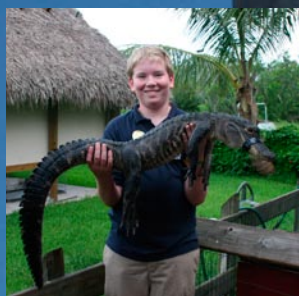


!!! Pacific Boychoir

SUMMER SPECIAL

FOUR PAGES TO KEEP UP WITH THE PACIFIC BOYCHOIR



Brasil 2006

The largest PBA tour choir ever recently returned from a 17-day, 12-concert tour of Brasil. The tour choir visited Ouro Preto, Mariana, São Paulo, Cabo Frio, Rio De Janeiro, Jundiaí, and Miami.

The performing itinerary included an appearance at the Campos do Jordão Winter Music Festival, the Teatro Polyteama in Jundiaí, the São Bento Monastery in São Paulo, and Rio's Candelaria Cathedral. Twice in Rio the PBA performed Mozart's *Coronation Mass* with the National Symphony Orchestra.

The tour concert program included pieces by Mendels-

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Below, the Pacific Boychoir sings at Campos do Jordão, boys join a samba bateria at Mocidade samba school, and Mozart's *Coronation Mass* at Candelaria Cathedral in Rio de Janeiro.

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sohn, Mozart, Brahms, Britten, Gershwin, and of course American spirituals with Jonathon Hampton. Members of the PBA camp staff augmented Continuum, singing tenor and bass. Staff for the tour included Mr. Fox, Mrs. Weimer, Ms. Roy, Mr. Kula, Mr. Tarango, and Mr. Hendrixson.

Packed houses and people sitting the aisles greeted the choir at every stop. The boys bought their share of Brazilian jerseys and saw the sights, including Corcovado (photo on page 1), Sugarloaf Mountain, the São Paulo football club stadium, and of course the beach.

A three-day layover in Miami allowed the tour choir to unwind, debrief, visit the Everglades, and elect new choir officers for the 2006-2007 season.

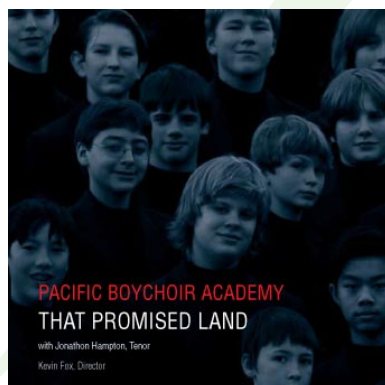
A PBA ensemble will return to Brasil August 22-31 to join the Youth Orchestra of the Americas and the UC Berkeley Chamber Chorus for performances of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* under the direction of maestros Kent Nagano and David Robert Coleman.

You can see photos and read stories from the Brasil tour on the PBA's website, pacificboychoir.org.



That Promised Land

The PBA's anticipated spirituals recording has been released. *That Promised Land* features tenor Jonathon Hampton for arrangements by Moses Hogan, William Dawson, Hall Johnson, and others. Visit the PBA website for a complete track listing. Call the PBA or order online today!



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Cantori Tour

by Cantori Director Andrew Brown

Twenty-one members of Cantori spent 10 sun-filled days in the Americas beautiful Pacific Northwest and in Canada's enchanting southwest. The staff included Ronni Brega, Andrew and Stella Brown, and Fernando Tarango. Pam Weimer joined us for one day to bring four boys singing in SF Symphony Concerts with the Troubadors. If I could recap tour in one word it would be this: fun!!

This was by far the longest and most elaborate tour experience for Cantori. The highlights included shopping and dodging fish at Pikes Market, breathtaking views from the Space Needle, learning about the music recording industry at Experience Music Project, playing laser tag and bumper cars at Seattle Center, world famous flowers and plants at Buchart Gardens, a modern city and an entire Inuit village recreated inside the four story National Geographic Royal British Columbia Museum, dorm life at the University of Seattle, a birthday party at Mr. Wong's Chinese Restaurant in Victoria's Chinatown, lollygagging with the upper crust at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, fireworks over Victoria's Inner Harbor on Canada Day and two water logged rides by Ferry through the enchanting San Juan Islands.

Of course tour also includes great music. Every day in Seattle we had rehearsal in the morning at a recital hall at the University of Seattle. Performances included stops at the oldest Episcopal Church in the Western United States, a Senior Center in a quaint coastal village on Vancouver Island, two smaller church performances and a joint concert with two other boy choirs. The combined concert was hosted by the Northwest Boychoir and included the Phoenix Boys Choir who was also touring Seattle while we were there.

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Both of the other choirs were older, larger and more experienced than Cantori. Cantori boys were definitely nervous after hearing the two other choirs. But when it came time to sing and show their stuff, the boys in Cantori sang better than they ever have! They looked great on stage and were much more focused and disciplined as audience members than the other two choirs. Their professionalism was obvious and after the concert many audience members expressed enthusiasm with how great Cantori sounded. The biggest compliment came from the pianist for Phoenix (who is a professor at University of Arizona) when she wanted to know how the boys sound so mature for a choir so young. "I have never heard a choir that young with such a beautiful tone. I have heard many children choirs and there are many much older than Cantori who cannot make that kind of beautiful sound." Phoenix Boys Choir and Northwest Boychoir are both excellent programs and we thoroughly enjoyed their programs. We definitely felt honored to be sharing the stage with such excellent and talented musicians.

This tour was a real milestone and showed that Cantori has jumped to a new level in musicianship and quality. The beauty of the boys singing, their great focus and respect for each other, their love of music and their irresistible charm, moved audiences. We sang great music, went to amazing places, made new friends and had fun!



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Summer Camp

by Camp Director Fernando Tarango

Summer camp of this year was what we would call, the bomb! Every year we say "This is the best camp ever!" and this year was no different.

This year we tried to spice up camp with some new activities such as the first PBA Outdoor Movie Night, watching *Goonies* out on the arbor lawn or a late night Gore Walk where we walked the guys through the dangers of a haunted hike. Some of our newest additions the the Manly Arts lessons were: handwashing dirty clothes, archery, stage directions and tying knots. And of course we kept our old camp favorites such as the night game, campfire, and banquet.

Speaking of banquet, our banquet this summer was tops. While the boys came to dinner dressed in ties which they learned to tie themselves, the counselors had adorned themselves in a wardrobe that was appropriate for the tribe of Josh Jubelirer (Counselor King, Huh!).

Vested in pajamas, elephant necklaces, and head dresses, the counselors held court to elect their next counselor king at the request of the campers. Congratulations to Peter Stetson, his successor, who after a ceremonial silent battle became the next counselor king.

Thanks again to all who helped and participated in the Best Camp Ever!

Calendar

September 9, 10 Duruflé *Requiem* with Pacific Collegium

September 15 That Promised Land CD release party

November 1-8 Choir school Denmark tour

December 9 Harmonies of the Season
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Belvedere

December 16 Harmonies of the Season
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland

December 17 Family Holiday Concert
St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Oakland

March 2, 2007 Rachmaninov Vespers
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

March 3, 2007 Rachmaninov Vespers
St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Oakland



Above is Stetson's cabin pondering their photo. Below are David and Tucker and Mark's cabin's pyramid. All counselors are alumni of the PBA, the American Boychoir, or the Grace Cathedral Choir

