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Youngest members of Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir perform with acclaimed SF Chamber Orchestra in Family Concert series with PEBCC training director, daughter of SFCO's original founder.

An inspiring concert series sure to delight all audiences – a partnership of the SF Chamber Orchestra and some of the youngest members of the East Bay children's choir – will occur next month in the Bay Area. Naomi Braun, daughter of Edgar Braun who founded the SF Chamber Orchestra, follows in her father's footsteps, bringing creative musical performance offerings to Bay Area families. In 2002, when her father's health was failing, Naomi Braun was approached by Ben Simon who was then taking the helm of SFCO from her father, to ask what she envisioned in the orchestra's future.

As the PEBCC's Training Department Director, Naomi realized the virtue of an opportunity for the younger choir members in training to perform with a professional orchestra. She and Simon conceived of this inspiring family concert series for the orchestra and choir that have been occurring every other year since.

Says Braun,

"The SFCO has always been a part of my life. I grew up attending concerts regularly since my father started it when he was at UC Berkeley in the 50s, well before I was born. (Those concerts created formative and fond memories.)

When Ben took over he asked me what I would like to see happen. I told him "Family Concerts" and Ben set out immediately to create great programs for families." The wonderful thing about this series is they specifically highlight our training department's younger students rather than the older children who perform regularly with high profile groups. It's an amazing opportunity for performance for the younger kids."

The San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Family Concerts offer families the superb experience of high quality music in a setting that is kid friendly. Their venues are accessible in various locations throughout the Bay Area. This year the concerts will be held on **Saturday, March 17** at 2pm, at the Noe Valley Ministry in San Francisco, and **Sunday, March 18** at 12pm, at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center in Oakland and later **Sunday, March 18** at 3:30pm, at the Burlingame High School Theater.

The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has enrollment in the Fall and Spring. To join the Choirs and be a part of the excitement Call: (510) 547-4441 or Email registrar@piedmontchoirs.org

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