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Grammy Award Winning Oakland Based Choir Sings Spirituals on March 3rd

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OAKLAND-The Pacific Boychoir will be presenting a single concert titled "American Spirituals." The concert will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church at 27<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Oakland. The concert will feature the rich music of African-American Spirituals sung by over 50 singers.

The concert will feature the trebles of the Troubadors and the tenors and basses of the Continuum (boys of high school and college ages that have graduated to the tenor and bass range of singing), both are touring choirs of the Pacific Boychoir. The spirituals sing of suffering and hope in brilliant and exciting harmonies that bring joy to the singer and listener, as well. In addition, there will be several outstanding soloists singing in the tradition of the American Spirituals. The featured tenor soloist will be Jonathon Hampton, an outstanding local talent. The treble soloists will be Max Burnham and Jacob Wilson. Jacob was recently featured on KTVU and on international radio.

The selections will feature arrangements by Moses Hogan, Norman Luboff, Robert Shaw and Robert De Cormier. The beauty of the American Spirituals and the arrangers is that this music crosses over the boundary of religion and race. This music speaks directly to the soul.

The Pacific Boychoir sings regularly with the San Francisco Symphony, American Bach Soloists, and the Pacific Collegium. The Boychoir has been seen and heard on international television and radio, as well local media. They appear regularly on KFOG and a selection from their latest CD "Benjamin Britten" has been featured on KDFC's new releases program.

The Pacific Boychoir Troubadors and Continuum tour internationally. They were in France this last year and will be going to Denmark and Brazil in the upcoming months.

The Pacific Boychoir is a non-denominational, non-sectarian not-for-profit organization providing world-class excellence in musical performance and education. For more information about the Pacific Boychoir, please call 510.452.4722 or visit us on the web at [www.pacificboychoir.org](http://www.pacificboychoir.org).

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