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PBA Concert Creates History March 2 and 3

**OAKLAND**-On Friday March 2 the Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) will be making musical history. The Boychoir will be singing Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil known as the Vespers. It will be the United States Premiere of the Vespers by an American Boychoir. Rachmaninoff premiered the Vespers in 1915 and it was performed by the Moscow Synodal Choir, a choir that had men and boys only. Additional history will be made by PBA when they sing Samuel Barber's Agnus Dei. This will be the first US performance using boys. The concert starts at 7:30 at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California in San Francisco. The concert will be repeated on March 3 at 7:30 at St. Augustine's Church, 400 Alcatraz, Oakland.

The internationally known Adam Kutny will be singing the alto solo and the outstanding young tenor Fernando Tarango will be singing the tenor solos. Both of these soloists have international solo experience. Adam, originally from Poland, is a student at PBA. Mr. Tarango is a member of the PBA staff. The concert will be performed by 75 boys and men. The Vespers requires a particularly low bass range and basses who can reach those low notes are a rare commodity. The Vespers requires the choir to sing in eight parts. The boys treble parts split into five parts. Tickets are available by calling 510.652.4722

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 100 members participate in one of six (seven) levels of choirs through either the after school program or day school. The PBA is an Oakland-based 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](http://www.pacificboychoir.org), call 510.652.4722 or email us [infor@pacificboychoiracademy.org](mailto:infor@pacificboychoiracademy.org).