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PACIFIC BOYCHOIR ACADEMY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY SEASON BEGINS!

OAKLAND, CA -- The Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) kicks off its 20th Anniversary Holiday Season with a collection of concerts for audiences of all ages! Artistic Program Director Marcia Roy and Director of Choral Studies Andrew Brown invite all to come hear the premier Bay Area boys' chorus in one of their many holiday performances this December.

HARMONIES OF THE SEASON - DECEMBER 7

The most anticipated concert of this holiday season will be PBA's 19th Annual **Harmonies of Season** on December 7th. The sound of heraldic brass, soaring strings, and angelic voices will fill the beautiful hall with music, transporting audiences to a state of peace and joy. The concert will open with songs sung by candlelight. The program includes classic PBA repertoire as well as several pieces that are new to the choir this year. Works by Italian Baroque composer Gabrielli, German Renaissance composer Hassler are joined by locally acclaimed/renowned composer, Brian Holmes and British composer John Rutter, known for his rare melodic gifts and captivating harmonic flair. This diverse program promises to deliver an unforgettable collection of choral gems to warm the heart.

Pacific Boychoir will collaborate with Menlo Brass this year, a professional brass quintet based on the Peninsula. This renowned brass quintet serves as polyphonic partner on a selection of pieces in the choral tradition of San Marco di Venezia: *Jubilate Deo*, *Cantate Domino* and *Hodie Christus Natus Est*. The performance will conclude with an audience sing-along, lifting the spirits and setting the stage for a peaceful holiday.

Join PBA for a special reception an hour before the concert; raise a toast to begin this joyous holiday event! Harmonies of the Season will start at 8pm; the length of the performance is approximately 90 minutes, with an intermission. Children ages eight and older are welcome at this concert.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERTS - DECEMBER 15 & 20

Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to attend our second biggest concert of the season: the PBA Family Holiday Concert! This is one of the only two times each year where you can hear all of our boy ensembles perform in the same concert, from ages 4-18. Enjoy a variety of holiday repertoire, from classical to contemporary. The concert concludes with a holiday carol sing-along where children from the audience are encouraged to join our choristers on stage! The concert will be held at First Congregational Church in Berkeley on the afternoon of December 15th.

Our Sorella ensemble will hold her second annual Holiday Concert at Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland on the evening of December 20th. PBA's sister choir will be joined by the Cantori and Trouveres performance ensembles.

HOLIDAY COLLABORATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY

The holiday season concludes with a collaboration between PBA and the California Symphony: 'Tis the Symphony. The performance includes The Snowman, the Academy Award nominated animated movie, with live soundtrack performed by PBA and the symphony. The concert also features What Sweeter Music, Do You Hear What I Hear?, and a medley arranged by Deke Sharon. Two concerts on December 22nd, tickets available: californiasymphony.org

Tickets are on sale now for all concerts at the PBA website: pacificboychoir.org/choir/concerts. PBA has extended the deadline to purchase Season Tickets to December 6th! Ticket holders get preferred seating at all self-produced concerts for the 2018-2019 season, plus admission to the pre-concert reception at Harmonies of the Season.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Bay Area families are invited to come hear the Cantori and Trouvere caroling at the Piedmont Avenue Tree Lighting Festival on December 1st. Hear holiday music sung by this performance ensemble in the plaza on Piedmont Avenue.

Members of the public can also catch the Pacific Boychoir concert and touring ensembles, including Continuum, the elite high school a cappella group, at the festive Montclair Holiday Stroll on December 6th. Hear PBA perform classic carols and modern holiday medleys in front of McCaulou's Shoes on Mountain Boulevard. Both events are free admission.

Audiences in the Napa area can hear Continuum, PBA's elite high school a cappella group caroling at the Bel Aire Plaza, on December 8, at 1:00pm.

The Pacific Boychoir will have limited availability for television and radio appearances during this busy holiday season.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONCERTS

Pacific Boychoir Academy's holiday season will include two concerts at Piedmont Gardens in Oakland, CA. This senior living community will be serenaded by Sorella, PBA's sister choir, on November 27th and by the boy trebles of Intermezzi on December 5th, lifting the spirits of residents with a variety of holiday choral favorites. Sorella will also perform at The Point at Rockridge retirement community on December 4th.

Cantori and Trouveres will perform for the Oakland Mayor's Toy Drive kick-off on December 11th. This is an annual event held at The Rotunda Building in downtown Oakland to raise money and collect toys for the children in need.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19th Harmonies of the Season Concert
Dec 7 2018 - 8:00pm to 10:00pm
First Congregational Church, Berkeley

Piedmont Avenue Tree Lighting
Dec 1 2018 - 4:45pm to 5:30pm
The Plaza on Piedmont Avenue, Oakland

Family Holiday Concert
Dec 15 2018 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm
First Congregational Church, Berkeley

Montclair Holiday Stroll
Dec 6 2018 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
McCallou's Shoes, Oakland

Sorella Holiday Concert, with special guests Cantori and Trouveres
Dec 20 2018 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland

Caroling at Bel Aire Plaza, Napa
Dec 8 2018 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Bel Aire Plaza, Napa

'Tis the Symphony - The Snowman - in collaboration with the California Symphony
Dec 22 2018 - 4:00pm & 8:00pm
Leshner Center, Walnut Creek

Oakland Mayor's Toy Drive
Dec 11 2018 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm
The Rotunda Building, Oakland

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