



Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte | Women's Chorus of Charlotte | Act Out Theater Company

Queen City Performing Arts
2027 Rollo Dilworth Choral Residency Initiative
Request to Mecklenburg County: \$25,000

Who Is Queen City Performing Arts?

Queen City Performing Arts (QCPA) is home to the Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte, Women's Chorus of Charlotte, and Act OUT Theater Company.

Our mission: Through artistic achievement, education, and engagement, we endeavor to create a society that values and respects its LGBTQ+ members.

Each year, QCPA produces 7 choral concerts, multiple theatrical productions, educational initiatives, and more than 25 community engagements serving Mecklenburg County and the surrounding region.

Why Choral Music Matters

Choral singing is the **most participated-in performing art in the United States**, with approximately **1 in 4 American households** including someone who sings in a choir or vocal ensemble.

Mecklenburg County already has a vibrant choral ecosystem in:

- public schools
- colleges and universities
- faith communities
- and community ensembles

This initiative strengthens that ecosystem through direct educational engagement and public access.

Why This Educational Initiative Matters

This initiative advances Mecklenburg County priorities in:

- education
- youth engagement
- cultural vitality
- access to the arts
- and community connection

QCPA believes nationally significant arts education experiences should be accessible in public schools and community spaces throughout Mecklenburg County. We'll be providing to classrooms and the general public to a resource they would otherwise not have access to.



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Rollo Dilworth Residency: Feb 18 – 20, 2027

QCPA will host internationally acclaimed composer, conductor, educator, and clinician **Rollo Dilworth**, one of the most sought-after names in American choral music today, particularly in gospel, spirituals, multicultural repertoire, and community-centered choral music.

An African American composer and educator, Dr. Dilworth is nationally recognized for his accomplishments in music education, culturally responsive teaching methods, collaborative artistry, and social-emotional learning through music.

Currently, he is **Vice Dean and Professor of Choral Music Education at Temple University Boyer College of Music and Dance**.

Educational & Community Impact

In-School Programs

Two ensembles in each of the following participating Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools currently include Northwest School of the Arts, Hough High School, and Providence High School

Public Workshops & Performances

Hosted at Queens University's Gambrell Center, the public section will include master classes, conducting instruction, performance practice instruction, vocal workshops, and collaborative performances.

Expected Reach

- 150 students in schools
- 200+ singers and educators in workshops
- 200+ audience members in performances
- 6 school ensembles
- 8 community-based ensembles

Funding Request: \$25,000

Category	Amount
Artist & Residency Costs	\$11,500
Venue & Production	\$10,000
Educational Programming & Materials	\$2,500
Marketing & Community Outreach	\$2,000
Administration & Student Support	\$4,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$30,000

QCPA will provide staffing, project management, volunteer coordination, production management, and additional contributed support to fully fund the project.