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GRAMMY AWARD WINNING CHOIR BECOMES HOMELESS, FUTURE THREATENED.

OAKLAND-The letter came, saying that on June 30th the lease would not be renewed. It didn't matter that you have been awarded a Grammy, it doesn't matter that you have sung in France, Czech Republic, Austria and Australia to thousands of standing screaming patrons, it doesn't matter that you have been selected by the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, it didn't matter that you have three CDs in 8 years of existence, it doesn't matter that you are described only in superlatives, it doesn't matter that you have dates into late 2006 to sing with the San Francisco Symphony, it doesn't matter that you will be touring, in Brazil, Canada and Denmark in the upcoming months, it only matters that your rent went up 400% in 12 months and you can't afford it.

The Boychoir has just returned from Los Angeles where they sang with the Philharmonia of Russia and Dmitri Hvorostovsky a world-renowned opera singer. The LA Times said that the Pacific Boychoir "Contributed mightily...whose musical sophistication and quality of sound were astonishing. In Matvey Blantaer's "Solntse skr'ilos' za goroiu: (The Sun Hid Behind the Hill), the 55-plus singers not only nailed the complex rhythmic pattern exactly but did so in perfectly coordinated swaying movements."

"It somehow seems wrong, that this Boychoir at the top of its performance potential, recording two CDs a year, singing consistently with the San Francisco Symphony is in jeopardy because the rent is up 400%," said Kevin Fox, Musical Director of Pacific Boychoir Academy.

Mr. Fox continued; "What we need is a place we can call our own. A place where the boys can be boys and focus on what they do and do very well, sing. It would be a great loss, not only to the community and the nation, but to all of society to lose this great group of outstanding singers."

The Pacific Boychoir has just released a CD of Benjamin Britten's music featuring the "Ceremony of Carols" with marvelous boy soloists. On Wednesdays, the facility is filled with 120 boys from the ages of 6 to 16 who have a passion for learning and making great music. Music so great that the world famous soloist Dmitri Hvorostovsky will be using them to sing again in his performance at Davies Symphony Hall on January 22nd at 7:00PM with the Philharmonia of Russia conducted by Constantine Orbelian.

The Pacific Boychoir is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, non-denominational corporation providing excellence in music education and performance. It serves 120 talented boys from five counties. For further information, please call 510.452.4722 or visit us on the web at www.pacificboychoir.org.

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