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**SPRING SING and TRAINING RECITALS close Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir 30<sup>th</sup> Season**

PIEDMONT, California – Piedmont Choirs presents its annual Spring Sing! on Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m. at the Oakland Interstake Center. Hear the children of the world-renowned choir sing selections from traditional and contemporary repertoire, and a Bay Area premiere by Anne Hege, choir alumna and composer. The concert showcases each of the four Performing Department groups, followed by the six Training Department groups singing together. A brief and poignant ceremony honors this year's graduates, many of whom have sung with Piedmont East Bay Children's for more than half their lives. The entire cast of voices sings a dramatic finale. Admission is \$18 general/\$12 student/\$30 premium reserved; advanced sales are available online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com), <http://bpt.me/375381>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, \$15 student/\$20 general. Audiences can also hear from the Choirs' Training Department at two free recitals featuring the younger singers on May 18, at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm, at Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

Lift your spirits with the sight and sound of kids singing in delightful little recitals put on each semester by the Training Department of the Choir. Two free recitals on May 18 at Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church will feature girls and boys ages 6-11, singing in hour-long casual concerts. Free and family-friendly, these are perfect for the music-curious.

The internationally acclaimed Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir has been offering children from throughout San Francisco's East Bay an outstanding program of choral training and performance. Founded in 1982 by Suzie Rahl, the Choir has established itself as a leading force in international choral activities and contemporary music under the leadership of Artistic Director Robert Geary. International tours every summer and a keen desire to meet, collaborate, and compete with choruses and singers of other cultures have led to high marks at prestigious festivals across the world, and to the creation of the Golden Gate International Choral Festival. The Choir regularly collaborates with major Bay Area arts organizations such as the Oakland East Bay Symphony, Cal Performances, the Mark Morris Dance Company, and the Berkeley West Edge Opera. Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir is featured in the upcoming film "To Breathe As One" a documentary about the Laulupidu song festival in Estonia and is one of the very few choirs outside of Estonia invited to participate.

For additional information about the concert, or the programs of the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, please visit [www.piedmontchoirs.org](http://www.piedmontchoirs.org), or call 510.547.4441. Photos available on request.

**Spring Sing!**

**Saturday, June 1, 2013 • 3pm**

**Oakland Interstake Center**

**4770 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, CA 94602**

**Advanced ticket sales at <http://bpt.me/375381>, \$18 general/\$12 student/\$30 premium reserved**

**Door sales ticket \$15 student/\$20 general**

**Spring Training Department Recitals**

**Park Blvd Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Boulevard, Oakland**

**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

**2pm: Boys Training 1, Boys Training 2, Girls Training 1**

**5pm: Girls Training 2, Girls Training 3, Girls Training 4**

**Free concerts with receptions to follow**

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