



Appendix 2

50 Shades of Gay - 22nd April 2017 Feedback from Choir members and Audience

Richard Davies	Choir	<p>WOW! What a night!</p> <p>Thank you to Suzanne and Ali, for all your hard work, creativity and passion that made Saturday night such a spectacular success.</p> <p>Thank you to our section reps, choralographers, film makers, photographers, lighting and sound technicians, sewing stars and co-chairs for their outstanding support and for making it all happen on the night.</p> <p>Our phenomenal concert on Saturday was a huge team effort, but please forgive me for singling out the magnificent musical team for special praise - Amy, Becky, Steve, Kellie, Lindsey and the inspirational Ronan - thank you all for motivating us all to give our very best performances on Saturday night!</p> <p>Friends and audience members told me that the concert was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slick, polished, professional, heart-warming, hilarious, uplifting, fantastic, amazing, better than ever and beautiful! <p>Finally, a few stand-out moments that I will never forget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting teary and choked after Nights in White Satin and again after True Colours! - The infectious joy in the happy, smiling faces of Kellie, Lindsey and Ronan when we nailed our songs! - Laughing so much at Ronan's Angels that I forgot my words AND my moves! - Seeing the elated faces of our audience during the Colour My World Encore - they were waving their glow sticks, singing their hearts out AND copying Dawei's dance moves! <p>Thank you to my Sing Out family for being so welcoming, friendly and encouraging over the past few months. It's been hard work, but very rewarding and all the newer members have been made to feel so valued and involved. I am so proud to be part of this vibrant and talented choir.</p> <p>A wonderful concert with a wonderful bunch of people. Thank you to EVERYONE who made it so special!</p> <p>Lots of love, Richard Davies</p>
Otter Baker	Choir	Hi everyone



		<p>It was a fantastic night. Choir organisation has always amazed me and it all seemed to go very smoothly.</p> <p>I'd like to say thank you for all the extra time you've put into making the concert accessible for me, for the bar stool to the parking, to access for the choralography workshop, to pushing me round St George's and Blaise Castle playground, to....the list goes on. My biggest thank you is for just being aware there might be issues and asking what I need, for being open to it.</p> <p>Many, many thanks Otter</p>
Bima Clark	Audience	Stunning performance! Hats off to all involved! 😊
Wendy Sergeant	Audience	GREAT concert everyone. I loved every minute xx
Jeremy Badcock	Audience	Thoroughly enjoyed last night. Terrific buzz as soon as I entered the grounds - drinks on the terrace set the scene nicely. Noise and anticipation inside the hall before you all came in. Excellent choice of music, words, pictures, videos. All very moving in so many ways. Yes, you brought tears as well. Had never seen song-signing before. A new art form. Impressed with the choral signing as well. Apart from enjoying a great night I learned some performance skills as well - looking forward to working on them. Thanks then for a great party. See you next year - or hopefully before.
Eddie O'Sullivan	Audience	Seriously blown away by the SingOutBristol Concert "50 Shades of Gay" at St George's Bristol. Year after year, the choir and the musical direction team stretch themselves that little bit further to produce fabulous entertainment. Apart from the unique and innovative selection of song material which has become the hallmark of Sing Out Bristol (and what separates them from many other LGBT or other community choirs) the work that delivered a tight, clipped, beautifully harmonious confident sound is the assay Mark of one other colour - Pure Gold! Take a well-deserved bow for delivering a brilliant evening of entertainment. Love ya!
Tom Steuart-Fielding	Audience	I really enjoyed Saturday - its the highlight of the year. Everyone did a fantastic job.
David Thompson	Audience	What a fantastic night! Well done to everyone: you really are on spine-tingling form 😊:)))
Lyn Van Eker	Audience	What a brilliant concert tonight - thank you!
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Felt great to feel part of the LGBT community. Thoroughly enjoyed it excellent birthday present for my friend.



Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Excellent. The event of the year! The only criticism is: please, please can the show start on time (7:30). Some of us have a 2 hour journey home after the show.
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	A really good friendly atmosphere - it was a great evening
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Fantastic night of joy and community. And of course the brilliant St Georges acoustics.
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Wow. I have seen Sing Out Bristol before. Every time, I expect something brilliant. Every time, my expectations are exceeded. What a wonderful show! I was left with goose-pimples and - as corny as it sounds - an overwhelming feeling of joy. Thanks for a wonderful evening!
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Awesome Concert as always, they get better and better.....
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Amazing concert. Sing Out Bristol are fantastic! They always put on a great show but this one was the best yet! The use of the lighting when singing about certain colours, the use of the videos and slideshows was brilliant and moving. The speakers were great and the song choices and dance moves were excellent. I can't fault it. All the little touches including the amazing 3 dancers at the end in drag were brilliant
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	A great evening with a fabulous choir. The changes of tempo were fantastic. Can't wait until next year!
Gea Vox	Audience	My partner, friends and I came to St. George's Hall last Saturday, and we LOVED the concert! Thank you Sing Out Bristol, looking forward to celebrating your first decade, next year. Best feeling since Tom Robinson brought out "Sing If You're Glad To Be Gay!" 😊
David Sinclair	Audience, Advertiser	I am pleased to support such a wonderful choir. I enjoyed the concert immensely David
Michael Kain	Audience, Advertiser, Raffle	It was a great concert - Sing Out's best ever! Loved the photo montages and video clips - a high standard has been set. I picked up a copy of the program and the ad looked great!
Lee Marshall	BSL Interpreter	Well done to Suzanne and Ali for the fantastic directing and to all the choir for all the hard work they've put in, and a great big thank you for inviting me again. I really do feel a part of Sing Out Bristol and I can't wait for next year's biggest extravaganza yet! Thanks again, and I look forward to hearing more about next year's concert!



Paul King	Sound, Lighting and Risers	Really pleased with it – I think it went well. Your best concert yet! Better than last year and so professional and slick. The sound and quality is fantastic and you all sounded like one voice singing
Feedback via St Georges	Audience	Very emotional and moving and a few tears were shed. Fantastic that you support all of the LGBT+ community including those seeking asylum.
Feedback from Ali's Friend and Family and Ali	Audience	<p>Sound and lighting was better than last year, more visually entertaining and enjoyable.</p> <p>We sounded more in harmony, in tune and more professional.</p> <p>We appeared more relaxed and like we were enjoying it more.</p> <p>The Theme was amazing, very apt and more emotion and passion was demonstrated.</p> <p>The use of instruments was better than the backing tracks</p> <p>The risers worked well, other than couldn't see the back row</p> <p>Speakers was nice as we engaged with the audience from the start. Good to have more humour this year.</p> <p>Adding the instruments made it more special and sound incredible. More instruments would be even better, maybe drums.</p> <p>Our choreography was more in time and slick</p> <p>Repertoire of songs was lovely, however would prefer more upbeat and modern songs mixed with wistful songs.</p> <p>Enjoyed the glow sticks ending and would like an audience participation song</p> <p>Great to have the after party at the venue. However, only one bar was too packed and closed too early at 11:30pm.</p> <p>Would have liked the people who got the thank you's to be seen when receiving their gift.</p> <p>Overall was impressed how much the standard of the singing has improved in a year and frankly everything had improved and was more professional.</p>