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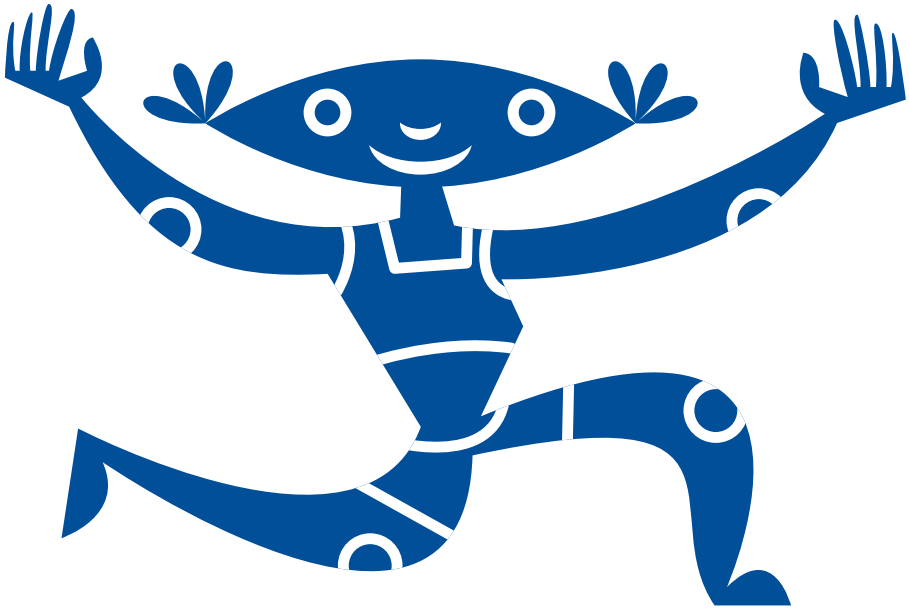

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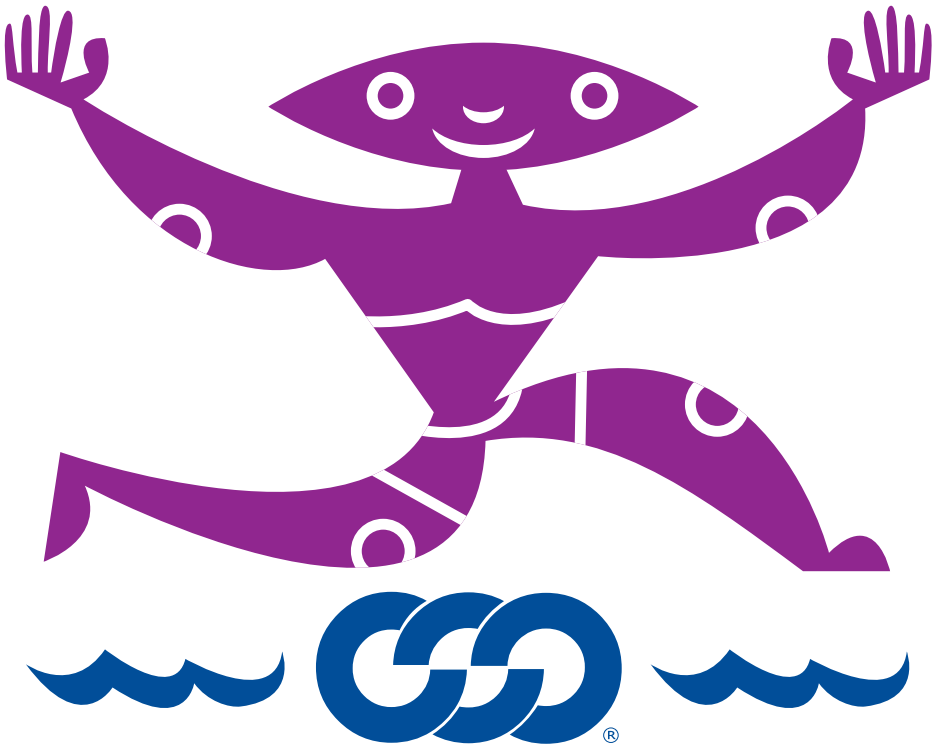

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Program

- **Lesbian and Gay Band Association Entrance**
- **"Turn the World Around"** Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus
- **Processional of the Athletes and Participants**
- **National Anthem of the United States of America**
  Performed by BETTY
- **The Faces of Victory**
  Words and Music by Dylan Rice • Performed by Chuck Panozzo and Dylan Rice
  with: Gary Airedale, Anne-Marie Akin, Andrea Bunch, Ripley Caine, Scott Free, Lisa Hernandez, Katie Jacobson, Martie Marro, Amy Matheny, Beazley Phillips, Ellen Rosner, Aerin Tedesco, Jinx Titanic, Me Kole Wells
- **"Sweet Home Chicago"** Performed by The Lesbian and Gay Band Association
- **Cheer Celebration**
- **Federation of Gay Games Welcome**
- **Poppy Champlin**
- **Special Appearance by cast members of Showtime's The L Word:**
  Pam Grier, Marlee Matlin, Daniela Sea
- **"Never, Ever…"** Written by Robert Seeley
  Performed by the Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus
- **Greetings from:** City Treasurer Judy Rice, State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, State Rep. Ken Dunkin, Ald. Tom Tunney, Ald Helen Shiller, Ald. Leslie Hairston

