Portland Sage Singers
Q+ Elders & Allies

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## Portland Sage Singers names Dr. Tim Seelig as its founding Artistic Director

**New chorus for Q+ Elders and Allies launches in 2025.**

Dateline: PORTLAND, OR, December 17, 2024 – The Portland Sage Singers (PSS) has named Dr. Tim Seelig as its founding Artistic Director. Launching in 2025, PSS will celebrate the lives of Q+ Elders and Allies through song and storytelling.

Inspired by Sage Singers Denver's performance at the GALA Festival in July, Portland singers quickly formed a board and established the nonprofit. Dr. Seelig has 37 years of experience leading LGBTQ+ choruses, including the illustrious distinctions of Conductor Laureate of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and Conductor Emeritus of the Turtle Creek Chorale. Dr. Seelig's full bio and headshot are attached.

Michael McDonald, Board President, stated, "Dr. Seelig is a legend in the LGBTQ+ choral movement, and we're thrilled to have his artistic expertise and leadership as we work to realize our important mission."

Dr. Seelig added, "Upon retirement, directing another chorus was not in the plan. Then came PSS, a group made up of singers from my own age demographic. I changed my plan and am thrilled about it. Activist Holly Near composed the iconic anthem 'Singing for our Lives'. With Portland Sage Singers, we won't just be singing for our lives, but for the rest of our lives."

Rehearsals begin February 2, 2025, with the debut concert in June. For more information or to join, visit portlandsagesingers.org.

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