

*2004 GRAMMY Award winner: Best Classical Album*  
*2010 GRAMMY Award winner: Best Classical Album and Best Choral Performance*



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## **TALENT SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR SCHOOL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO PACIFIC BOYCHOIR ACADEMY**

**OAKLAND, CA**—The Grammy-winning Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) has launched its 2014 talent search for exceptional academic and musical achievers to receive scholarship to its independent day school for boys in grades four through eight. Thanks to the generosity of a recent donor, the non-denominational choir school is able to award partial to full tuition scholarship for select boys entering fourth grade. Award criteria are academic readiness, musical ability, commitment, discipline, and financial need. Few young men earn the opportunity to attend this prestigious choir school, learning the skills to excel in academics, develop into sterling gentlemen and leaders, and perform on the international stage. The only North American boychoir school outside of the East Coast, PBA offers unique and challenging academic programs and choral training, producing confident, engaged young scholars and artists.

PBA students study and rehearse daily at their school, located on the Oakland/Berkeley border. Music education is balanced with a rigorous academic program consisting of English, Math, History, Science, Spanish, Latin, Art, and Physical Education. Graduates attend such high schools as Athenian, Berkeley High, Bishop O'Dowd, College Prep, Head-Royce, and Oakland Tech. Moreover, they have been accepted to some of the most prestigious universities across the country, from NYU to Stanford.

Assessments and auditions are taking place at Pacific Boychoir Academy, located at 215 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611, now through June 11th. Applicants are asked to schedule an appointment with Associate Director of Music and Outreach Jonathon Hampton at [Outreach@PacificBoychoirAcademy.org](mailto:Outreach@PacificBoychoirAcademy.org) or 510-550-7229. Scholarship recipients will be enrolled to start school August 27th.

PBA provides a richly diverse community, focusing on excellence in academics and music education. Founded in Oakland, California in 1998 by Artistic Director Kevin Fox, PBA serves over 170 day school and after-school choristers a season, has released seven independent albums, tours internationally each year, and has garnered three Grammy Awards with the San Francisco Symphony. In the past 12 months alone, students at PBA have performed with six orchestras, been on national television three times, and performed in Los Angeles, Washington DC, Las Vegas, and Brazil. This year they have also sung for the Major League Baseball playoffs, for the national and local Nelson Mandela memorials, and for the Bay Bridge re-opening and dedication. The L.A. Times calls PBA's sound quality "astonishing," while the New York Times hails PBA's ability to perform music "far beyond the reach of most children's choirs." Hear, watch, and learn more at [PacificBoychoir.org](http://PacificBoychoir.org).

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