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PEBCC to honor Terry Amgott-Kwan with 2015 Founders Award

Oakland, CA., March, 2015 — Terry Amgott-Kwan, a champion of higher education and arts institutions in the Bay Area, will be recognized for her contribution to the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir during the organization's annual gala, March 14, 2015 at the Bellevue Club in Oakland.

Amgott-Kwan, who has worked in several capacities with PEBCC, became the Administrator of the triennially held Golden Gate International Choral Festival in 2006. Fulfilling the mission of the Golden Gate Choral Festival to "promote international harmony through song and competition," Terry helped develop the Festival which, in 2012, saw participation from over 600 singers of 11 countries including Austria, Australia, Canada, The People's Republic of China, Democratic Republic of Georgia, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Lithuania and the United States.

"It is an honor to be presented with this Founders Award," said Amgott-Kwan. "The Choir program and the Festival do not just offer a music education and experience, they teach children a broad array of skills such as leadership, diplomacy and a better understanding of the world; something to be valued by all of us."

Amgott-Kwan shows no sign of slowing her work with PEBCC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, as she is already working on the 2015 Festival finding host families to welcome, chaperone and house visiting choirs during the Festival. The 2015 will be held July 12 – 18 and is poised to be one of the larger of the Golden Gate International Choral Festivals with more than 650 participants attending. The Festival, open to the public, will gather top US and international choirs under the batons of eminent guest conductors Maria Guinand (Venezuela) and Aarne Saluveer (Estonia), and world class adjudicators Judit Hartyány (Hungary), Elise Bradley (New Zealand/Canada) and Linda Tillery (San Francisco, CA) also with PEBCC's Artistic Director, Robert Geary.

"The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir is proud to honor Terry Amgott-Kwan," said Robert Geary, "*who, by helping children, their families, and our community to grow through music, --- inspires voices and enriches the world --- through her extraordinary vision, guidance, and passion.*"

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