choir (PLC) revives heartbreakingly cancelled 2021 winter show with their Be a Light concert PLC emerges from COVID-19 stronger than ever

PORTLAND, OR – October 19th, 2022 – After more than two years of virtual practice and performances, PLC will stage its first in-person concert since the COVID-19 pandemic began. *Hold Fast to Dreams* is PLC's first concert of its 36th season and will be held on Friday, June 11, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Parkrose High School.

"We are so fortunate to have strong community support that allowed our choir to not just survive, but thrive during the pandemic," said PLC Artistic Director Mary McCarty. "We chose our concert theme to showcase the notion of transcendence as we emerge together from the isolation many experienced during the past two years. We are excited to be in front of a live audience and celebrate Pride in person."

Formed in 1986, PLC is proud to present our 77th concert, *Hold Fast to Dreams*, which will feature "Reverie", a new commission by 2019-2020 Kennedy Center Citizen Artist <u>Alysia Lee</u>, as well as other songs of hope and resilience.

Hold Fast to Dreams will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The venue is ADA accessible and the concert will be ASL interpreted. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result (taken within 72 hours of showtime) will be required to enter the theater. Masks are required for all attendees due to the nature of the event.

Tickets are equitably priced at \$5-\$100 for general admission. Tickets and more information are available at <u>plchoir.org</u>.

The Portland Lesbian Choir is dedicated to creating community and harmony through musical excellence, service and advocacy, and has been singing out in Portland, OR since 1986.