

THE COLUMBUS
Queer
scendos

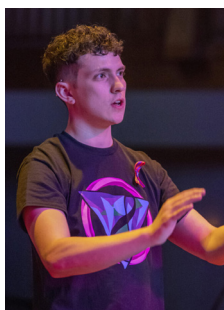
The Youth Ensemble of
Columbus Gay Men's Chorus

STILL HERE

STILL QUEER

May 2, 2026 | Maple Grove United Methodist Church | 7 p.m.

- This is Me*** Words and Music by
Benj Pasek and Justin Pauk
- Everyone is Gay*** Words and Music by
Ian Axel and Chad Vaccarino
- What it Sounds Like*** Words and Music by Jenna Andrews,
Stephen Eric Kirk and Mark Sonnenblick
- Truly Brave*** Arranged by Mac Huff
- I'm Still Standing*** Words and Music by
Elton John and Bernie Taupin
- Chosen Family*** Words and Music by
Rina Sawayama, Daniel Harle,
and Jonny Lattimer



Gabriel Gonzales (he/they)

The Columbus Queerscendos/Assistant Director

Gabriel Gonzales serves as the Assistant Artistic Director for The Columbus Queerscendos — the youth ensemble of CGMC. Gabriel was born and raised in Xenia, Ohio. He moved to Columbus to attend The Ohio State University, where he pursued a degree in music education with a focus in voice. Additionally, he serves as an elementary school teacher in Hilliard Schools. His CGMC journey began as our Choral Intern in January 2021, where he also became a singing member, and this season also joined our auditioned ensemble, Vox.



Eliza van Kan (she/her/hers)

The Columbus Queerscendos Accompanist

Eliza van Kan is honored to accompany The Columbus Queerscendos — the youth ensemble of CGMC. She received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Towson University, Maryland, and a Master of Music in Music Education from the University of Florida. In her home state, Maryland, she has collaborated with instrumental soloists, choirs, and community theater productions around Baltimore. After moving to Japan in 2017, she taught K-8 music at international schools in Tokyo and performed with the Tokyo International Players as a pianist, music director, and occasional cast member. Now back in the U.S., she teaches elementary music in central Ohio and accompanies the Allegretto and Vivace choirs of the Columbus Children's Choir.



Alli Kisker (she/they)

ASL Interpreter



Alli Kisker is an American Sign Language Interpreter originally from Lancaster, Ohio. She recently accepted a staff interpreting position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In her free time, Alli enjoys traveling, attending and interpreting music festivals, spending time with family, and being outdoors.

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2025-2026 SEASON

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A colorful poster for "Ancient Gods" featuring three circular illustrations: a blue-skinned bearded man with a spear, a woman's face, and a warrior in armor. The background is orange with white text and decorative patterns.

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