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Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir "Breaks Bread" with Michael Morgan and the Oakland East Bay Symphony

The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir will celebrate the holidays with Michael Morgan and the Oakland East Bay Symphony at "Let Us Break Bread Together," a beloved Bay area tradition. On Sunday, December 9, 2012, at 4pm at the Paramount Theatre for the Arts in Oakland, Maestro Morgan will lead the concert featuring the Choir alongside the Oakland East Bay Symphony, Oakland Symphony Chorus, Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Mt. Eden High School Choir & klezmer band Kugelplex. There will be inspiring performances of gospel music, classical selections, holiday favorites and sing-alongs, and Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir will perform a recent commission, "*The Land of Dreams*" by Jonathan Goodwin, accompanied by the composer himself. Tickets available at www.oeps.org.

"Each new work provides new artistic challenges that raise the level of performance in our choirs," said Artistic Director, Robert Geary. The Choir, under his tutelage these past thirty years, has earned international recognition through competitions, concerts, and tours. It has been honored more than any other children's choir for Adventurous Programming by ASCAP and has won many grand prizes, first prizes, gold medals and special awards in Canada, the United States, Germany, Poland, Austria, Italy, and Hong Kong. Professional, poised and precise musicianship has led to regular collaborations with major Bay area arts organizations, including the San Francisco Opera, West Edge Opera, Volti, the San Francisco Choral Society, Cal Performances, and the Oakland East Bay Symphony.

Let Us Break Bread Together
Sunday, December 9, 2012 • 4pm
Paramount Theatre, Oakland
Michael Morgan, Conductor

Adult Tickets: \$25/\$40/\$50
Youth under 18: \$15

<http://www.oeps.org/page/dec.htm>

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The internationally-acclaimed Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has been offering children an outstanding program of choral training and performance since 1982. The Choir is a leading force in global choral activities and new music under the leadership of Artistic Director Robert Geary, and Executive Director, Julia Richter.. International tours every summer and a keen desire to meet, collaborate, and compete with choruses and singers of other cultures has led to high marks at prestigious festivals across the world, and to the sponsorship of the Golden Gate International Choral Festival. The Choir regularly collaborates with major Bay Area arts organizations such as the Oakland East Bay Symphony, the Mark Morris Dance Company, Berkeley West Edge Opera, and Volti. The Choir's comprehensive music curriculum offers students age 4-18 the chance to progress through a series of training choirs to professional-level performing groups. Besides providing an exceptional education in vocal technique and music theory, the organization strives to offer lessons in creativity, expression, poise and

engagement with many cultures.

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