

# NEW COMMISSION CONSORTIUM PROJECT

Artists: Mari Esabel Valverde & Dane Figueroa Edidi

**Did you know** that “The senseless killing of trans women” is a rampant problem in American society? (source: Marsha P. Johnson Institute)

## Vision of the Work:

- The first in a series of choral pieces addressing the epidemic of violence, especially murders, of transgender women and in particular trans women of color (TWOC). We hope that this inspires conversations aimed at cultivating intentional solidarity with TWOC with a work **created by two trans women of color**. The vision is that this composition will eventually become one movement in a larger work. According to our artistic collaborators: “It’s not just one work. It’s a movement. It’s not just about honoring lives. It’s about saving lives.”
- Length of the Musical Work = ca. 4 minutes
- For SATB, with SSAA and/or TTBB voicings available
- To premiere in the 2021-2022 concert season/academic year. Choruses will receive scores no later than January 1, 2021
- Text to be written/compiled by [Dane Figueroa Edidi](#)
- Music to be written by [Mari Esabel Valverde](#)

## Extension and Activism

- Conversation surrounding the work is necessary and can be extremely powerful in education and activism. Ideas include, but are not limited to:
  - partnering with local organizations, schools, churches, etc.
  - coordinating composer and/or poet talks at the premiere(s) of the work, etc.
  - e-activism involving the distribution of the premiere video/audio recording
- Option for partnerships facilitated between high-school/collegiate choirs and GALA LGBTQ Choruses ([www.GalaChoruses.org](http://www.GalaChoruses.org))
- Educational materials connected to the work will be provided for participating choruses.

**Cost: Commissioning choruses** pay a sliding fee of \$300-750 to support the commission process. Includes score and curriculum for high school singers. This commission is offered free of charge to any trans chorus.

**Deadline to commit to the project is February 1, 2020.**

To state your commitment to this project, [please click here \(Google form\)](#).  
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