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Pacific Boychoir and Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra April 24-25 2009

OAKLAND-In the tradition of excellence and innovation, the Pacific Boychoir Academy announces a joint concert venture with the Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra. Both organizations are known locally, nationally and internationally for their distinction in musical performance will be presenting a series of concerts based in the roots of jazz and spirituals. The concert series is a must for those who like, jazz, innovation and outstanding musicianship. Concerts are conveniently at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California, in San Francisco at 7:00 PM, Friday the 24th of April, and at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley at 7:00 PM.

You will hear selections of the inspiring Marcus Shelby Oratorio "Harriet Tubman," never before heard arrangements of "On a Turquoise Cloud," "Come Sunday" and other choral arrangements by Christopher Kula. You will hear the heritage of the Great Duke Ellington, who premiered his first Sacred Concerts at Grace Cathedral in 1965.

"This collaboration an unprecedented experience as the PBA and MSJO join forces to celebrate the joy of jazz, which stirs the hearts of all Americans and the international community as well. This special collection of musical artists will perform some of Duke Ellington's classics celebrating the 110th anniversary of his birth;" said Kevin Fox, Musical Director of PBA. He continues; "The excitement of singing with Marcus Shelby and singing Duke Ellington classics makes this one of the very special moments of my life. I hope that this experience will stir the classical and jazz lovers in the Bay Area to share this very special series of concerts." For tickets, or more information, please call Pacific Boychoir Academy at (510) 652-4722 or go to <http://www.pacificboychoir.org>

The Pacific Boychoir Academy is a Grammy Award winning, professional choir for boys, dedicated to excellence in vocal training and performance. PBA has garnered a reputation as one of the finest boychoirs in the United States and international arena. With rich tone, exceptional phrasing, and unmatched musicianship, the PBA performs both individually and as guest artists with other musical organizations, locally and abroad. The group's over 140 members participate in one of six levels of choirs through either the after school program or day school. The PBA is a Bay Area based world renowned 501 (c) 3 non-profit, non-denominational, non-sectarian community organization that welcomes boys of varied ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds. For further information visit www.pacificboychoir.org, call 510.652.4722 or email us info@pacificboychoiracademy.org

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