- **"Woman Dangerous"** - Performed by Doria Roberts
- **How to Recover from the Gay Games** - Miss Dollywood of Sydney
- **ROTC – Chicago's Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps**
  "Don't Leave Me This Way"
- **Billy Bean and Leigh-Ann Naidoo**
  This Week in Our History and Experience
- **Ceremonial Ignition of the Flame**
  The Ubaka Hill Drumsong Institute
- **Double Divas: Ari Gold & Kristine W**
  Ari Gold – "Love Will Take Over"
  Kristine W – "I'll Be Your Light"
- **Sharon McNight**
  "Impossible Dream"
  "Stand By Your Man"
- **Special Appearance by the DC Cowboys**
- **"Seasons of Love"**
  Performed by the Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus
- **"Everyday"** - Performed by Jason & DeMarco
- **Special Appearance by Ant**
- **Performance by Eric Himan & Levi Kries**
  Eric Himan "White Horse" and "Love Don't Hide"
  Levi Kries "Stained Glass Window"
- **Special Appearance by Cyndi Lauper**
  "True Colors"
  "Shine"
- **Special Appearance by Nanae and the Maqam Dance Ensemble**

- **Flag Transfer Ceremony to Cologne for 2010 Gay Games VIII**

  Flag Escorts - Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago
  Elfi Scho-Antwerpes, Deputy Mayor of Cologne

  Chicago Flag Bearers - Julien Jacquet, Frank Kisner, Cathy Seabaugh, Nino Tillman, Larry Kuhn, C.C. Carter, Elizabeth Valenti, Chad Carroll

  Federation of Gay Games Flag Bearers - Stephanie Johnstone, FGG Vice President; Leigh-Ann Naidoo, FGG Ambassador; Chris Morgan, FGG Ambassador; FGG person tbd; FGG person tbd; FGG person tbd; FGG person tbd; FGG person tbd

  Cologne Flag Bearers - Joe Smith; Joe Smith; Joe Smith; Annette Wachter - President; Michael Lohaus - Head of Steering Committee; Michael Dahm – Sponsoring; Jochen Faerber - Marketing

- **Remarks by Elfi Scho-Antwerpes- - Deputy Mayor of Cologne**
- **"Take the Flame" Official Anthem of the Gay Games**
- **"One World"**- Performed by the Gay Games VII Mixed Chorus
- **Out, and On to 2010 - Distribution of our Flame**

  Special choreography by Michael Schwandt

See you in Cologne!

Credits

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Tracy Baim – Co Chair
C.C. Carter
Brenda Schumacher

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Senior Producer - Matt McGinn
Ceremonies Director & Creative Director- Kile Ozier
Producer of the Opening Ceremony - Ric Kirby
Producer of the Closing Ceremony - John McCall
Technical Producer - Floyd Dillman
Production Stage Manager - Susan Green
Assistant Stage Managers: Jason Carroll, Mike Zaleski, Angela Adams, Cassie Wolgamott, Helaine Miller, Laura Forst, Shawn Pryby, Paul Ruffalo, Katie Chapman, Mary Kenny
Athlete's Processional Producer - Dave Brunetti
Associate Producer for Athlete's Procession - David Lueck
Opening Ceremony Production Manager - Geno Byrnes
Closing Ceremony Production Manager - Michael Piper
Director of Entertainment Services - Ron Pateras
Senior Production Coordinator - Jenni Azzanni
Talent Coordinator - Melissa Rofalikos
Talent Coordinator - Kelly Jo Percival
Associate Producer - Katie Henebry
Assistant to the Producer - Nathan Kras
Script Coordinator - Hillary A. Bean
Rehearsal Venue Manager - Ian Van Cleaf

Lighting Designer - John Featherstone – Lightswitch
Assistant Lighting Designer - Avraham 'Avi' Mor
Lighting Director - Troy Fujimura
Production Electricians - Mike Green, Jeff Johnson
Technology Electricians - Lacey Taylor, Jeffery Smith
Lighting Equipment - Upstaging, Syncrolite
Lighting Previsualization - Prelite
Audio Department - Todd Johnson, Harry Witz, Jimi Iturrieta, Earl McCoy, Brian Duffy, Craig Comte
Production Rigging - Reed Rigging, Inc.
Fireworks - Melrose Pyrotechnics
Cauldron Special Effects - Jauchem and Meeh, Inc. Bohdan Bushell & Greg Meeh

Music Producer - Gigi Grose
Act II Music Collaboration - Scott Sedlacek
Costume Design (Dancers) - Shelly Bomb
Chicago Costumer & Costume Production - Liz Schroeder
Show Graphics Design & Production - Scott Ihrig & Red Thread Productions
Graphic Animations - Tim Frick
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Program Design - Jim Gelder

Opening Ceremony Choral Director - Kathleen McGuire
Opening Ceremony Band Director - Christy Zurcher
Closing Ceremony Choral Director - Joseph Nadeau
Closing Ceremony Band Director - Pam Wolfe

Choreographers
Opening Ceremony Act I "Exclusion" - Iega Jeff
Opening Ceremony Act II "Oppression" - Joel Hall
Opening Ceremony Act III "Expression" - Michele Lynch
Opening Ceremony Act IV "Ignition" - Christopher Harrison
Opening Ceremony Field Dance & Movement Consultant - Jay Howarth
Opening Ceremony Flags - Phillip Bryan
Opening Ceremony Drill Choreographer - John Leonard
Closing Ceremony - Michael Schwandt
AntiGravity Management - Alex Schlempp
Assistant to Mr. Harrison - Christopher Mai
Wheel Choreography - Wolfgang Bientzle
AntiGravity Orlando Director - Daniel Stover
Fire Amazing Clowns, Las Vegas
AntiGravity Company Manager - Keith England
Assistant to Mr. Jeff & Mr. Hall - Gwenne Goodwin

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Director - Kile Ozier
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