

Pacific Boychoir

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THE PACIFIC BOYCHOIR

NOVEMBER NEWS

Skål, Danmark!



At the shore in Esbjerg, on Denmark's West Coast

At the World Festival of Singing for Men and Boys in Minnesota in the summer of 2005, the Pacific Boychoir met the Herning Boys Choir from Herning, Denmark. The two choirs got along famously and were paired together for a concert in Iowa. That summer, Mads Bille, director of the Herning Boys Choir, extended an invitation for the Pacific Boychoir to visit Denmark. A bit over a year later, a group of Troubadors set off to sing with their Danish friends again on an eight-day tour. The first week of this month, the combined choirs performed two concerts of Duruflé's Requiem, one in Herning Church and one in Odense Cathedral. A new boys choir in Odense joined that concert for the double-choir arrangement of Panis Angelicus. The Troubadors also sang a program at a local high school to a very enthusiastic audience.

For the first time, the Pacific Boychoir visited Scandinavia, for the first time the Pacific Boychoir toured in the fall, and for the first time the boys had academic work to do while on tour. The tour vividly demonstrated the value of learning about the world while traveling around it.

During the visit, the tour group took various excursions to a maritime museum in Esbjerg, a reconstructed 18th-

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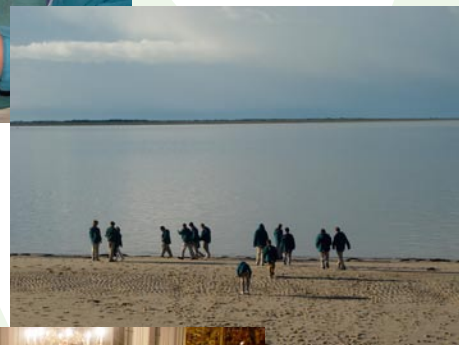
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Clockwise from top left: at Hans Christian Andersen's house in Odense, academic time on the bus, looking for England across the North Sea, with the Herning Boys Choir in concert in Odense Cathedral, at Rosenberg Castle in Copenhagen, a snowball fight



Denmark, cont.

century Danish town in Århus, a peat bog museum (way cooler than it sounds on paper), and the Viking ship museum in Roskilde, as well as visits to Odense and Copenhagen. Unfortunately, Tivoli and Lego were closed for the winter, but it didn't stop the bus driver from actually stopping at Legoland just to be sure they couldn't let the boys in for a visit. The boys had never seen so many windmills, bike lanes, and smokers before, not to mention some snow falling and an opportunity to make snowballs.

Staff for the trip was Kevin Fox, Pam Weimer, Marcia Roy, Gareth Hendrixson, and Fernando Tarango. For a day-by-day visit of the tour, visit the PBA website: www.pacificboychoir.org

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Cantori makes a difference

The Nationally-celebrated Make a Difference Day (MADD) is marked on Oct 28th. The Trouveres locally supported the Make a Difference Day this year. This was the only registered event in the Oakland area. Trouvere Director Andrew Brown and the twelve Trouveres performed a 30-minute performance at Jack London Square with piano and public address support. This was the premiere event of Trouveres.

The event was produced to increase the awareness of Sickle Cell Disease and there were representatives of Children's Hospital of Oakland Talking Drums Project there to provide the expertise in Sickle Cell Disease.

Since the boys were all warmed up, they had a chance to be videoed taped by Net Star Makers at 2232 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. There were several other groups recording at this event. This video will be available for viewing online in the next few weeks. The *San Francisco Chronicle* and *World News Report* photographers were also present. Both photographers were very busy shooting pictures of the Trouveres and did not stay for the other acts.

The concert and the recording session were jobs well done by the Trouveres, a group of talented boys, and Andrew Brown.



Left and below: Trouveres sing at Jack London Square.



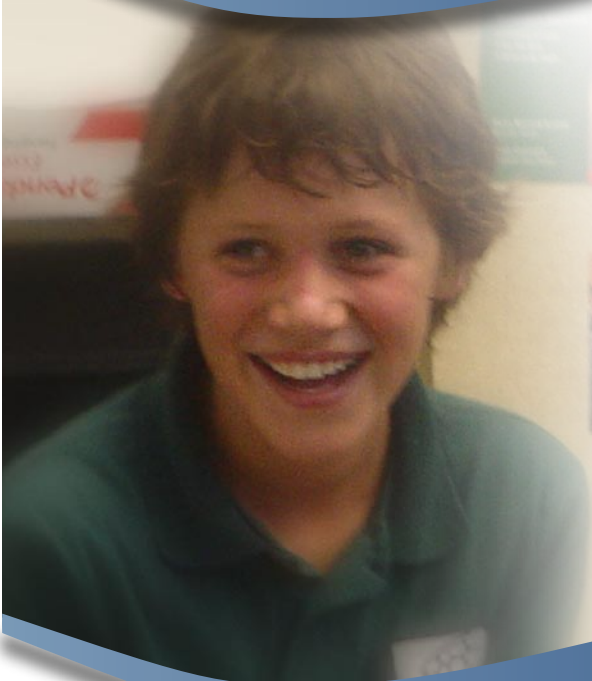
Choir School Open House

On Thursday November 16, the choir school will host an evening recital for anyone curious about what it's like to be and learn in the West Coast's only choir school. The boys will share what they've learned and done so far this school year. Anyone from the PBA community or the general public is welcome to attend. Call the PBA at 510-652-4722 for more information.

Day: Thursday, November 16, 2006

Location, PBA Headquarters, 410 Alcatraz, Oakland

Time: 7-9pm



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New Concert Brochure

Wondering where to see the Pacific Boychoir in concert and how to get tickets? Wondering what kinds of concerts the Pacific Boychoir does? The PBA's new concert brochure covers all concerts for the 2006-2007 season. Inside you'll find information on everything from the upcoming popular Harmonies of the Seasons concerts and collaborations with orchestras.

Thanks to Melinda Burnham at Zag Gaphics and AMP Printing, the brochure is professionally designed and printed. Like last year's brochure, it has a welcome letter from Artistic Director Kevin Fox, descriptions of all known concerts, and an order form for advanced ticket orders.

The brochure is being mailed out to the PBA mailing list. Call the PBA at 510-652-4722 to add yourself or a friend to the list. The brochure is also available to download online on the Pacific Boychoir Academy website:

www.pacificboychoir.org/pbaseason2006-2007.pdf

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Pacific Boychoir Academy

Season 2006/07

Calendar

November 16 Choir School Open House
PBA Headquarters, Oakland

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 Rachmaninoff *Vespers*
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

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

April 26-29, 2007 Berlioz *Damnation of Faust* with
the San Francisco Symphony

The Pacific Boychoir Academy
The East Bay's first school for boys



Kindergarten
Fall 2007

Kindergarten Brochure

The PBA is expanding to Kindergarten in the fall of 2007. The new brochure outlines the benefits of the choir school and early music education for Kindergarteners. Pick up your hard copy of the brochure from the PBA or request one by phone.