



Dear Friend of the Pacific Boychoir Academy,

As the holidays draw near, the PBA campus is alive with the boys' beautiful voices rehearsing for the numerous performances ahead. The choirschool, now bigger than ever, hums all day – with creativity, curiosity, energy, and occasionally even with Latin declensions set to music by 8th Grade!

The PBA is so much more than just a school or an after-school music program. It is a diverse community in which each boy is indispensable, each voice a vital part of the exquisite sound that touches our hearts. It is a brotherhood of boys who grow up together making music and can step confidently into manhood knowing that they are among the best in the world at what they do.

The PBA is a place where each boy learns to achieve the extraordinary.

We can't do it without you! Please join the Board of Directors, Founding Artistic Director Mr. Fox, and Academic Director Mr. Lynch, in supporting the PBA's 2011 Annual Campaign, *Achieving the Extraordinary*. As in virtually all choirs and independent schools, tuition alone does not cover all of the organization's costs. About 15% of the PBA's revenue must come through additional fund raising. **The PBA relies on friends like you** to bridge this gap and to ensure that all talented boys, regardless of their background, can benefit from the transformative experience that it provides.

Your donation will support an extraordinary performing arts organization as well as an outstanding academic school and choral education program. **This holiday season, please give a young boy the lifelong gifts of music and education!**

Thank you for your generous support, and **thank you most of all for being a part of the PBA family**. Best wishes for holidays filled with happiness and for a New Year filled with peace, hope, and the magical sound of boys' voices raised in song.

Sincerely,

Ani Adhikari
President, Board of Directors

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• *Achieving the extraordinary!*

Boy-centered, boy-powered learning

The Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School's rich academic curriculum for Grades 4–8 includes Latin and Spanish, math and science, English and the humanities. This year, the boys studied and performed Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in its entirety, interviewed laureates at the International Tech Awards, and created their own garden!

The music program complements the academics. The strong music theory curriculum reinforces not only music but also math. Through annual international choir tours, history and geography become part of the boys' first-hand experience. The professional performance program teaches boys organization, time-management, and personal responsibility.

PBA boys learn how to achieve genuine world-class excellence. It is no surprise that each year, PBA graduates are heavily recruited by top high schools and colleges.



scholars

Honored by two 2010 Grammy awards

Our choral program continues to astonish. The choirs are bigger than ever, with boys aged 4 through 18 enjoying an unmatched musical experience.

CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Masterpieces old and new, including Allegri's *Miserere* and Whitacre's *Sleep*
- Excerpts from *Carmen* and other operas
- Performance by invitation at the annual conference of Chorus America, the nation's premier association of choral professionals
- *The Snowman* with the San Francisco Symphony, and *The Nutcracker* with the Oakland Ballet
- *St. Matthew Passion* with the American Bach Soloists
- Family favorites: Seasonal concerts by all choristers of the PBA!



Making friends around the world

In summer, the PBA took its music to Monterey, New Orleans, and beyond the USA to Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The boys sang to packed and ecstatic audiences, and were featured in the 4th of July festivities at the U.S. Embassy in Tallinn. As in past tours, living with host families gave the boys a unique insight into local cultures and a deep affection for their hosts.

This year the boys were thrilled to receive return visits from two groups that had hosted the PBA in the past: the Herning Boys Choir of Denmark, and the Drakensberg Boys Choir School of South Africa. The serene music sung with the Danish choir and the foot-stomping excitement of joining the Drakies gave PBA boys a renewed joy and pride in their roles as musicians, representatives of their country, and citizens of the world.

singers



ambassadors

You can help another
PBA boy achieve
the extraordinary!



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- *academics*
- *scholarships*

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For more information, call us at (510) 652-4722 or email info@pacificboychoir.org.

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