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Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir Sings in the Holidays

Celebrate the season with the sweet sounds of children singing! The singers of the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir have been working hard this fall and are eager to share the fruits of their labor. Two Candlelight Concerts on December 10 and 11 will be followed by two Training Department Recitals on December 13 and 14.

Each December the Choir presents Candlelight Concerts, featuring the most advanced singers, ages 12-18, at the Unitarian Church in Kensington and as part of the Old First Concert Series in San Francisco. Audiences will be dazzled by the high artistic standards, the panache and finesse of this young artists. Works by Veljo Tormis, Václav Nelhýbel and Zoltán Kodály set the scene with the harmonies of Eastern Europe, and holiday favorite round out the evening.

Fewer experiences will warm your heart more than the delightful little recitals put on each semester by the Training Department of PEBC. Two free recitals on December 13 and 14 at Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church will feature girls and boys ages 6-11, singing in hour-long weeknight concerts designed for families.

Free, kid-friendly and personal, these are great events for kids who are wondering just what a choir is - parents of curious girls might choose Tuesday, December 13, as the entry-level group Girls Beginning sings that night. Got a boy who loves to sing? Bring him to the Wednesday December 14 concert, and Boys Training will give him a taste.

Candlelight Concerts

Featuring Concert Choir, Ensemble, Ecco, Ancora, Cantoria

Saturday December 10, 2011 • 7:30m
Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington
Tickets \$12/\$18/\$30 advance, \$15/\$20 door
Tickets at www.piedmontchoirs.org

Sunday, December 11, 2011 • 3pm
Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St, San Francisco
Tickets at www.oldfirstconcerts.org

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Holiday Training Department Recitals
Park Blvd Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Boulevard, Oakland

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 • 7:30pm
Girls Beginning, Girls Advanced, Boys Advanced

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 • 7:30pm
Boys Training, Girls Intermediate 1, Girls Intermediate 2

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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 new music under the dynamic 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 sponsorship of the Golden Gate International Choral Festival, convening next in July 2012. 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 offering 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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