

PIEDMONT EAST BAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANNOUNCES 'MUSICAL BEGINNINGS'—NEW FALL CLASS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

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Oakland, CA., May 19, 2014 – The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir (PEBCC) will offer "Musical Beginnings" — a class for infants and toddlers ages 0 - 3 and their caregivers in the fall of 2014. The class will be taught by popular PEBCC Kinder Department Director Kate Offer and will be held at the Piedmont Center for the Arts, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:20am for 12 weeks each quarter.

In these fun and friendly 50-minute classes, children and a parent or caregiver will enjoy a wide range of activities: from tapping and clapping to bounces, wiggles, tickles, to lullabies, simple songs, and more! Studies show that even the youngest children gain tremendous benefits from music making—supporting the development of language and listening skills, stimulating brain connections, and encouraging creativity. This class will not only provide young children with the chance to participate in music making, but will also equip caregivers with a wide repertoire of songs and poems to enjoy with their children outside of class.

With the introduction of Musical Beginnings, the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir becomes the only Bay Area music school to offer unparalleled music education from cradle to graduation. Boys and Girls ages 0 - 18 now have the opportunity to share in the musicianship, performance, joy, and lifelong friendships that the Choir offers. Musical Beginnings is truly the very best place to start.

Beginning fall 2014—Tuesdays at 10:30 -11:20am for 12 weeks each session.

Tuition is \$259 per student with caregiver and includes a songbook and CD.

Visit piedmontchoirs.org/musicalbeginnings for more info and to sign up or call 510-547-4441. Space is limited so early enrollment is highly encouraged.

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Now celebrating its 31st year, the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir runs a comprehensive choral arts program for students ages 0–18. 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 comprehensive program for young singers, contact Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, (510) 547-4441 or visit their websites at piedmontchoirs.org and goldengatefestival.org.

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