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Dear Federation of Gay Games,

We, the Rocky Mountain Arts Association (RMAA), confirm our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

Starting in 1982, Rocky Mountain Arts Association manages both the Denver Gay Men's Chorus and the Denver Women's Chorus and produces over 20 ticketed concert performances a year as well as several outreach performances at venues like Coors Field, Ball Arena, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, reaching over 35,000 audience members a year. With over 150 singers in each chorus, RMAA is the oldest and most recognized LGBTQIA+ performing arts nonprofit within the Denver metro area and surrounding states.

RMAA has a long track record of supporting efforts and causes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We welcome transgender and nonbinary singers, and although our programming strongly represents the LGBTQIA+ perspective, we have highly diverse programming, reflecting many cultural songs and composers. Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to inclusion.

Denver's central location within the United States, with non-stop flights to all fifty states and eighteen countries, along with its incredible cultural diversity and access to world class outdoor recreation, positions the city ideally for hosting the Gay Games. The city's vibrant music, theater, and arts scenes, along with world class dining options and proximity to world class natural attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver an ideal host for the Gay Games XIII.

Rocky Mountain Arts Association would leverage our local network of over 350 singers and staff, as well as our over 8,000 patrons, in supporting Denver as the host city of Gay Games. By promoting opportunities for singers and our patrons to participate in athletic events, volunteer at the Games, and attend cultural events associated with the Games, RMAA would help ensure the event's success.

We are excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present for not only RMAA but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid Committee to ensure Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with broad global reach.

Sincerely,

*Michael Sattler*

Executive Director, RMAA

