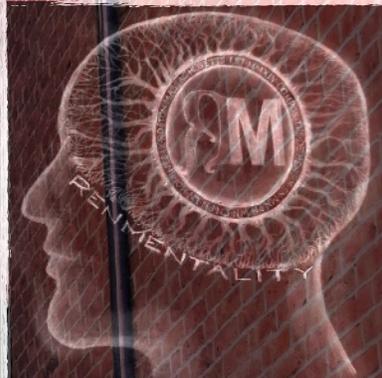


RenMentality

A New Album from Renaissance Men



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OUR MISSION

A photograph of Quincy Market in Boston, Massachusetts. The building is a grand, classical-style structure with a portico supported by columns. The words "QUINCY MARKET" are inscribed in gold letters above the entrance. An American flag is displayed in front of the building. In the background, the tall, ornate clock tower of the Old State House is visible against a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a cobblestone plaza with several people walking, some wearing coats and hats, suggesting a cool day. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden light and long shadows.

**ADVANCING AND INVIGORATING THE ART
OF CHAMBER MUSIC FOR TENOR,
BARITONE, AND BASS VOICES ACROSS
GENRES AND GENERATIONS THROUGH
WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE,
EDUCATION, AND COMMISSIONS; WITHIN
NEW ENGLAND AND ACROSS THE UNITED
STATES.**

ADVANCING AND INVIGORATING THE ART OF CHAMBER MUSIC

The Boston choral scene is a dynamic one, teeming with artistic outlets for those singers passionate about ensemble performance. Remarkably, few groups exist in the area devoted to the wealth of repertoire written throughout the centuries for men's voice; in response, a group of ambitious singers formed **Renaissance Men** in **January of 2014**.

Since their beginnings as a sextet, the group has expanded in number and has paved their way into Boston's cultural landscape with nine constructed **concert series**, two **albums**, the performance of **several U.S. and world premieres** by internationally-celebrated composers such as Patricia Van Ness and Daniel E. Gawthrop, and the garnering of a devoted following in their concerts, broadcasted live-streams, and social media outlets.

MUSIC FOR HEALING AND CHANGE

Renaissance Men strive to use their skills and talents to make a difference in the community.

Their goal of increasing **visibility and public discourse around mental illness** is more important now than ever; as we begin to heal physically from the **COVID-19 pandemic**, the ongoing **mental health crisis** needs to be confronted. In 2021, RenMen plan to record *RenMentality*, a unique program aiming to **de-stigmatize** mental health issues.

RenMentality

At the end of Renaissance Men's third season, the group performed a new program entitled **RenMentality**, a one-act performance art piece which explores the intersection of mental health and music for male voices in an **honest** and **humanizing** way. *RenMentality's* mission is to **de-stigmatize** psychological conditions and disorders organically and authentically, without the use of cliché theatrical tropes or melodrama.

RenMentality has been performed in concert series, college workshops, and psychiatric centers across New England.

THE MUSIC

- ◆ A concert in three acts, each introduced by a **Kurt Cobain** song from Nirvana's *MTV Unplugged in New York* album
- ◆ Sacred and secular works from composers historically known to have suffered from mental health afflictions, such as Claudio Monteverdi, Robert Schumann, Pytor Tchaikosky, Charles Ives, and Brian Wilson
- ◆ The centerpiece: a co-commission with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Massachusetts, **Jay Mobley's** *When I Look Back: Theme and Variations*

Mobley interviewed people with lived experience, who gave him permission to use unaltered testimony as poetry set to music of all different styles and genres, including collegiate 'A Cappella,' musical theatre, and contemporary bluegrass.



PRODUCTION AND BUDGET

*Renaissance Men will work with **PARMA Recordings**, an established and well-regarded production company, to record and produce *RenMentality*.

*The group previously collaborated with PARMA on their first professional recording, *RenMen Laments*, released February 2019.

*In 2020, the Alice M. Ditson Fund granted **\$2,000** for the project.

*Our new executive director is working diligently to meet our fundraising goals through individual and board **contributions, sponsorship, and grant funding.**

*With your help, we
can make
RenMentality a reality.*

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RenMen Laments
RenMen Night at the
Opera
RenMentality

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RenMen Laments
A Very RenMen Christmas LIVE!

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Upstate New York (Oneonta (NY),
Buffalo (NY), and Rochester (NY)):
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