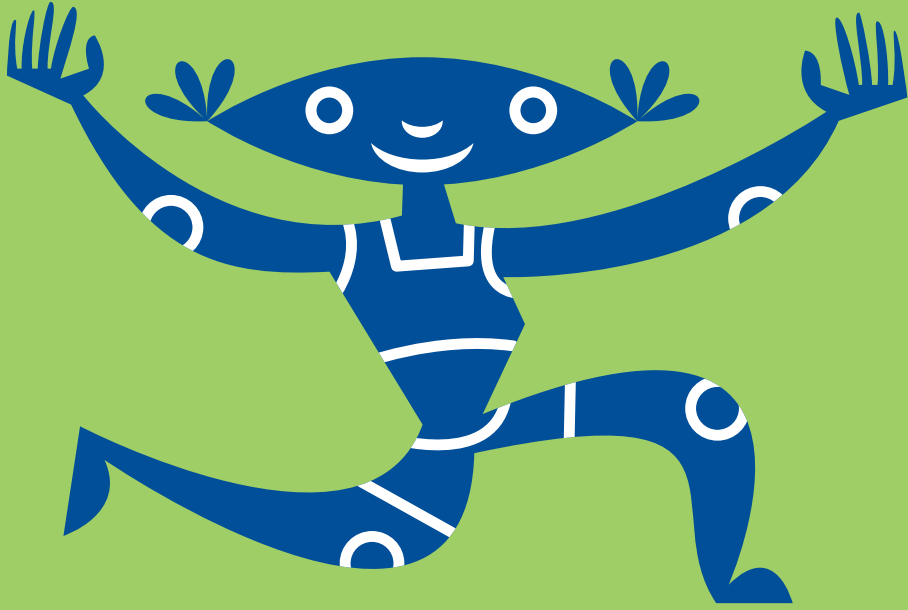
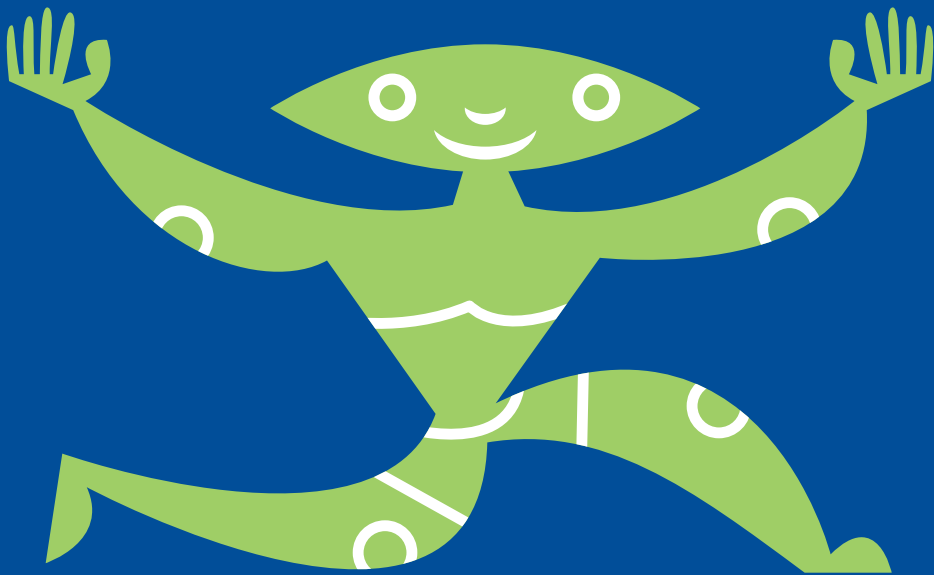


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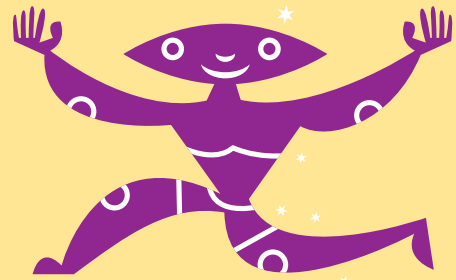
## Prologue

- ★ **Frankie Knuckles** - the Godfather of House will rock Soldier Field as we await the Procession
- ★ **Ben Patrick Johnson** - The Voice of the Games
- ★ **Drum and Choral Opening Salvo**
- ★ **The Procession of Athletes and Participants of Gay Games VII**  
"Shoulder to Shoulder" (World Premiere)  
Composer – Steven Lutvak • Soloist – Billy Porter
- ★ **Oath to the Athletes and Participants** - David Kopay  
"I Sing the Body Electric"  
By Michael Gore and Dean Pitchford • Arranged by Kathleen McGuire  
  
