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Pacific Boychoir Receives Emergency Phone Call from Brazil (August 22)

**OAKLAND**-The Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) just returned from a very successful tour in Brazil. While they were in Brazil, they had been asked by several different people to come back, but PBA wasn't expecting to go back this soon.

Kent Nagano is directing the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. They had a choir from Germany that was going to come and sing the St Matthew Passion by J S Bach. They have scheduled a four concert series in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. The choir from Germany canceled and with three weeks left before the concerts, who were they going to call to save the day (well, at least the concert series)?

Having just left Brazil at the end of July, the Pacific Boychoir was on the minds of the Brazilians. Gerald Perrot, one of the top concert promoters in South America made arrangements with Kevin Fox the Musical Director of the Pacific Boychoir to see if PBA could handle a task this daunting.

The task included passports, visas, airline tickets to Brazil and within Brazil, hotels, meals, and rehearsals in three different venues. In a very short period of time, not only did Mr. Fox put together the boys for the boys parts for the St. Matthew Passion, but also facilitated contact with the UC Berkeley Chamber Choir and Festival Camerata to perform the rest of the choir parts, which they had sung earlier in the year. The Chamber Choir and Festival Camerata is under the direction of Marika Kuzma.

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August the PBA will again go for a short tour of Brazil to help out the Youth Orchestra of the Americas under the baton of Kent Nagano.

The Pacific Boychoir Academy is a 501 (c) 3 not for profit organization providing excellence in musical education and world-class performance. The PBA provides a day choir school for boys and an after school program for boys from 5-17. For further information, please visit us at [www.pacificboychoiracademy.org](http://www.pacificboychoiracademy.org) or call 510.652.4722.