

PIEDMONT EAST BAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNOUNCES 2014-15 CONCERTS, TOURS, AND GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

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OAKLAND, CA (September 29, 2014) – For audiences who favor contemporary and culturally vital choral programming, the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir's 2014-15 season—announced today—is sure to be just the ticket. Under the Artistic Direction of Robert Geary, the new season begins with an audience favorite—the magical wintertime *Candlelight Concert* in December. Having this year won the Chorus America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming for the third time, PEBCC will display the breadth of its commitment to musical exploration through collaborative commissions of major new works. In November, the Choir sings performances of Stacy Garrop's three-part oratorio *Terra Nostra* with the San Francisco Choral Society, and in May with *Volti* in composer Mark Winges' multimedia staged exploration of the ancient Greek myth, *Pandora's Gift*. World premieres by composers Melissa Dunphy, Sue Bohlin and Eric Tuan—a Gates Cambridge Scholar and PEBCC alumnus—will punctuate the long-awaited *Contemporary Music Concert* in March, with more popular fare on offer at the frequently sold-out *Jazz and Beyond Concert* in May. PEBCC's 9-concert season segues into the highly anticipated *10th Golden Gate International Choral Festival*, held July 12 – 18 in and around the UC Berkeley campus.

Held triennially and open to the public, the Golden Gate International Choral Festival hosts talented children's and youth choirs from around the world who come to the San Francisco Bay area to compete, collaborate, and join their voices in song. The last Festival, held in 2012, boasted a combined choir of over 650 participants made up from the choirs of Australia, Austria, Canada, Democratic Republic of Georgia, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Lithuania, People's Republic of China, and the United States. In 2015, top American and international choirs will perform under the batons of eminent guest conductors Maria Guinand (Venezuela) and Aarne Saluveer (Estonia), and compete under world class adjudicators Judit Hartyányi (Hungary), Elise Bradley (New Zealand/Canada), and Terrance Kelly (Oakland, CA). Audiences can hear choirs compete in Historical, Folk, Contemporary, Gospel and Spiritual, and Solo Vocal categories, and hear special performances held throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties at Festival "Spotlight" concerts. The lead sponsor for the Festival is Bell Investment Advisors of Oakland. Visit goldengatefestival.org for more information.

Upcoming Performances:

Candlelight Concerts:

Saturday, December 6, 7:30pm
St. Joseph Basilica, Alameda

Sunday, December 7, 4:00pm
Old First Church, San Francisco

All concert info and tickets available at piedmontchoirs.org.

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Since 1982, the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has offered comprehensive choral arts education for students ages 0–18. The program comprises 18 choirs, summer music camps held at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County, and the acclaimed Golden Gate International Choral Festival. In the Kinder, Training, and Performing Departments, distinguished faculty engage young students in exploration of text and interpretation, music theory, musicianship and vocal training; and the students then use their skills in performance. The older Performing Department choirs tour nationally and internationally each year.

For more information or to schedule an audition for your young singer, contact Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, (510) 547-4441 or visit the website at piedmontchoirs.org.

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