

## PIEDMONT EAST BAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR ADVENTUROUS PROGRAMMING.

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**Oakland, CA., April 28, 2014** – Chorus America today announced that the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has been awarded the Chorus America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming for 2014. Chorus America presents the award annually to choruses that demonstrate a commitment to fostering and promoting new music. Awards are not only based on the number of works performed which were written in the last 25 years, but also on the variety and creativity of the new music programmed during the most recently completed season. This is the third time the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has received this prestigious award.

The award will be presented to Robert Geary, Artistic Director of the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Chorus America Conference in Washington, D.C., in June. Geary is the founding Artistic Director of the much-honored organization that boasts an enrollment of 350 students from over 100 schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"This industry award mirrors the ongoing commitment the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has in developing and performing new works. We are honored to be nationally recognized as one of the choirs diligently advancing the canon of music by consistently commissioning, performing, and recording these new works, while simultaneously training singers and fostering among them, an openness to, and love for, new music," said Julia Richter, Executive Director.

Now celebrating its 31<sup>st</sup> year, the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir runs a comprehensive choral arts program for students ages 4–17. The program has 12 choirs, operates a music summer camp at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County, and runs the acclaimed Golden Gate International Choral Festival. The performing department choir, Concert Choir, tours nationally each year. Last year Concert Choir toured to New Orleans, and this year will participate in the Mile High Music Festival, in Denver, CO. The flagship choir, Ensemble, tours internationally each year competing in festivals throughout the world. This past summer, Ensemble took three gold medals and the Grand Prix at the International Youth Music Festival in Bratislava, Slovakia.

For more information about this unique program for young singers, contact Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, (510) 547-4441 or visit their websites at [piedmontchoirs.org](http://piedmontchoirs.org) and [goldengatefestival.org](http://goldengatefestival.org).