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"Beotia"  
Written and performed by Matt Alber, this piece was created in tribute to the famed Greek Army of Lovers, the most fierce and feared in history, ultimately destroyed by Alexander the Great of Macedon – performed tonight in honor of this newest "army of lovers" in our stadium.
- ★ **The National Anthem of the United States of America** - Christy Fairbairn, Windy City Gay Idol 2006
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## Act I "Exclusion"

- ★ **Choreography by lega Jeff**
- ★ **Special appearance by Erasure's Andy Bell**
- ★ **Kate Clinton**
- ★ **Welcome** - Co-Presidents of the international Federation of Gay Games:  
Kathleen Webster and Roberto Mantaci
- ★ **Legends of Women's Music**  
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## Act II "Oppression"

- ★ **Choreography by Joel Hall**
- ★ **Special Appearance by Erasure's Andy Bell**
- ★ **Staceyann Chin, George Takei, Jorge Valencia**
- ★ **Rainbow Run for the End of HIV and Cancer**  
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"My Brother Lived in San Francisco"

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"Exhortation to a Weary Army"

Keith Boykin

"Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again"

Composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber • Performed by Jose Llana

"Who You Are"

Composed by Kim Kuzma • Performed by Kim Kuzma and the  
Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus



## Act III "Expression"

★ **Choreography by Michele Lynch**

Assistant Choreographers: Jim Osorno & Connor Gallagher

★ **"Avenue Q"**

★ **David daSilva Cornell & Margaret Cho**

Featuring -

- Lesbian and Gay Marching Bands of America
- National Drill Ensemble - hosted by The Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps of Chicago
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★ **"Take the Flame" the Official Anthem of the Gay Games**

Written by Henry Krieger and Bill Russell • Performed by Esera Tuaolo



## Act IV "Ignition" and the Lighting of the Flame



★ **Choreographed by Christopher Harrison** - founder of AntiGravity

Featuring AntiGravity & The Ubaka Hill Drumsong Institute

★ **Introduction by Suzanne Westenhoefer**

★ **Ignition!**

★ **Exit**

"Akanamandla"

Performed by the Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus





### SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

(World Premiere: Special commission to the Gay Games)  
Written by Steven Lutvak

Something tells me, everybody here  
Has a story, different but the same  
And so, we gather from far and near  
To stand together and light the flame

Shoulder to shoulder, side by side  
Against all odds, a million hearts are open wide  
Nothing between us, nothing to hide  
Shoulder to shoulder, side by side

Look beside you in every stranger's eyes  
You see the story shining through  
It's a story I'm sure you'll recognize  
Something tells me it's in your eyes, too

Shoulder to shoulder, side by side  
Against all odds, a million hearts are open wide  
Nothing between us, nothing to hide  
Shoulder to shoulder, side by side

There's no stopping us  
No defeating us  
There's no doubting us.  
There's no beating us  
No denying us  
No defying us  
Let the games begin

Shoulder to shoulder, side by side  
Against all odds, a million hearts are open wide  
Nothing between us, nothing to hide  
Shoulder to shoulder, side by side



### BEOTIA

M. Alber

The dawn whispers of blood today  
a crimson star o'er Beotia  
the fierce flames of a Roman son  
shall burn forthright our chariots gold and grey.

And yet trembling beside me now  
the bravest born of Beotia.  
His thunderous heart resounds within  
forever joined in valor by the sword.

And should rivals upon us tread  
and spill our blood on Beotia  
behold high o'er Chaeronea  
your lover riding victorious  
the fiercest flames now a fiery shield,  
our steed and our chariot await...

Should death cleave unto destiny  
remember us dear Beotia,  
your loyal lover's Sacred Band  
whose fate with courage laid  
a force with which all earthly fear was stayed.



### TAKE THE FLAME

Krieger/Russell

I was lost in dark confusion, and thought I'd have to stay  
You had to fight for your own bit of light  
But you held it high to light my way.  
Now, thanks to you, my friend  
I can see this tunnel's end  
And I'll repeat 'til my dying day  
What you're no longer here to say...

Take the flame and pass it on  
Spread your light and share the dawn  
Grab your chance before it's gone  
Take the flame and pass it on

You lit up the night with a bold design  
You set us ablaze and allowed us to shine  
Your love left a spark to build upon  
Take the flame and pass it on.

Our light will shine no matter who tries to extinguish the flame  
This light of mine will burn for you so the world will remember your name  
It's a whole new game, we'll stake our claim, the past is over and gone  
Let's take the flame...take the flame...

Take the flame and pass it on...  
Spread your light and share the dawn  
Grab your chance before it's gone  
Take the flame and pass it on  
Take the flame and pass it on  
All ya gotta do is  
Take the flame and pass it on...



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